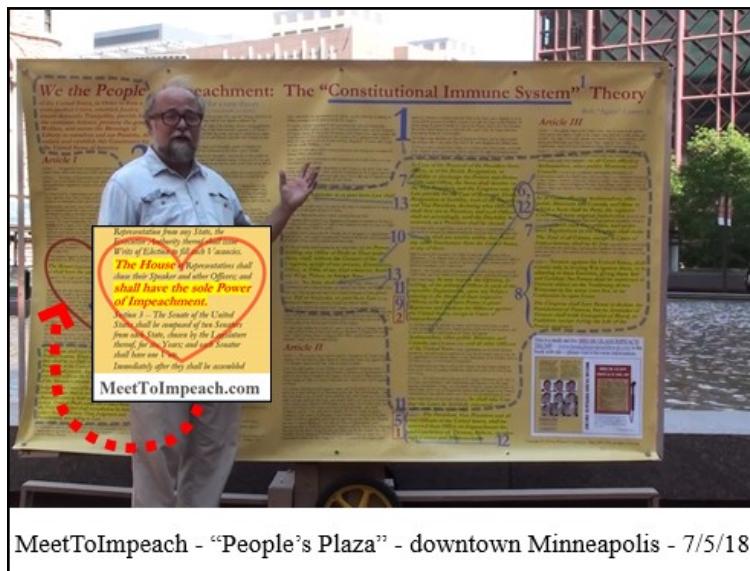


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7/30/18 Bulletin – CNN Editor-at-large [Chris Cillizza writes on a "disconnect" between voter approval of President Trump's performance on the economy, as compared to their disapproval of him overall](#). From Jimmy Carter in 1978 forward, for Presidents approaching a mid-term election there is only one comparable example of a President with a positive rating on the economy, but an overall rating that is significantly lower. In 1998, President Clinton's economic "grade" was 27% higher than his overall grade -- a recent Quinnipiac poll shows Trump's economic "grade" is 20% higher than his overall grade. As Cillizza points out, Clinton was in the middle of an impeachment fight in 1998. However, as Cillizza doesn't point out, even in the middle of that fight, Clinton's party gained five seats in the U.S. House election that year. While Clinton won re-election in 1996 by over eight million votes, his Democratic Party won 21 fewer House seats than the Republicans. In contrast, Trump won the Electoral College, but lost the popular vote by three million, his Republican party won 47 more House seats than the Democrats. It's hard not to conclude that with a roaring economy, the current hefty Republican House majority, and a district-by-district map that heavily concentrates the Democratic popular vote in core cities, the Democrats face a daunting task in trying to win a House majority this November. As Cillizza seems to suggest, the voter disconnect between Trump's rating on the economy and his overall negative rating may be the best thing Democrats have going for them. Cillizza concludes: "People seem to be reacting negatively to the full package of Trump, which

crowds out their positive reaction to the job he is doing on the economy. If, he could take the focus off his tweets, the Russia investigation and the like -- and steer all of his rhetorical firepower onto the state of the economy, he and the Republican Party he leads would likely be in a much better place today. ¶Of course, that sort of message discipline isn't Trump. And if we've learned anything these last three years, it's that Trump is going to Trump. Always."

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