

Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald John Trump

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In accordance with the duties and powers vested in the People by the Constitution of the United States, and pursuant to the First Amendment guaranteeing the right to petition the government for redress of grievances, I, Rachel Begley, submit the following draft Articles of Impeachment for consideration and action by the U.S. House of Representatives.

ARTICLE I: Obstruction of Justice and Violation of Due Process

Factual Basis:

Donald John Trump, President of the United States, directed and permitted subordinates at the Department of Justice to violate their oaths and legal obligations. This includes misleading representations to federal courts, retaliatory dismissals of career officials, and obstruction of lawful investigations into government misconduct.

He obstructed lawful court orders by deporting individuals protected by binding court decisions, concealing their whereabouts, and disregarding Supreme Court rulings related to due process and the right to legal representation.

Trump terminated inspectors general and other oversight officials in violation of statutory protections, suppressing lawful government accountability and oversight.

Constitutional Basis:

Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution requires the President to 'take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed'.

The Fourth and Fifth Amendments guarantee due process, protection from unlawful seizure, and the right to legal recourse.

By obstructing justice and directing constitutional violations, President Trump has committed high crimes and misdemeanors warranting impeachment.

ARTICLE II: Usurpation of the Appropriations Power

Factual Basis:

Donald John Trump unilaterally directed the withholding of congressionally appropriated funds in violation of the Impoundment Control Act. He dismantled critical agencies including the Department of Education and USAID without congressional authorization.

He established and empowered an unlawful executive entity, the 'Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)', to halt payments to lawfully funded agencies, thereby disrupting essential federal operations and violating congressional spending authority.

Constitutional Basis:

Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution: 'No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law'.

This conduct undermines the constitutional balance of powers and violates the President's duty to uphold and execute federal law.

ARTICLE III: ABUSE OF TRADE POWERS AND INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION

Donald John Trump, President of the United States, has abused the powers of his office in violation of Article II of the Constitution and his oath to faithfully execute the laws and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution. In particular, the President has violated Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, which vests Congress with the power to regulate trade and impose tariffs, and has undermined the balance of power through acts of international aggression and violations of treaty obligations.

Specifically, Donald John Trump:

- Imposed economically harmful tariffs and falsely claimed national security justifications, violating established treaties and economic agreements.
- Threatened military action or territorial annexation against sovereign nations including Mexico, Canada, Cuba, Greenland, Colombia, Iran, Nigeria, Panama, and Syria without congressional authorization, thereby endangering national and global stability.

Constitutional Basis:

- Article I, Section 8: Power of Congress over trade and war declarations.
- Article II, Section 3: Duty of the President to faithfully execute the laws.
- Charter of the United Nations (1945), Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (1947), and related treaty obligations under U.S. law.

ARTICLE IV: VIOLATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Donald John Trump, President of the United States, has engaged in actions that directly infringe upon the freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. His actions include retaliating against individuals, legal entities, and media organizations for exercising free speech, the press, and the right to petition the government.

Specifically, Donald John Trump:

- Retaliated against attorneys, law firms, and advocacy groups through executive action and agency directives.
- Directed investigations and public threats against political opponents and media outlets.
- Encouraged intimidation of members of Congress and their staff based on their official duties.

Constitutional Basis:

- First Amendment: Freedom of speech, press, assembly, and petition.
- Article I: Protection of legislative duties (Speech or Debate Clause).
- Article II: Obligation to uphold constitutional rights.

ARTICLE V: CREATION OF UNLAWFUL OFFICE

In his conduct as President of the United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully execute the office of President and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Constitution.

President Trump unlawfully created an extraconstitutional office, the so-called Department of Government Efficiency ("DOGE"), and appointed Elon Musk to act as its de facto head without congressional authorization or Senate confirmation. This violated Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, which governs the appointment of federal officers, and circumvented the separation of powers by establishing an agency that functioned outside legal and constitutional boundaries.

Mr. Musk was not formally appointed, did not swear an oath of office, and operated without statutory authority while asserting broad influence across numerous executive agencies. His directives affected matters including budget impoundment, mass employee terminations, classified system access, and the withholding of grants.

Government attorneys failed to identify DOGE's official leadership in court, further compounding the unlawful nature of this entity. Mr. Musk's public statements and President

Trump's own remarks confirmed his ongoing control.

These acts reflect not only a breach of constitutional norms and federal statutes, but a willful attempt to centralize executive power outside the framework of lawful governance.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by and for the people, and remains a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain in office.

ARTICLE VI: BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

President Donald John Trump has engaged in widespread and ongoing corruption by soliciting, accepting, and enabling bribes in return for policy influence and government action.

He has created cryptocurrency schemes that function as conduits for illicit payments; solicited nearly \$1 billion in pro bono legal services as political rewards; and refused to divest from personal business ventures while in office—allowing them to serve as channels for foreign governments and corporations to curry favor.

In addition, he has abused the legal system to threaten and extract settlements, thereby profiting through official coercion.

Such actions constitute violations of the Constitution's Foreign Emoluments Clause and federal ethics laws. They reflect a fundamental betrayal of public trust and a misuse of office for personal enrichment and political patronage.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by and for the people, and will remain a threat to constitutional order if allowed to remain in office.

ARTICLE VII: TYRANNY

The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment” and that the President “shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.” Further, the system of checks and balances, as well as the separation of powers defined in the Constitution, work to ensure that the Office of the President does not become tyrannical.

In his conduct of the office of President of the United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully execute the office of President and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in a manner offensive to and subversive of the Constitution, in that:

He has, through his actions and public statements, sought to consolidate absolute power and authority, ignoring the Constitutionally defined limits of his office, subverting democratic processes, and weaponizing federal agencies for personal and political gain. These include but are not limited to:

- Repeatedly declaring the authority to override judicial decisions and ignore binding court orders.
- Asserting unilateral authority to defund Congress-approved programs and redirect military forces without congressional consent.
- Publicly threatening elected members of Congress and state officials with investigations, prosecution, and harm if they failed to support his directives.
- Proposing and defending a permanent stay in office, in violation of the 22nd Amendment, and entertaining theories of autocratic leadership above the law.
- Mobilizing federal forces against peaceful protesters under the guise of national security, in violation of First Amendment rights.
- Encouraging public acts of violence and intimidation against political opponents, media outlets, and oversight agencies.
- Attempting to subvert election integrity through unsupported claims of fraud, coercion of election officials, and the incitement of mobs in efforts to overturn lawful election results.

By these and related actions, Donald John Trump has engaged in conduct grossly incompatible with self-governance, the rule of law, and democratic constitutional order. He has demonstrated contempt for the foundational principles of the Republic and has abused the powers of the Presidency in pursuit of unchecked authority.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a nation by and for the people, has acted in a manner incompatible with the Constitution, and will remain a threat if allowed to remain in office.

ARTICLE VIII: UNAUTHORIZED INVASION AND ATTEMPTED ANNEXATION OF VENEZUELA

The Constitution of the United States vests Congress with the sole authority to declare war and appropriate funds for military operations. The War Powers Resolution of 1973 further limits a President's ability to engage in hostilities without congressional authorization. The United Nations Charter prohibits aggressive war and mandates respect for sovereign nations. In direct violation of these constitutional and international legal norms, President Donald John Trump has engaged in unauthorized acts of war and territorial aggression against the sovereign nation of Venezuela.

In recent days, Donald John Trump ordered and carried out a military incursion into Venezuela without the approval or notification of Congress. This action included the following:

- Coordinated airstrikes and naval deployments near Venezuelan oil infrastructure under the pretense of securing oil reserves.
- Deployment of U.S. special operations forces on Venezuelan soil to detain President Nicolás Maduro and his spouse, subsequently removing them from the country under duress.
- Declared unilateral control over Venezuela's natural resources, referring to their oil as "dirty oil" and threatening to "manage the country better" than its own elected leadership.
- Imposed blockades on Venezuelan oil tankers and seized foreign-flagged vessels in international waters, escalating tensions in violation of maritime law and the sovereignty of Venezuela and its trading partners.
- Refused to brief Congress in violation of the National Security Act of 1947 and the War Powers Resolution, further obstructing oversight.

The cumulative effect of these actions constitutes an aggressive war effort, unlawful territorial annexation attempts, and a gross abuse of executive power. It has led to destabilization of an entire region, prompted condemnation from international allies and neutral states, and directly endangered U.S. national security by violating international norms and increasing the risk of retaliatory conflict.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by this conduct, has engaged in high crimes and misdemeanors, usurping powers not granted to him by the Constitution, and demonstrated flagrant disregard for the principles of democratic accountability and lawful governance. If allowed to remain in office, he represents an active threat to global stability, constitutional order, and the rule of law.

ARTICLE IX: OBSTRUCTION OF INVESTIGATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND THE COVER-UP OF THE EPSTEIN FILES

The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment” and that the President “shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.” Further, the Constitution guarantees the public’s right to know about matters of significant national interest, and upholds the integrity of government accountability and lawful transparency in the face of criminal investigations involving public officials.

In his conduct as President of the United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution—Donald John Trump has engaged in a pattern of concealment, obstruction, and abuse of power related to the federal investigation and public release of materials associated with the Jeffrey Epstein criminal network.

Specifically:

1. Donald John Trump has willfully and repeatedly blocked or delayed the declassification and release of official documents tied to Jeffrey Epstein’s operations, known associates, and client lists, including those naming prominent political, financial, and international figures, despite multiple public demands and congressional interest in transparency.
2. He has pressured key agencies and officials—including the Department of Justice and the FBI—to stall or bury portions of investigative findings, under the guise of “national security” or “public safety,” while simultaneously protecting political allies and known associates from scrutiny or prosecution.
3. He has directed or enabled retaliatory measures, including threats of prosecution, funding cuts, or public attacks, against journalists, whistleblowers, civil investigators, and independent media outlets who pursued or published findings related to Epstein’s network—thereby suppressing the free press and public oversight guaranteed under the First Amendment.
4. His Administration has undermined legitimate investigative processes by influencing judicial proceedings, discouraging witness cooperation, and leveraging executive privilege to withhold critical testimony or documentary evidence that would have advanced public accountability.
5. Donald John Trump has sought to create a culture of fear and silence around the Epstein scandal, signaling that those who seek truth or transparency will face reprisal—thereby chilling investigative journalism and government inquiry, and violating the spirit of lawful transparency required of a free and democratic society.

In doing so, Donald John Trump has obstructed justice, concealed material evidence of crimes involving the abuse and trafficking of minors, and gravely endangered public trust in the rule of law and the integrity of government institutions.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a nation by and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance, public justice, and the rule of law, and will remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain in office.

Constitutional Basis:

First Amendment – Freedom of the Press and Right to Petition for Redress of Grievances:

- o The First Amendment protects the right of the press and the public to seek and report on matters of public concern. Retaliation against journalists, whistleblowers, or investigators violates this protection and undermines government accountability.

Article II, Section 1 – Oath of Office:

- o The President swears to “faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States” and to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.” Obstructing a legitimate investigation of crimes involving abuse, trafficking, and high-level corruption constitutes a betrayal of this oath.

Article II, Section 3 – Take Care Clause:

- o The President “shall take care that the Laws be faithfully executed.” Willfully delaying or suppressing criminal investigations, or interfering with agencies tasked with enforcing federal law, constitutes a breach of this duty.

Separation of Powers – Undermining Judicial and Legislative Oversight:

- o By interfering with the release of documents or chilling investigations that may inform Congress or the courts, the President overreaches his authority and obstructs the legitimate constitutional functions of coequal branches.

Due Process Clause (Fifth Amendment):

- o Concealing material facts from the public and legal system deprives victims and the public of the full process of justice, including discovery, redress, and protection from future harm.

Emoluments Clause (Article I, Section 9):

- o Though not directly financial in this case, favor-trading, concealment, or obstruction intended to protect wealthy or powerful individuals with financial ties may violate the spirit of the Emoluments Clause by permitting corruption in exchange for influence or silence.

ARTICLE X: DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW — MINNEAPOLIS OPERATION

In violation of his oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, President Donald John Trump has directed, authorized, or enabled federal operations that resulted in the extrajudicial killing of an American citizen—Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old mother—during an ICE-led federal action in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 7, 2026.

While the President and his Administration have publicly claimed that the use of force was justified under “self-defense,” independent livestream footage and eyewitness accounts—including those aired live during national television coverage—demonstrate that Ms. Good was not a suspect, was unarmed, and posed no threat. She was instructed to move her vehicle, complied with the directive, and was shot while attempting to do so, reportedly with a federal officer still holding her door handle.

The Mayor of Minneapolis publicly condemned the operation, stating unequivocally and verbatim on live television: “To ICE: Get the f*** out of our city.” This unprecedented and categorical rebuke by local leadership signals that the federal action was neither requested nor condoned by city authorities—and that it violated the community’s sovereignty and civil norms.

Constitutional Basis:

This killing, under federal direction, constitutes:

- A violation of the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution, which protects citizens from unreasonable seizures, including unjustified state killing;
- A violation of the Fifth Amendment, which guarantees due process of law before the deprivation of life or liberty;
- A breach of 42 U.S. Code § 1983, which prohibits the deprivation of rights under color of law;
- A moral and constitutional failure to ensure the protection of civilian life in peaceable domestic settings.

By failing to hold any federal personnel accountable, by attempting to obscure the incident’s facts through official rhetoric, and by continuing to escalate “surge” operations across other American cities, President Trump has enabled a pattern of abusive state violence inconsistent with a free and constitutional republic.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance, public safety, and the rule of law, and will remain a direct threat to the civil liberties of the American people if allowed to remain in office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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