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[Philip Ewing. “The Trump-Ukraine Affair: What You Need To Know And What's Coming Next.”](https://www.npr.org/2019/09/27/764794409/the-trump-ukraine-affair-what-you-need-to-know-and-whats-coming-next?utm_campaign=politics&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social)

[NPR, September 27](https://www.npr.org/2019/09/27/764794409/the-trump-ukraine-affair-what-you-need-to-know-and-whats-coming-next?utm_campaign=politics&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social)[th](https://www.npr.org/2019/09/27/764794409/the-trump-ukraine-affair-what-you-need-to-know-and-whats-coming-next?utm_campaign=politics&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social)[, 2019.](https://www.npr.org/2019/09/27/764794409/the-trump-ukraine-affair-what-you-need-to-know-and-whats-coming-next?utm_campaign=politics&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social)

1. What is the major accusation in the Trump-Ukraine affair?
2. What is executive privilege? How is the Trump administration exercising it?
3. What is the process for impeachment and removal from office according to the article?
4. Is it prudent for Democrats, led by Speaker Pelosi, to pursue impeachment? Why or why not?

[Lee Drutman. “The Moderate Middle Is a Myth.” 538.com. September 24](https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-moderate-middle-is-a-myth/)[th](https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-moderate-middle-is-a-myth/)[, 2019.](https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-moderate-middle-is-a-myth/)

1. What is the thesis of this article? What evidence does the author have to back it up?
2. What are the differences and similarities between moderates, independents, and undecideds?
3. In what ways and to what extent are independents unified in terms of policy or views about government?
4. Should Democrats and Republicans focusing on trying to win the type of voters discussed in this in this article, or attempt to fire up their base? Why?

[Peter Stone. “‘Swampy symbiosis’: fossil fuel industry has more clout than ever under Trump.”](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/27/fossil-fuel-industry-clout-trump-era) *[The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/27/fossil-fuel-industry-clout-trump-era)*[. September 27](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/27/fossil-fuel-industry-clout-trump-era)[th](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/27/fossil-fuel-industry-clout-trump-era)[, 2019.](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/27/fossil-fuel-industry-clout-trump-era)

1. Describe the relationship between the Trump administration and the fossil fuel industry.
2. What actions has the Trump administration taken to win the support of the fossil fuel industry?
3. What can we learn about the nature of the Presidency and executive action through this article?
4. Is this corrupt behavior? How might someone argue that this is and is not corruption?