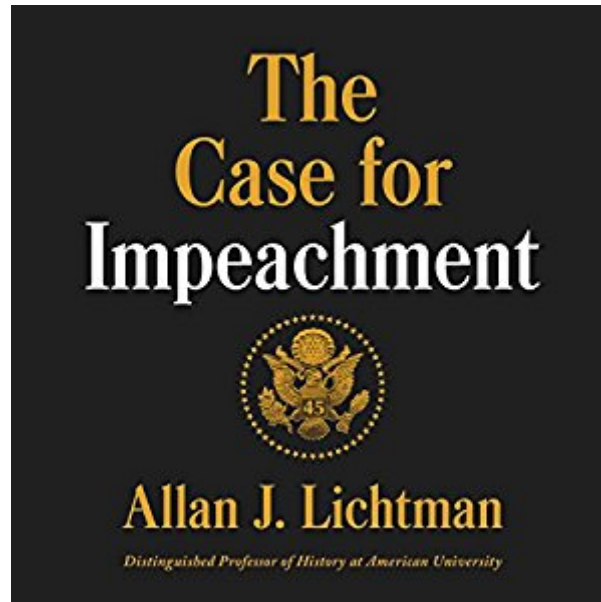




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The Case For Impeachment



Synopsis

In *The Case for Impeachment*, distinguished professor of history at American University Allan J. Lichtman illuminates exactly how the impeachment of President Trump might work by showing how his actions - past or future - make him uniquely vulnerable to impeachment proceedings. From his dealings with Russia to his conflicts of interest at home and abroad to the numerous civil suits involving him, Lichtman zeroes in on Mr. Trump's key areas of weakness. Professor Lichtman also offers a fascinating look at presidential impeachments throughout American history, including the often overlooked story of Andrew Johnson's impeachment, little known details about Richard Nixon's resignation, and Bill Clinton's hearings. Many historians and legal scholars agree that we are facing uncharted political waters, and most citizens - politics aside - want to know where the country is headed. Professor Lichtman has correctly predicted every presidential election since 1984, including the election of 2016. Now he is focusing on the 45th president of the United States, demonstrating his view that it is not a question of if President Trump will be impeached but a question of when.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed the explanation of impeachment history, but he banged his drum too loudly on the climate change issue. I thought this was going to be a book on realistic reasons for impeachment, but climate change is not one of them. If George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan didn't get charged with "crimes against humanity", Trump won't be charged for climate change. I was very disappointed that

Lichtman spent so much time drumming his own drum.

This book gave a very clear definition of what impeachment is and how one gets to it. Should be must reading for any kid taking American History, American Government, or World History!!

Masterful. Allan Lichtman is one of the most distinguished political historians in the United States. Here, he takes the reader on a journey through the myriad ways that Trump could be impeached in a work that is proving more prophetic each day. Whether you are a lover of political history or a novice to the subject, this book is as informative as it is entertaining and enlightening. The first few chapters are historical in nature, they bring the reader up-to-speed on the creation and purpose of the impeachment clauses of the Constitution as well as those judges and presidents who have been subjected to them. This is not history for its own sake; along the way, readers will quickly see the parallels and relevance to the Trump administration. If you've heard the term emoluments clause recently and didn't know what to make of it, or if you see more than just a shade of Nixon in Trump, this is a book for you. Having gone through the history, Lichtman devotes the bulk of his chapters to the ways in which Trump could be impeached, with each chapter laying out a different case. From Trump's legal woes stemming from his abuse of women to his shady dealings with Russians, each of the avenues leading to impeachment is explored. Crucially, Lichtman reminds readers that impeachment is not reserved for crimes taking place in office; prior offenses, such as tax fraud, follow you. Some of what you will read may be familiar to you, but I guarantee that because of the level of research that went into this, everyone has something to learn. I suppose some readers may worry that this is all just wish-fulfillment, or some sort of diatribe against a conservative president. Both assumptions, however reasonable, are absolutely mistaken. Lichtman is a top-notch scholar — a measured and considerate in his arguments and meticulous with details. His advice has been sought by liberal and conservative operators alike. Moreover, as one of the only experts in the country to correctly predict that Trump would win the election, he can hardly be accused of injecting wish fulfillment or unchecked biases into his analysis. This book, as no other does, lays out all the relevant history and contemporary facts that demonstrate the possibility of a Trump impeachment. Of course, not every argument will ring loudly with every reader, though this is irrelevant. The sheer quantity of ways in which Trump is vulnerable to impeachment will knock your socks off when you read them all together.

Holds one's interest!

THE CASE FOR IMPEACHMENT is an important book by a distinguished American presidential historian. Professor Lichtman is not afraid to present his judgments boldly, even when he is pillared for his predictions. In September and October, 2016, utilizing his '13 keys to the presidency' successfully applied since the 1984 presidential elections, Lichtman predicted that Donald Trump would be elected. Trump sent him a congratulatory note. In a November 11th Washington Post interview, Lichtman said: "not based on a system, it's just my gut....I'm quite certain Trump will give someone grounds for impeachment, either by doing something that endangers national security or because it helps his pocketbook." I got to know Lichtman through his Great Courses, four-hour vignettes on 12 "great presidents." As a history professor, I listened to the series ten times. Each time my admiration for Lichtman increased. He was extremely accurate and fair. His conclusions met the highest historical standards. This is a historian whose judgments I trust. Lichtman states that this is "your warning about the dangers of Trump's rogue presidency and as your guide to the myriad transgressions that I predict will lead to his impeachment." Lichtman provides a historical tutorial on impeachment, from the Constitutional Convention to the present. He writes on the political aspects of interpreting "Treason, Bribery, or other High Crimes and Misdemeanors." The impeachment of Andrew Johnson was a political rather than a legal proceeding. As described in the New York Times Johnson obituary: Johnson's "fatal flaw was that he was always headstrong and sure he was right, even in his errors." Lichtman relates this to Trump's personal style. Professor Lichtman:

1. Characterizes Trump as a "serial law breaker" who has broken many laws for personal gain;
2. Highlights a wide range of business conflicts of interest by President Trump;
3. Describes Trump's penchant for lying;
4. Considers Trump's opposition to climate change as a possible crime against humanity;
5. Focuses on Trump's Russian connections; and
6. Underscores Trump's abuse of power and his lack of restraint.

Lichtman provides some specific 'Dutch uncle' advice on how Trump might avoid the dangers of impeachment. He then speaks of how the House, whether Republican or Democratic, might react to a President Trump with dismal results and/or dismal approval ratings. Personally, I consider it far too early in Trump's presidency to predict whether he might face impeachment proceedings. Professor Lichtman, drawing on Trump's past behavior and his core character, presents a troubling scenario on how our 45th president could possibly face impeachment in the House, which would then require two-thirds of voting senators to remove him from office.

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