



AMERICAN GOVERNMENT



IMPEACHMENT

- **Which section of the Constitution grants the House of Representatives the power of impeachment?***
 - a) Article 1, Section 2, Clause 5
 - b) Article 2, Section 4
 - c) Article 1, Section 3, Clause 6
 - d) Article 3, Section 1
- **Who presides over the impeachment trial when the President of the United States is tried?***
 - a) The Vice President
 - b) The Speaker of the House
 - c) The Chief Justice
 - d) A senior Senator
- **Which of the following is *not* a ground for impeachment according to Article 2, Section 4?***
 - a) Treason
 - b) Misdemeanors
 - c) High crimes
 - d) Political disagreements
- **According to the Constitution, the removal from office and disqualification from future offices applies to which individuals?***
 - a) Federal judges only
 - b) Civil officers, the President, and the Vice President
 - c) Military officers
 - d) State Governors
- **Impeachment proceedings start in which chamber of Congress?***
 - a) The Senate
 - b) The House of Representatives
 - c) The Supreme Court
 - d) The Executive Branch



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6. ****What must be proven for a Senate conviction in an impeachment trial?***
 - a) Political bias
 - b) Guilt beyond a reasonable doubt
 - c) Disagreement with policy
 - d) Popular support

7. ****Which article of the Constitution defines impeachment for civil officers, including the President and Vice President?***
 - a) Article 1
 - b) Article 2
 - c) Article 3
 - d) Article 4

8. ****The term "high crimes" in the context of impeachment refers to:***
 - a) Any action taken by an official while in office
 - b) Felonies under state law
 - c) Felonies and other serious offenses
 - d) Disagreements with Congress

9. ****According to Federalist 65, what is the risk of using impeachment as a political tool?***
 - a) It undermines state authority
 - b) It may become a factional weapon influenced by party strength
 - c) It weakens the power of the Senate
 - d) It prevents future impeachments

10. ****Impeachment of a Supreme Court Justice can occur due to:***
 - a) Treason and bribery only
 - b) Good behavior violations
 - c) Political bias
 - d) Executive decisions



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Answer Key:

1. a) Article 1, Section 2, Clause 5
2. c) The Chief Justice
3. d) Political disagreements
4. b) Civil officers, the President, and the Vice President
5. b) The House of Representatives
6. b) Guilt beyond a reasonable doubt
7. b) Article 2
8. c) Felonies and other serious offenses
9. b) It may become a factional weapon influenced by party strength
10. b) Good behavior violations



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discussion questions:

1. **Why do you think the Framers of the Constitution set specific crimes, like treason and bribery, as grounds for impeachment? Should the criteria for impeachment be expanded or changed?**
2. **How does the two-part process of impeachment (House accusation and Senate trial) act as a check on political power?**
3. **What risks did Alexander Hamilton identify in using impeachment as a political weapon? Do you see any examples of this risk in modern times?**
4. **Do you agree with the idea that Supreme Court justices should only hold office based on "good behavior"? How would you define this?**
5. **In what ways might the impeachment process protect or harm the balance of power in the U.S. government?**

