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Merry Christmas from The Heritage Foundation! We are bringing you all the analysis you need before the holiday. Last week, President Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives. What does that mean for the president going forward? Heritage legal expert John Malcolm explains. We also saw some positive movement on our trade deal with Mexico and Canada and the National Defense Authorization Act. Find out how they will benefit America. In the United Kingdom, our friends across the pond handed conservatives a decisive victory in their general election, signaling a major rebuke to the socialist Labour Party. Find out what this election means for Brexit, a potential U.S.-U.K. trade deal, and our special relationship.

In a segment that aired Friday related to the federal government's role in regulating Big Tech, Fox News host Tucker Carlson made several false, outrageous, and unfounded accusations against The Heritage Foundation. Here's our response. Lastly, The Daily Signal, your source for conservative news and commentary, would like to thank you for your readership in 2019, and invite you to help us make 2020 an even better year.

## President Trump Is Impeached. So What Happens Next?

President Donald Trump became the third U.S. president in history to be impeached last week, but what exactly does that mean moving forward? According to Heritage legal expert John Malcom, not much. "The matter will now move over to the Senate for a trial, expected to begin in early January. The vote to impeach President Trump in the House was as inevitable as his acquittal will be in the Senate. It will require a vote of two-thirds of those senators who are present—67 if all 100 senators vote—to remove Trump from office. Assuming that all 45 Democrats and both independents vote to convict, they will still need at least 20 Republican senators to join them in order to remove Trump from office. This will not happen," writes Malcolm, who leads Heritage's Institute for Constitutional Government and is our Ed Gilbertson and Sherry Lindberg Gilbertson senior legal fellow. Read Malcolm's take on the impeachment of <u>Trump</u>. If you're curious or unclear about any aspect of impeachment—what it is, how it works, what it's meant for, or what's happening with it now—check out Heritage's collection of impeachment analysis and information.



## Trump Notches Wins on Trade and U.S. Military

The U.S. House voted, 385-41, last week to approve the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement. While compromises were made in order to pass trade agreement, USMCA is expected to boost the economy and help American businesses. Heritage President Kay C. James writes that "USMCA means freer trade, and freer trade means billions of dollars in new economic activity, new jobs, higher wages, and lower prices for the American people and for our North American neighbors." Meanwhile, the National Defense Authorization Act finally cleared both houses of Congress. It represents a big step forward in rebuilding our nation's military strength. "The 2020 NDAA shows that there is a robust bipartisan commitment to a strong national defense," writes Heritage policy analyst Frederico Bartels. Read more about how the USMCA and the NDAA will

ultimately benefit our country

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