

# CONVICTION



The hilarious card game about a not-so-funny presidency

~30 MINUTES

2-4 PLAYERS

For more information about the game and the causes supported, please visit [www.GetConviction.com](http://www.GetConviction.com)

## Overview

In the not-so-distant future, each player is a prosecutor attempting to convict Trump, his cronies, and a variety of political characters. You'll put them on trial in front of the greatest judicial authority in all the land – Lady Justice herself!

The prosecutor who gets the most points by convicting these Public Figures wins the game and saves America!

## Contents



61 Public Figures



71 Motions



Lady Justice

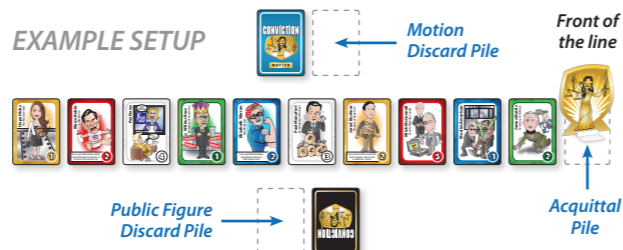


2 Dice

## Setup

**1** The game takes place over 4 years (rounds). To start year 1, shuffle the Public Figure deck and deal **10 Public Figures** in the middle of the table, face up, from left to right. Place Lady Justice to the right of these cards (the front of the line).

Place the Motion and Public Figure decks face down, leaving space for Discard Piles next to each one.



**2** Shuffle the Motion deck and deal **5 Motions** to each prosecutor. You may look at your own Motions, but don't show them to others.

**3** Each prosecutor rolls the dice. The prosecutor with the highest number goes first.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ GAMEPLAY ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### Your turn has 3 steps

**1** **File a Motion (optional)**  
Motions let you do things like move Public Figures around in line, add / discard Public Figures, or tip the scales of justice in your favor. If you decide to play a Motion from your hand, follow its instructions immediately, then place it face up in the Motion Discard Pile. You may only file one Motion per turn unless the card says otherwise.

#### Active Motions

If a Motion says to "Place this Motion in front of" yourself or an opposing prosecutor, put it face up on the table and follow its instructions. This Motion remains active until you're instructed to discard it.

You don't have to file a Motion every turn. No other prosecutor can file a Motion during your turn.

#### Special effects

Some Public Figures have special effects that can help or hurt your quest for justice. **For the best chance to save America, read them often!**



**2** **Hold a trial**  
Roll both dice to put the Public Figure closest to Lady Justice on trial.

#### Doubles = Acquittal

Place acquitted Public Figures face up, stacked, immediately underneath Lady Justice – this is the **Acquittal Pile**.

#### Not doubles = Conviction

Place convicted Public Figures face up, side-by-side, in front of you in your **Conviction Pile**.

**3** **Draw a Motion**  
Take a Motion from the top of the deck, even if you didn't file one. There is no limit to the number of cards in your hand.

### What's next?

After you complete the 3 steps, continue clockwise through each prosecutor's turn. Once the Public Figure line is empty, the year is over.

It's time to begin a new year. When you start a new year, keep your existing Motions and Conviction Pile from the previous years. Public Figures in the Acquittal Pile also remain in place, as do both Discard Piles. Deal 10 new Public Figures in the middle of the table as before.

The new year starts with the prosecutor to the left of the one who went first in the previous year. Gameplay continues with each prosecutor taking turns.

Continue until you have completed **4 years** of trials.

## Winning the game

At the end of 4 years of trials, add up the point values of the Public Figures in your Conviction Pile, taking into account any special effects and any active Motions.

**You can see a counting example on the back of this sheet.**

The prosecutor with the highest total score wins the game and saves America!

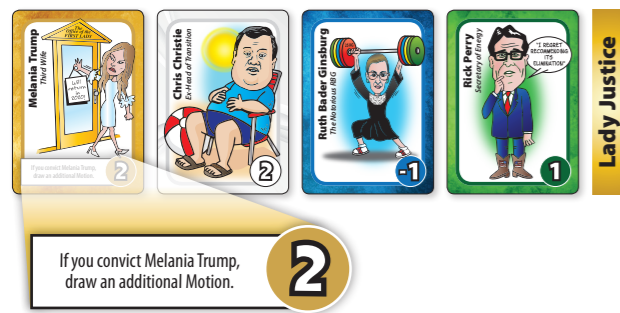


### FAST PLAY VERSION: Mid-Term Impeachment

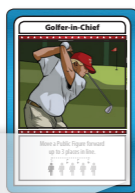
In a hurry to convict Trump? Hold only **2 years** of trials and limit prosecutors to having **5 Motions at a time** – if drawing a Motion puts you over the limit, choose what to discard. All other rules apply.

## Example turn

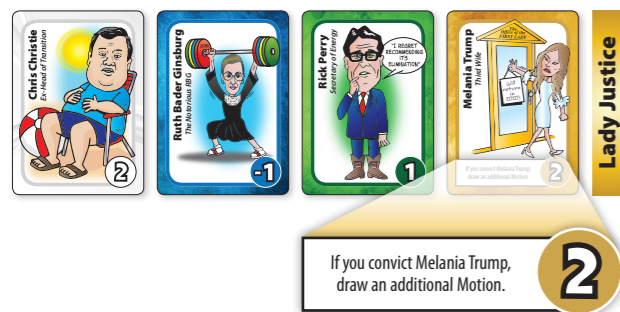
Early in year 1, Rick Perry is at the front of the line. It's Anita's turn, and she doesn't want to settle for only 1 point.



Anita has the *Golfer-in-Chief* Motion, which lets her move any of the first 4 Public Figures to the front of the line.



Anita likes the idea of getting 2 points and a potential extra Motion, so she files *Golfer-in-Chief* and chooses to move Melania Trump to the front of the line.



Anita rolls the dice to put Melania on trial and gets a 2 and 4 – not doubles. That's a conviction!

Anita happily moves Melania into her Conviction Pile and draws 2 Motions, completing her turn.

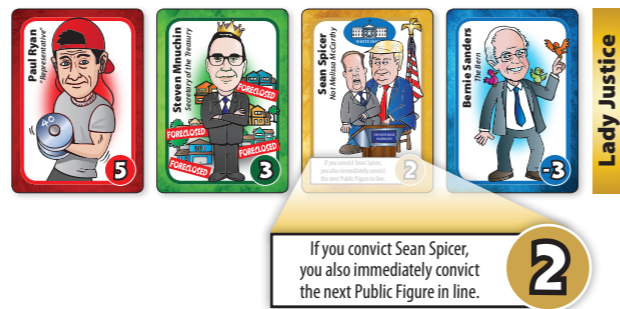
### Public Figure groups

The 61 Public Figures are grouped by color:

- ★ **Gold** (18): Trump's inner circle
- ★ **Green** (11): Members of his Cabinet
- ★ **Red** (9): Republican leadership
- ★ **Blue** (9): His opposition
- ★ **White** (14): People who got him elected

## Another example turn

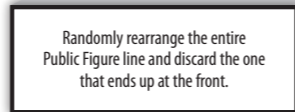
It's the start of year 3 and Jack is the third player, so he gets to kick things off this time. Unfortunately for him, the first Public Figure in line is Bernie Sanders, who would be -3 points if convicted.



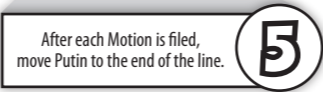
Jack doesn't have a Motion that lets him move any Public Figure in a specific way, but he does have *You're Fired!*



He figures that he may as well file that Motion and try his luck because any of the other Public Figures in line would be better than the -3 points from convicting Bernie!



Jack picks up all the Public Figures in line, shuffles them together, and then deals them again in line, starting from the back and moving toward Lady Justice. Here's the new front of the line after the redeal:



Steve Mnuchin ended up in front and will now be discarded as the final step of *You're Fired!* Jack thinks he has a chance to convict Putin but then reads Putin's special effect, which indicates that Putin now retreats to the end of the line.

Jack is still in good shape because he can now put Mark Meadows on trial. However, he rolls double 3's. That means Mark Meadows is acquitted and moves immediately underneath Lady Justice.

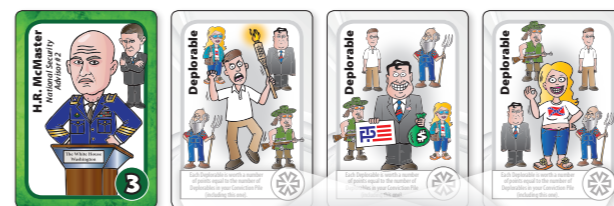
Jack didn't end up with any points, but at least he didn't convict The Bern.

## Tallying the score

It's the end of year 4 and Iris has 10 Public Figures in her Conviction Pile, plus one active Motion:



At the end of the game, roll the dice. If you roll doubles, Comey is worth +3 points. Otherwise, he is worth -1 point.



Each Deplorable is worth a number of points equal to the number of Deplorables in your Conviction Pile (including this one).



If your Conviction Pile includes both CNN and NYT, CNN is worth an additional -2 points.

Place this Motion in front of you. It is worth +1 point for each Green Public Figure in your Conviction Pile.

First of all, James Comey requires a dice roll to determine his value. Iris rolls a 5 and a 1, which is not doubles, making James Comey worth **-1 point**.

Ted Cruz, Rex Tillerson, John Kelly, and H.R. McMaster bring her total up to **12 points** (-1+3+3+3+4).

Iris also has 3 Deplorable Public Figures, whose value is determined by the total number of Deplorables in her Conviction Pile. Because she has 3 Deplorables, this makes each one worth 3 points and brings her score up to **21 points** (12+3x3).

Iris convicted both CNN and NYT, which makes them worth -8 points combined, bringing down her total to **13 points** (21-8).

Since *Grow the Swamp* survived as an active Motion, it is worth 2 points because Iris has 2 Green Public Figures in her Conviction Pile. Her final score is **15 points** (13+2).

## Questions? Answers!

**If a Motion says I can move a Public Figure exactly some number of spaces, but there aren't enough Public Figures in line, can I file the Motion anyway?**

No. If a Motion says "exactly," you can only file it if there are enough Public Figures in line. For example, if a Motion says to move a Public Figure forward exactly 3 spaces, there must be at least 3 Public Figures in front of the one you want to move.

**Can I play *Victory Tour* on anyone I feel is "deplorable"?**

No. *Victory Tour* can only be used on any of the 5 Public Figures specifically named Deplorable.

**If a year ends during my turn before I've held a trial, do I continue when the next year starts?**

No. If there are no more Public Figures in line after you file a Motion, the year is over and you simply draw a new Motion to complete your turn.

**What happens if we run out of Motions in the deck?**

Reshuffle the Motion Discard Pile and continue playing.

**What happens if there's a tie at the end of the game?**

If prosecutors are tied, the one with the Public Figure highest in the presidential line of succession – starting with Trump – wins.

After President, here are the next five offices in the line of succession:

- ★ Vice President
- ★ Speaker of the House of Representatives
- ★ President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- ★ Secretary of State
- ★ Secretary of the Treasury

Because the Trump administration is constantly playing musical chairs, the Public Figure who has *most recently* held the office highest in the line of succession during the Trump administration prevails, regardless of the title on their card. (Don't blame us, blame Trump.)

If somehow none of the Public Figures in the game are in those positions, you can either look up who's next in line – or you can just be happy.

**Game Design:**  
Dan Peterson & Neil Patel

**Illustrations:**  
Public Figures: Rick Menard  
Motions: Andrew Wood & Alexander Morozov

**Graphic Design:**  
Jen Lum & Rick Menard

**Legal:**  
Jacob D. Koering & Julie E. Treumann

**Special Thanks:**  
Allison Bransfield, Amy Heinen, Andy Smith, Anup Goel, Archana Patel, Arjun Ahluwalia, Brian Fitzpatrick, Brian Glick, Brian Peterson, Chris Loeper, Chris Vale, Christine Wang, Dan Meredith, Dan Orenstein, Dave Hotchkiss, David Pan, Grant Boyadjian, J.D. Zamfirescu, Jake Zukowski, Jeph Porter, Jess Hara, John Hjelmstad, Josh Fien-Helfman, Katherine Robinson, Keith Mertens, Kristen Lux, Kristen Tucker, Laura Fox, Luke Shephard, Matt Cheney, Michael Lux, Richard Fan, Ryan Born, Saurabh Sharma, Suraj Patel, Taeva Shefler, Tom Kaweski, Tony Chang, Tony DREWITZ, & Wai Sie Ng.