

# Poll: Trump Impeachment Trial Will Bring Further Division, Most Americans Say

Although the Senate impeachment trial of former President Donald J. Trump is set to begin the week of Feb. 8, more than half of Americans believe it will bring further division to an already fragmented nation, according to results of a survey by Rasmussen Reports.

The national telephone and online survey revealed that voters, by a 3 to 1 margin, expect the upcoming trial of the nation's former president to leave the country more divided than unified, says a report of the research in the *New York Post*.

Only 19% of those polled said the trial would help unify Americans, while 20% said it would make no difference. And half of those questioned also said that the Senate should not vote to convict Trump of "high crimes and misdemeanors," while 45% say Trump should be convicted.

*50% of Likely U.S. Voters say the Senate should not convict Trump of "high crimes and misdemeanors" in the trial scheduled to start Feb. 9. Forty-five percent (45%) of voters think Trump should be convicted...*

*– Rasmussen Reports (@Rasmussen\_Poll) January 28, 2021*

Last Wednesday, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump via a single article of impeachment without a trial.

And earlier this week, 45 Senate Republicans voted against holding the trial, led by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who said the impeachment was "dead on arrival." He and others view the trial as unconstitutional since, as Sen. James Lankford, ., put it, "The U.S. Constitution outlines the basic process for

impeachment and trial of the president, but it says nothing about trying a former president.”

A two-thirds Senate majority would be required to convict the former president, meaning all Democrats and 17 Republicans would need to affirm his impeachment.

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