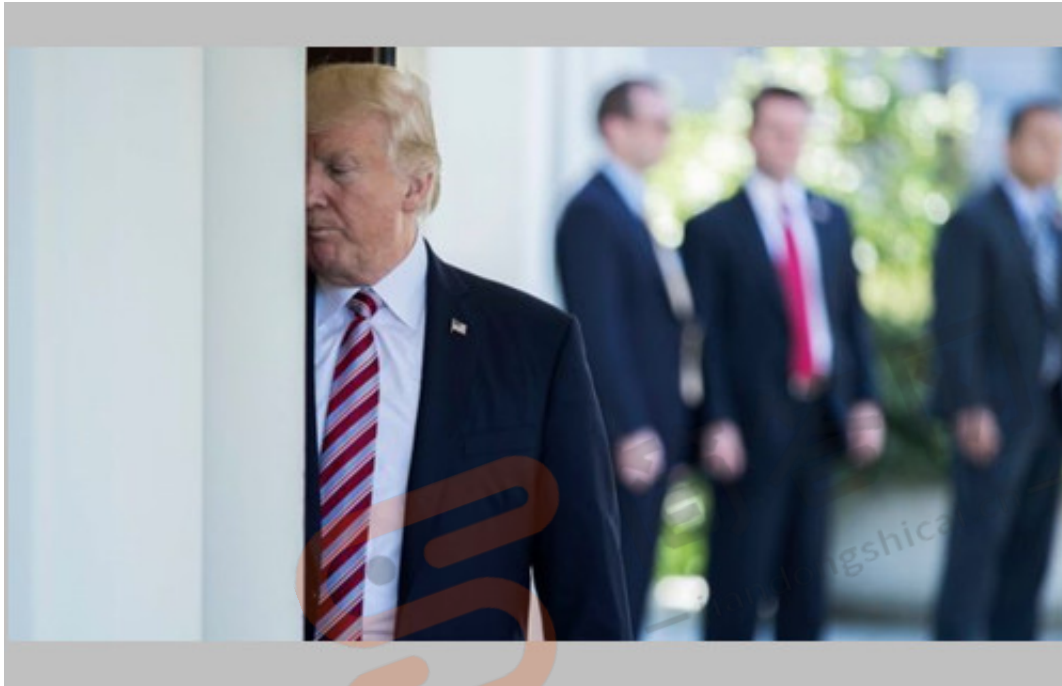


## 《四面楚歌的川总统遭弹劾的可能性有多大？BBC帮你分析！》

导读:近日，美国政坛可谓是颇不平静。作为白宫之主的唐纳德·特朗普总统也是各种丑闻缠身。于是，很多人开始质疑，弹劾总统之路还有多远？今天，BBC就带大伙儿对此进行分析。



As Donald Trump finds his tenure in the White House connected with yet more allegations, the inevitable "i" word begins to pop up.

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It was discussed by his opponents as a possibility even before his inauguration, but has yet to be tabled by anyone.

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This is despite a string of controversies. Just this week, US media reported allegations he had asked FBI chief James Comey to drop an inquiry into links between his ex-national security adviser and Russia, while 24 hours

before it was claimed he had let slip details of top secret intelligence to the Russian ambassador.

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But how easy is it to impeach a president? And exactly who has been impeached in the past? The answer may surprise you....

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Just what is impeachment?

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The US constitution states a president "shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes or misdemeanours".

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Exactly what "high crimes and misdemeanours" covers is up for debate.

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Who has actually been impeached?

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Despite it being threatened on numerous occasions, only two presidents have ever actually been impeached.

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Most recently, Bill Clinton - the 42nd President of the United States - found himself impeached on the ground of perjury in front a grand jury and obstruction of justice, after he lied about the nature of his affair with Monica Lewinsky and then allegedly asked her to lie about it as well.

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The second? Clue: It wasn't Richard Nixon. (More on this lower down).

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In fact, the only other president impeached was Andrew Johnson, who served for four years from 1865 - the 17th person to hold the role.

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He was impeached by the House in 1868. The vote came just 11 days after he got rid of Edwin Stanton, his secretary of war - a man who didn't agree with his policies.

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So - could Mr Trump be impeached?

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In theory yes. He could technically be accused of violations of his oath of office to "preserve, protect, and defend" the US constitution, according to the writers of Lawfare Blog.

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In practice, however, it is far more unlikely

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As the BBC's North America reporter Anthony Zurcher points out, "if this were a Democratic-controlled House of Representatives, articles of impeachment would likely be in the drafting process".

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The fact is, they are not. The Republicans control the House by 238 to 193. They control the Senate by 52 to 46, plus two independents.

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Of course, there are the notable exceptions. Senator John McCain told a dinner this week that the scandals surrounding the President are reaching "Watergate size and scale".

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Finally: just how did Mr Nixon avoid impeachment?

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He did what every sensible person does when they know the tide has turned against them. He quit.

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