

IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS: DAY 2 - MARIE YOVANOVITCH [UPDATE-2]

I'm putting up this post and thread dedicated to today's hearing which was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. ET. Updates to this post will appear at the bottom.

Former ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch is now appearing before the House and opening statements have just finished.

If you're not within range of television or can't stream the hearing, you can follow along with these live Twitter threads:

Marcy's thread

Brandi Buchman for Courthouse News

Law prof and author Jennifer Taub

Some of these feeds also appear in my Trump-Russia Twitter list; open it and refresh periodically.

CNN has a live update page dedicated to today's hearing.

Washington Post's live update page here.

Here's a copy of Yovanovitch's testimony on October 11 in closed door session, released November 4.

Here's a copy of Yovanovitch's written statement submitted today.

If you have other resources you feel are helpful, please share them in comments. Thanks.

UPDATE-1 – 10:28 a.m. ET –

Zelensky was pretty shrewd or innately savvy about the breadcrumbs he left in his interactions with Team Trump.

The Somalia thing aside: the rough transcript of the July call shows that while Zelensky did indeed criticize Yovanovitch, he said to Trump, "It was great that you were the first one, who told me that she was a bad ambassador."
pic.twitter.com/LVxSTbxtKT

– Daniel Dale (@ddale8) November 15, 2019

Trump's tweet which Daniel Dale embedded as a snapshot:

Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad. She started off in Somalia, how did that go? Then fast forward to Ukraine, where the new Ukrainian President spoke unfavorably about her in my second phone call with him. It is a U.S. President's absolute right to appoint ambassadors.

– Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)
November 15, 2019

And of course Trump can't shut the fuck up; he's now implied he's had opposition research done into Yovanovitch's work history. Why would he need to do that if his actions with regard to Ukraine were totally above board?

Adam Schiff has interrupted questioning to offer Yovanovitch an opportunity to respond to Trump's tweet denigrating her, amounting to witness intimidation.

UPDATE-2 – 12:35 p.m. ET –

Marcy started a fresh live tweet thread for this afternoon's testimony by Yovanovitch before the GOP's counsel and committee members.

Emma Loop with BuzzFeed is now in the hearing room and has also begun a live tweet thread.

Related: If you didn't hear already, Roger Stone was found guilty on seven counts of obstruction

of proceedings, false statements, and witness tampering. Politico's Darren Samuelson covered the verdict in a thread.

How odd so many of the people close to Trump have been found guilty or pleaded guilty to crimes related to his campaign or work related to Ukraine, Russia, and Turkey.