

# THE PRESIDENTIAL IMPEACHMENT SYSTEM AND ITS CASES IN SOUTH KOREA

The U.S. is now on its way to examine the Trump's impeachment case. What is impeachment? What is this system different from others? And how does this work in other countries? Astonishingly, South Koreans already have two impeachment cases of the president. It may help you understand the impeachment system as a whole and what's happening in the U.S now if you get to know what happened in South Korea. Impeachment is usually regarded as a very political action, but the impeachment procedure in South Korea is quite normative and judicial. In South Korea, the National Assembly makes the motion for impeachment, but it is the Constitutional Court which decides whether to impeach the president or not. The justices in the Constitutional Court of Korea examine each reason for impeachment through screening all the evidence submitted and make a decision. The Constitution of South Korea mentions that we can impeach the president if he or she violates the Constitution or other acts in the performance of the official duties, but the Constitutional Court says that the violation should be grave in order to remove the president from the office, considering the vital importance of the democratic legitimacy delegated to the president by the people.

So this gives us three questions: With this point of view, what can be the result of Trump's case? What is South Korea's current situation after all these impeachments? And what if Canada adopts the impeachment system?

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