

Possible Impeachment of President Donald J. Trump  
Lesson #2: How did it all start?  
(continued)

**B) About Opposition Research & the Steele Dossier:**

- <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/an-introduction-to-the-dark-arts-of-opposition-research/>
- <https://www.npr.org/2019/06/13/732340501/fact-check-foreign-interference-and-opposition-research-are-not-the-same>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher\\_Steele](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Steele)
- <https://www.lawfareblog.com/steele-dossier-retrospective>

6. What is opposition research?

7. Who is Christopher Steele?

8. What is the *Steele Dossier*?

**What questions do you have at this point?**

*Please write any questions you currently have, and submit them to your teacher so that they may be considered for inclusion in an upcoming lesson.*

**Resources for those who want to explore further:**

*This is the declassified version of the full intelligence community briefing report on the Russian interference in the 2016 election. If you want to know the various ways they interfered, here it is!*

[https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/ICA\\_2017\\_01.pdf](https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/ICA_2017_01.pdf)

*And here is a link to a two-part Frontline documentary about the same topic.*

- Part 1 is about Putin's rise to power, his rule, and his overall motivations:  
<https://www.pbs.org/video/putins-revenge-mzz1lp/>
- Part 2 is about Putin's role in the 2016 presidential election:

*If you only have time to look at one resource, this one is highly recommended. Also, it is worthwhile for teachers to show in class, if you have time.*

<https://www.pbs.org/video/putins-revenge-part-two-wpsiq2/>

*This is an in-depth (and fascinating, but also political) article about Christopher Steele and his dossier.*

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/03/12/christopher-steele-the-man-behind-the-trump-dossier>