

But then you would be happy because you would have an easy answer and you can be done with your law school exam, and it would be—you immediately reject the Articles of Impeachment.

Bonus question: Should your answer depend on your political party?

Answer: No.

My second observation is, I actually think it is very instructive to watch the old videos from the last time this happened, when many of you were making so eloquently—more eloquently than we are—the points that we are making about the law and precedent. But that is not playing a game of “gotcha”; that is paying you a compliment.

You were right about those principles. You were right about those principles. And if you will not listen to me, I urge you to listen to yourselves. You were right.

The third observation I had sitting here today is, Judge Starr talked about that we are in the age of impeachment, in the age of constant investigations.

Imagine—imagine—if all of that energy were being used to solve the problems of the American people. Imagine if the age of impeachment were over in the United States. Imagine that.

I was listening to Professor Dershowitz talking about the shoe-on-the-other-foot rule, and it makes a lot of sense. I would maybe put it differently. I would maybe call it the golden rule of impeachment. For the Democrats, the golden rule could be, do unto Republicans as you would have them do unto Democrats. And hopefully we will never be in another position in this country where we have another impeachment but vice versa for that rule.

Those are my three observations. I hope that is helpful. Those were the thoughts I had listening to the presentations.

At the end of the day, the most important thought is this: This choice belongs to the American people. They will get to make it months from now.

The Constitution and common sense and all of our history prevent you from removing the President from the ballot. There is no basis for it in the facts. There is simply no basis for it in the law. I urge you to quickly come to that conclusion so we can go have an election.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The majority leader is recognized.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. Chief Justice, I ask unanimous consent that the trial adjourn until 1 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, and that this order also constitute the adjournment of the Senate.

There being no objection, at 9:02 p.m. the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, adjourned until Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 1 p.m.