

# Impeachment Inquiry Into Joe Biden

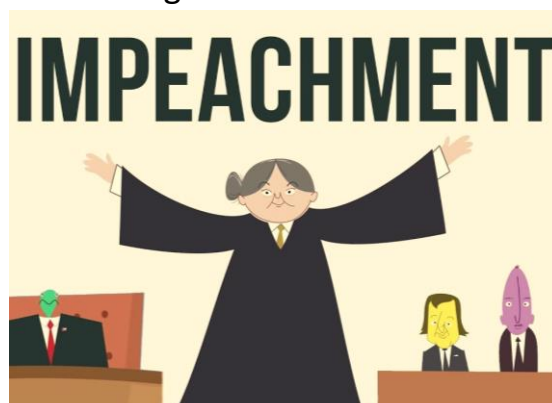
## Why In News

- US House of Representatives Republicans will open an impeachment inquiry into Democratic President Joe Biden after months of investigations of his son Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings.
- The inquiry is being cheered on by Donald Trump, who was twice impeached by the House – a historic first – when it was controlled by Democrats but acquitted by the Senate both times. Trump, the front-runner in the race for the Republican nomination to challenge Biden in next year's US presidential election, has been charged in four separate criminal cases this year.



## What Is An Impeachment Inquiry

- A President Can Be **Removed From Office** If The House Approves Articles Of Impeachment By A Simple Majority And The Senate Votes By A Two-thirds Majority To Convict After Holding A Trial.



## What Are The Allegations

- Republicans Have Accused Biden Of Profiting From His Son's Business Dealings While Serving As Vice President Between 2009 And 2017.
- Republicans Allege That Biden's Son Hunter Has Profited In Business Dealings With Foreign Entities.



- They Also Allege That The President Himself Has Profited.
- Separately, They Also Say That The Justice Department Interfered With Investigations Into Hunter Biden's Taxes.



- U.S. Special Counsel David Weiss, Who Is Leading That Investigation, Denies That Charge.
- Also Alleged That The Biden Family And Their Business Associates Had Received More Than \$20 Million In Payments From Foreign Sources In Countries Including China, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Russia And Romania.



## Evidences

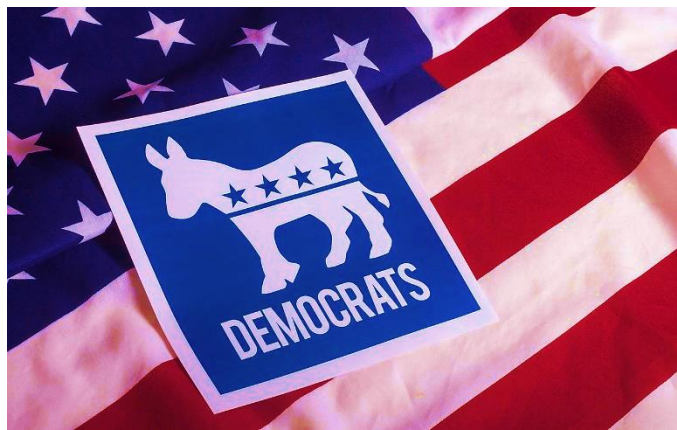
- Republicans Have Pointed To An FBI Document From 2020 In Which An Informant Claims The Head Of Burisma, A Ukrainian Company That Included Hunter Biden On Its Board Of Directors, Said: "It Cost 5 (Million) To Pay One Biden, And 5 (Million) To Another Biden.
- Head Of Burisma, Mykola Zlochevsky, Told The Panel That Nobody From The Company Had Any Contact With Joe Biden Or His Staff And That The Elder Biden Did Not Help The Firm.



- Archer Business Associate Of Hunter Told Congressional Investigators That Hunter Biden Put His Father On The Phone With Foreign Investors Or Associates, But Those Conversations Did Not Involve Any Business Dealings, And He Was Not Aware Of Any Wrongdoing By The Elder Biden.

## What Do Democrats Say

- Democrats Say The Congressional Probes Are Baseless And Politically Motivated, Arguing They Are A Distraction From The Four Criminal Indictments Against Trump.
- “Republicans’ Probe Is A Transparent Effort To Weaponize Congress To Do Trump’s Bidding,” Raskin Said In A Statement Before Mccarthy’s Announcement.
- White House Spokesperson Ian Sams Dismissed The Move As “Extreme Politics At Its Worst.”



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## How It Affects

- The Inquiry Could Cast A Long Shadow Over Biden's 2024 Campaign For Re-Election.
- Even If It Turns Up No Concrete Evidence Of Wrongdoing, The Probe Should Draw Heavy Media Attention, Especially In Conservative News Outlets.
- This Could Pull Attention Away From Biden's 2024 Campaign Messages On The Economy And Other Issues.
- For Years, Republicans Have Accused Biden Of Profiting While He Was Barack Obama's Vice President From 2009 To 2017 From His Son Hunter Biden's Foreign Business Ventures.
- The Impeachment Inquiry Is Likely To Focus On Hunter Biden's Work As A Consultant During That Era, Though Republicans Have Until Now Failed To Provide Evidence Of Wrongdoing By The President.



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