

A US Congressional Committee is debating whether to bring formal impeachment charges against President Trump.

He's accused of soliciting interference from Ukraine to help his 2020 re-election bid, as well as witness intimidation, and obstructing justice and Congress.

Republican members of the committee say there is no new evidence and insist the Democrats just don't like the President.

Our North America correspondent, Nick Bryant, is with us now.

What have we heard today?

The impeachment inquiry today felt more like a series of history lectures, with professors appearing on Capitol Hill to explain what America's Founding Fathers meant by high crimes and misdemeanours, the constitutional standard to impeach or charge a president. But we have had weeks of televised hearings now and across America they just have not shifted public opinion, they have not moved the dial before. Nor has a single Republican lawmaker come out and said Donald Trump should be impeached. So I think what will happen from here is that before Christmas the Democrats will use their House of Representatives majority to impeach Donald Trump, then after Christmas, in the New Year, we look at the trial of Donald Trump in the US Senate, where the Republicans have the numbers to deliver a not guilty verdict.

STUDIO: Many thanks, Nick Bryant.