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Trump Says "Support for Impeachment Is Dropping Like a Rock," Polls Agree

As the impeachment inquiry continues to move forward, more and more Americans and even some Democrats — are losing interest in the scheme. With each news cycle it is becoming more apparent that impeachment will cost Democrats more than it could ever cost President Trump. Recent polls indicate a steadily increasing drop in Impeachment Fever, leading the president to say that "Support for Impeachment is dropping like a rock."



The comment was delivered via President Trump's favorite form of mass communication Monday when he <u>tweeted</u>, "Support for Impeachment is dropping like a rock, down into the 20's in some Polls. Dems should now get down to work and finally approve USMCA, and much more!"

Poll after poll finds waning interest in the impeachment inquiry as it seen more and more as a cheap partisan trick to remove from office by force of law an incumbent president Democrats cannot likely unseat by election. As this writer reported in <u>an article last week</u>:

The most recent analysis of poll data finds that Democrats are likely to turn out as the big losers in their impeachment gamble. Even as that analysis shows the impeachment machine is losing steam, President Trump's approval ratings are gaining. As predicted, impeachment seems to be backfiring for Democrats.

That article quotes from an analysis published by Nate Silver's <u>FiveThirtyEight</u>, which found that — after a brief moment in the sun in early October — the popularity of impeachment has been in steady decline. Other polls also indicate the downward trend is continuing. In spite of non-stop coverage by their media accomplices, Democrats are losing impeachment ground at an increasing rate — especially among independents, where it is approaching free fall.

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The most recent <u>Emerson College poll</u> (conducted between November 17 and November 20) finds that only 34 percent of Independents support the impeachment inquiry compared to 49 percent who oppose it. Emerson describes this as "the biggest swing" in the poll, since it is "a reversal from October" when 48 percent of independents supported impeachment and 39 percent were opposed. That is more than a complete reversal.

In the previous article linked above, this writer pointed out:

FiveThirtyEight also shows President Trump's approval rating remaining around 41-42 percent, while Real Clear Politics has it at <u>44.2 percent</u>.

To put that in perspective, President Obama's approval rating for the same week in his first term — (November 14-20, 2011 — as he was approaching his 2012 re-election race) was <u>43 percent</u>, according to Gallup. That's 1.2 percent lower than Trump's. Yet Obama — who had not been

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subject to a fake Russia collusion narrative for the first three years of his presidency and was not under an impeachment inquiry as the result of a false "whistleblower" complaint — was re-elected in 2012.

As of this week, those numbers — while slightly changed — are essentially the same. Not only is President Trump's approval rating higher than Obama's when compared to the same week in his first term, but the popularity of the impeachment inquiry is collapsing. Given his approval ratings and the decline in the number of voters who favor impeachment, President Trump's Monday morning tweet is less a sensation and more of an understatement.

Of course, there is some hyperbole and a grievous error in the president's tweet: First, while polls do show a drop in voter approval of the impeachment inquiry, none show "down into the 20's." Second, while the president is correct that Democrats should drop this impeachment nonsense and spend their energy on legislation and policies that would benefit the country, <u>USMCA is nothing like a good</u> <u>example of what is good for this country.</u> Besides, what is the likelihood that the party responsible for pushing America this close to the edge of the socialist abyss would suddenly change course and do what was in the best interests of this country?

Leaving that aside, President Trump's main point is valid: By continuing to press forward with an unfounded and increasingly unpopular scheme to impeach the president, Democrats are hanging an albatross around their own necks. As Impeachment Fever wanes, the antibody of truth that is killing it is also inoculating the American voter against the germ that caused it. That germ is the Democratic Party.

Not only are Democrats losing what little credibility they have left by refusing to back off of this failed mission, they appear to be setting themselves up for failure in 2020. As *The New American* <u>reported</u> Monday, Democrats in swing states are afraid of backlash as a direct result of the impeachment inquiry.

With the tide turning against Democrats as a result — at least in large part — of their calumnious persecution of the president, those Democrats in swing states have good reason to fear. It is not a stretch to imagine that Republicans could take back control of the House, which they lost in 2018. It is also not a stretch to imagine that President Trump will run roughshod over whichever Democrat is unlucky enough to win the DNC nomination and face him in the polls in 2020.

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