WHIP IT GOOD: TIME HAS COME TODAY [UPDATE-3]



[NB: Update at the bottom, thanks! /~Rayne]

I'm working on a new whip list right now. I'll update this post with a refreshed whip list at the bottom of the page once I've collected the freshest batch. Last I checked we were between 138-148 House Democrats in favor of an impeachment inquiry or impeachment. The magic number is 218.

If you haven't called your representative and asked them to support impeachment inquiry, please do so. If your representative already supports a formal inquiry, thank them to maintain their perception of public support.

Stress the urgency to take action — we can all see the Trump administration is degrading before our eyes. The whistleblower complaint needs investigation and only a formal impeachment inquiry will have the legal clout to override any attempts to obstruct investigation.

Congressional switchboard: (202) 224-3121 or use Resistbot.

Please make the effort to look up your representative's local office for the phone number. Some constituents have reported their rep's voicemail is full; having the local number will provide a fallback to contact them.

Recruit like-minded constituents, even kids, to call their representatives. Yes, youngsters who are too young to vote are still constituents entitled to representation.

It's time.

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UPDATE - 2:50 P.M. EDT -

I can't update my own list fast enough right now. Here's where three news outlets stand on their whip counts:

NBC: 'over 160' House Dems as of their last update Sept. 24, 2019, 8:51 AM EDT

Huffington Post: 'at least 166' House Dems as of their last update 05/23/2019 02:33 pm ET

POLITICO: '173 Democrats support impeachment or impeachment inquiry' as of 2:48 p.m. today.

Washington Post has also reported:

Breaking: House Speaker Pelosi to announce formal impeachment inquiry of Trump after resisting for months https://t.co/8HjXyrlpi5

- The Washington Post (@washingtonpost)
September 24, 2019

Announcement expected at 5:00 p.m. after the 4:00 p.m. House Democratic Caucus meeting.

If POLITICO's headcount is accurate, we still need 45 more House Dems to get behind a bill authorizing a formal impeachment inquiry.

Keep calling and recruiting other callers.

Need a script? See @celeste p's:

Updated script. Personalize as needed.
pic.twitter.com/3y2i7qzekb

- Celeste P. is on partial hiatus
(@Celeste_pewter) September 24, 2019

Here's the latest numbers at the three outlets posted yesterday before the snowball effect really kicked in:

NBC: 211 House Democrats favor some action on Trump impeachment: Full list as of last update Sept. 24, 2019, 4:29 PM EDT

HuffPo: 177 House Members Have Called For Congress To Start Trump Impeachment Proceedings as of 05/23/2019 02:33 pm ET

POLITICO: Who supports impeachment? 211

Democrats support impeachment or impeachment inquiry, 28 Democrats who don't support impeachment or impeachment inquiry — yet as of last update 9/24/19

Looks like NBC and Politico caught up to each other. If this is accurate, we only need 8-9 Democrats yet to sign on to secure an authorizing resolution.

This is the current list I have of Dems who are not yet in support of an impeachment inquiry. Some are no surprise like Tulsi Gabbard, this general election's Jill Stein. Or Henry Cuellar, who is far more conservative than his district — just asking for a primary to take him out.

Anthony Brindisi NY-22 R+6 Cheri Bustos IL-17 D+3 Henry Cuellar TX-28 D+9 Joe Cunningham SC-1 R+10 Sharice Davids KS-3 R+4 Rosa DeLauro CT-3 D+9 Tulsi Gabbard HI-2 D+19 Jared Golden ME-2 R+2 Vicente Gonzalez TX-15 D+7 Ron Kind WI-3 EVEN Conor Lamb PA-17 (R+2.5 under 2016 map, may change) Al Lawson Jr. FL-5 D+12 Dan Lipinski IL-3 D+6 Ben McAdams UT-4 R+13 Stephanie Murphy FL-7 EVEN

Tom O'Halleran AZ-1 R+2

Collin Peterson MN-7 (House Ag committee chair) R+12
Max Rose NY-11 R+3
Linda Sánchez CA-38 D+17
Kurt Schrader OR-5 EVEN
Terri Sewell AL-7 D+20
Donna Shalala FL-27 D+5
Xochitl Torres Small NM-2 R+6
Jeff Van Drew NJ-2 R+1
Susan Wild PA-7 (D+1.1 under 2016 map, may change)
Frederica Wilson FL-24 D+34

But Wilson, whose district is rated D+34? or Sánchez, who's served for 16 years in a D+17 district?

Especially under a continuing blue wave, when the 2020 vote will be a referendum on Trump?

If one of these representatives are yours, call them and ask them to get behind a formal impeachment inquiry. Contact info above in this post.

UPDATE - 3:45 P.M. 25-SEP-2019 -

We are soooo close! Thank you to these Democrats who've finally stepped over to the right side of history:

Cheri Bustos IL-17 D+3
Henry Cuellar TX-28 D+9
Rosa DeLauro CT-3 D+9
Dan Lipinski IL-3 D+6
Stephanie Murphy FL-7 EVEN
Linda Sánchez CA-38 D+17
Terri Sewell AL-7 D+20
Donna Shalala FL-27 D+5

According to NBC's list these eight representatives now bring the total number to 216 in support of a formal impeachment inquiry.

These folks are still Undecided or No votes:

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What the heck is going on with the Ag Committee chair? As if Trump's disastrous handling of trade hasn't been enough reason to seek impeachment before this solicitation for foreign assistance to cheat his way into re-election.

And what's going on with the lingering holdouts who are in D+ districts? This is a blue wave; the House was won in 2018 because the people wanted the White House restrained. They still want him restrained. Get on the right side of this.

If one of the holdouts is your representative, you know what to do.

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