

Aim: When is impeachment of a President justifiable?

- Do Now: What are the differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate? Come up with (at least) 2 differences.

Legislative Branch

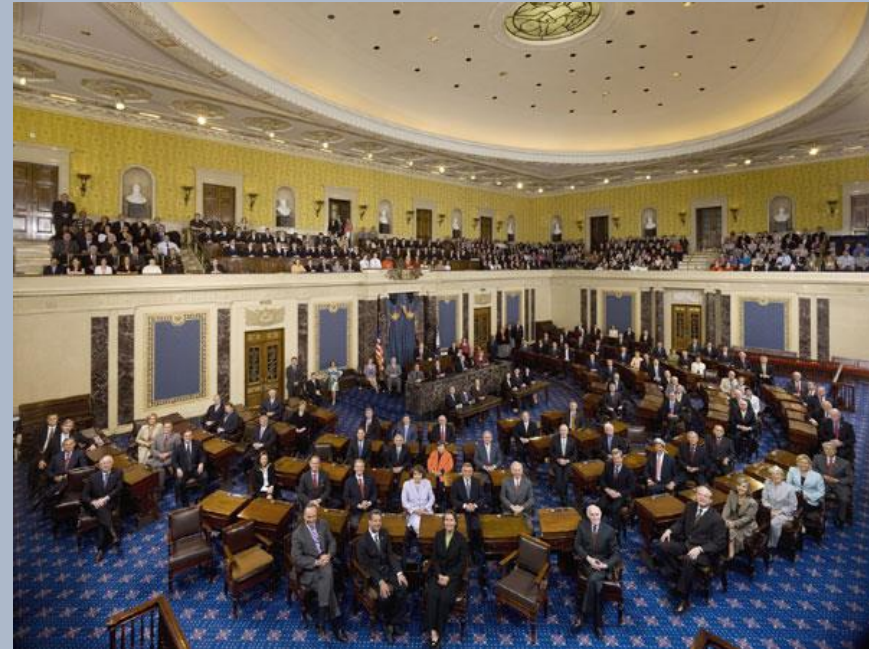


House of Representatives

Representation based on population

2 year term of office

Minimum age 25



Senate

Equal Representation – 2 per state

6 year term of office

Min. age 30

- Power to confirm appointments and judges/ justices

Impeach

- House of Representatives brings a formal charge of against a public official

Impeachment according to the U.S. Constitution

- What do each of the following mean?
- Article I Section 2 Clause 5
- Article I Section 3 Clause 6
- Article II Section 4
- Article III Section 3 clause 1

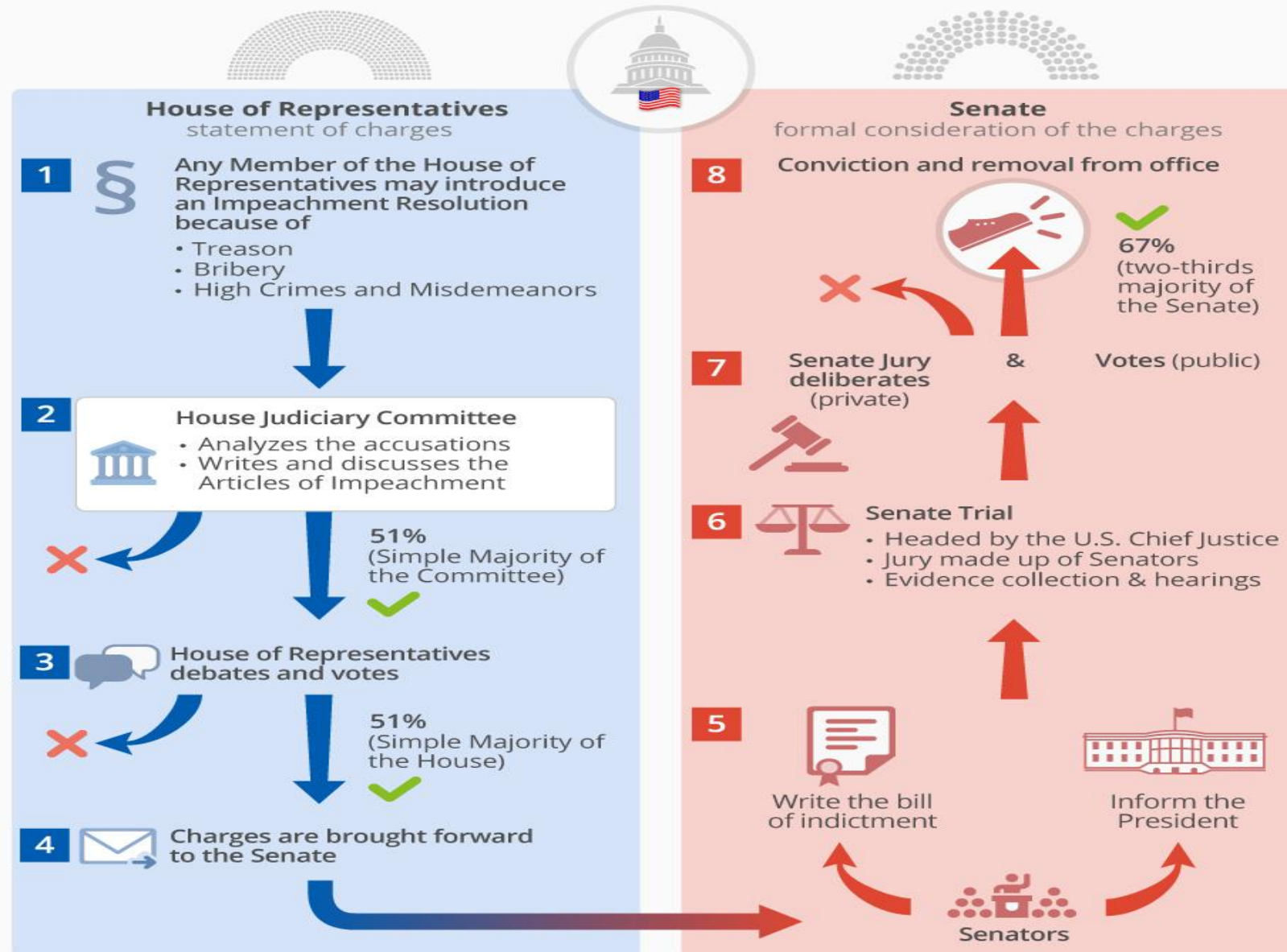
Article I Section 2 Clause 5

- The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Article I Section 3 Clause 6

- The Senate shall have sole Power to try all Impeachments.
- ...And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

What an Impeachment of the President Would Look Like



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Article III Section 3 clause 1 - Treason

- Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort

Impeachment

- Under what circumstances can a President be impeached?

1868



1974



1998

