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What We Learned from the Impeachment¹

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The impeachment shone a light on what is the most striking difference between Democrats and Republicans.

By impeaching Mr. Trump, ***Democrats put country before party, and party before their own careers.*** Nancy Pelosi resisted calls for impeachment as long as she could because she knew that Republicans would never vote to convict and that an impeachment would weaken the party's likelihood of retaining their majority in the House. And the moderate Democrats from districts Trump had carried in 2016 resisted because they knew it would compromise their reelection. But when Trump threatened an ally in order to damage a political opponent, their highest duty was to the country and the Constitution that the Sociopath-in-Chief sought to shred.

In stark contrast, and with the exception of Mitt Romney, ***Republicans once again demonstrated that they will always put their careers before their party or country*** by acquitting a man who they knew had engaged in criminal if not treasonous acts. They did so because they knew that to do otherwise would have put their "heads on a pike."

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