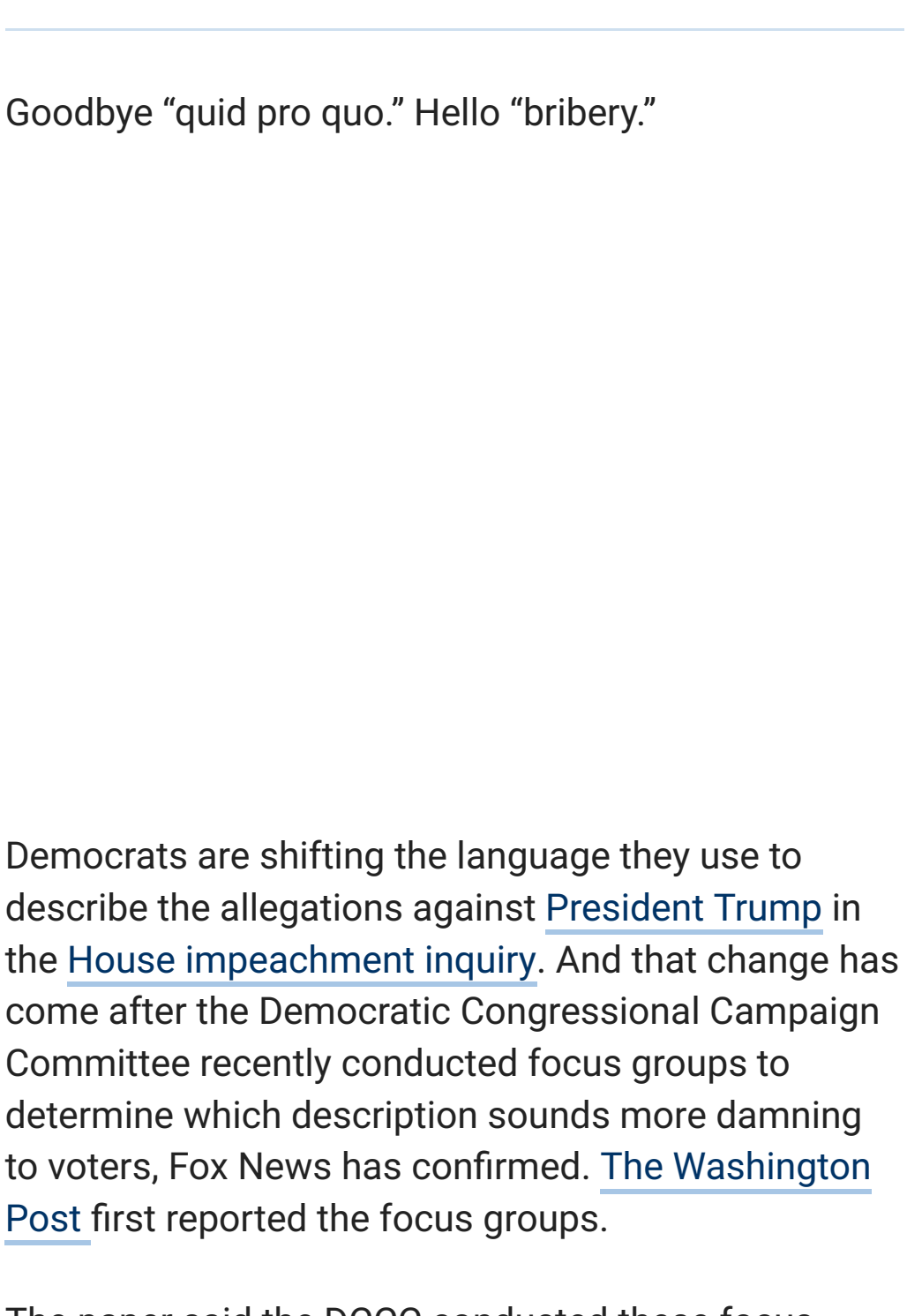


Dems shift rhetoric from 'quid pro quo' to 'bribery' after impeachment 'focus groups'

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Democrats move from 'quid pro quo' to 'bribery'

Democrats focus impeachment on bribery and Ukraine; 'Special Report' host Bret Baier weighs in.

Goodbye "quid pro quo." Hello "bribery."

Democrats are shifting the language they use to describe the allegations against [President Trump](#) in the [House impeachment inquiry](#). And that change has come after the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee recently conducted focus groups to determine which description sounds more damning to voters, Fox News has confirmed. [The Washington Post](#) first reported the focus groups.

The paper said the DCCC conducted these focus groups in key House battlegrounds and asked participants whether "quid pro quo," "extortion" or "bribery" was more compelling. "Bribery" was determined to be more effective.

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The White House has responded by dismissing the inquiry as "impeachment by focus group."

Top Democrats have already begun changing the way they characterize Trump's conversations with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky about military aid and his desire for the country to launch investigations related to the Bidens and the 2016 election.

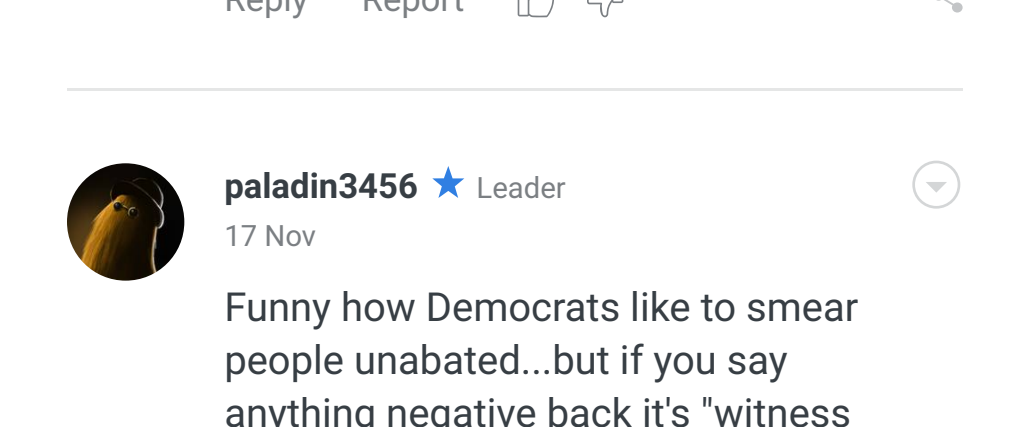
On Thursday, talking to reporters, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, "Quid pro quo: Bribery."

Referencing how Trump has repeatedly said his call with Zelensky was perfect, Pelosi said: "It's perfectly wrong. It's bribery."

The impeachment inquiry continued Friday with the public hearing of Marie Yovanovitch, the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine who was recalled from her post by the Trump administration earlier this year.

Fox News' Mike Emanuel, John Roberts and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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The whole idea of getting a focus group on impeachment, shows you they are just pushing fake narratives for a case they can't make, just like their fake assertions that Trump was a Russian asset and puppet. After years of inquiry by a prosecutor and tens of millions of dollars spent, they found nothing to support their allegations. But that didn't stop Hillary from calling Trump a Russian puppet recently. These people are nuts.

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"You believe that he committed -- you could charge the President of the United States with obstruction of justice after he left office?" Buck continued.

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