

The clash between Trump and US agencies gets more dramatic

Donald Trump is the third president of the United States to undergo impeachment proceedings. During the week, the House of Representatives voted in favor of opening a probe against the White House tenant for pressuring Ukraine to investigate his democratic rival Joe Biden. Despite the dramatic calls of his political opponents and a good part of the American and international press, for the moment the vote maintains a mere symbolic value since it will depend on the final pronouncement of the Senate, which is controlled by the Republicans and where a majority of two thirds is required to pass the indictment against Trump. Behind the possible impeachment of the New York tycoon has been raging for years the clash between the White House and US apparatuses (Congress, Pentagon, federal agencies and national bureaucracies). The future of the United States with their informal empire is at stake. This includes crucial questions such as what Washington will do with Russia, whether to keep it as a bitter enemy or turn it into a minority shareholder to be used in anti-Chinese containment. A question so cogent that the clash between the White House and US deep state has been raging around for years, until the formal impeachment on Wednesday. President Obama was already prevented by federal agencies from considering the Kremlin as a legitimate interlocutor. The same happens nowadays with Trump, convinced of the need to use Putin against Xi Jinping, but hindered in this regard from the very beginning of his mandate through the so-called Russia Probe.

But, unlike his predecessor, the New York tycoon did not want to retrace his steps – although there is no trace of the new course either. Indeed, two days after the presentation of the Mueller report that did not prosecute him criminally, last July Trump relaunched by threatening Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to withhold military aid for Kiev for \$400 million if he had not announced the opening of an investigation against the Democrat Joe Biden. To achieve two goals at once: to signal Russia his reluctance to deliver arms to Ukraine and hit the one he considers as the main opponent in the presidential elections next year. Evidently too much for the US deep state, which cannot allow Trump to put his personal whims before the realization of a strategic dossier, or rather the insertion of Ukraine in the American sphere of influence against Russia. Hence, the anonymous statement of a CIA agent who would have listened to the Trump-Zelensky call, that gave origin to the impeachment celebrated this week in the House of Representatives. Unless unthinkable cataclysms, however, in the Senate the president will be acquitted by the Republican majority and will remain in the White House at least until next year's elections. Twenty Republican senators should in fact slip out of the party's position and back the Democrats demands. But once again the message launched by the US federal agencies seems crystal clear: no breakthrough with Russia. Any bilateral rapprochement would in fact be equated with a dangerous betrayal of US interests and ideals.