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# Senate Republicans prepare for impeachment trial

Senate Democrats will need to convince at least 17 Republican colleagues to vote with them to convict former President Donald Trump in the upcoming impeachment trial, set to begin on Feb. 9. This is Trump's second impeachment trial; during the first, only one Republican, Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah, voted to convict the president, and on only one of two charges. Many Republicans may already have reelection on their minds: 20 Republican Senators are up for reelection in 2022. At least four of these senators have already announced they will retire instead.

Beyond party lines, two previous votes may indicate which Republican senators could be convinced to vote to impeach:

- ✔ **Tabling Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul's impeachment point of order:** Paul raised a point of order on whether holding an impeachment trial for a former president is unconstitutional. Just five Republicans voted with Democrats to table the point of order, which allows the trial to proceed.
- ✔ **Certifying the results of the 2020 election:** Votes to challenge results from two states — Arizona and Pennsylvania — were connected to Trump's claims that the 2020 election results were compromised.

Most Republicans did not vote to table Paul's point of order, and did not vote to challenge the Arizona or Pennsylvania election results. All five senators who supported tabling the point of order opposed challenging the election results. Just two of these senators will be part of the 2022 midterm elections: Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania (who is not running for reelection).

### Tracking factors that may indicate how Republican senators will vote on impeachment

Point of order on constitutionality of former president impeachment trial

- ✔ Voted to table point of order
- ✘ Did not vote to table

Certification of Arizona and Pennsylvania 2020 election results

- ✔ Did not vote to challenge either
- ✘ Voted to challenge either or both

ALPHABETICAL BY LASTNAME	POINT OF ORDER		REELECTION YEAR		POINT OF ORDER		REELECTION YEAR		POINT OF ORDER		REELECTION YEAR		
John Barrasso (Wyo.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'24		Lindsey Graham (S.C.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Rob Portman (Ohio)*	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22
Marsha Blackburn (Tenn.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'24		Chuck Grassley (Iowa)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Jim Risch (Idaho)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26
Roy Blunt (Mo.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Bill Hagerty (Tenn.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Mike Rounds (S.D.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26
John Boozman (Ark.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Josh Hawley (Mo.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'24		Mitt Romney (Utah)	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'24
Mike Braun (Ind.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'24		John Hoeven (N.D.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Marco Rubio (Fla.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22
Richard Burr (N.C.)*	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Cindy Hyde-Smith (Miss.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'26		Ben Sasse (Neb.)	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26
Shelley Moore Capito (W.Va.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Jim Inhofe (Okla.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Rick Scott (Fla.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'24
Bill Cassidy (La.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Ron Johnson (Wis.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Tim Scott (S.C.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22
Susan Collins (Maine)	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		John Kennedy (La.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'22		Richard Shelby (Ala.)*	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22
John Cornyn (Texas)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		James Lankford (Okla.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Dan Sullivan (Alaska)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26
Tom Cotton (Ark.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Mike Lee (Utah)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		John Thune (S.D.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22
Kevin Cramer (N.D.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'24		Cynthia Lummis (Wyo.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'26		Thom Tillis (N.C.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26
Mike Crapo (Idaho)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Roger Marshall (Kan.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'26		Pat Toomey (Pa.)*	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22
Ted Cruz (Texas)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'24		Mitch McConnell (Ky.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Tommy Tuberville (Ala.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	'26
Steve Daines (Mont.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Jerry Moran (Kan.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Roger Wicker (Miss.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'24
Joni Ernst (Iowa)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'26		Lisa Murkowski (Alaska)	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22		Todd Young (Ind.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22
Deb Fischer (Neb.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'24		Rand Paul (Ky.)	<span style="color: orange;">✘</span>	<span style="color: blue;">✔</span>	'22					

\*These senators have announced they will not run for reelection

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