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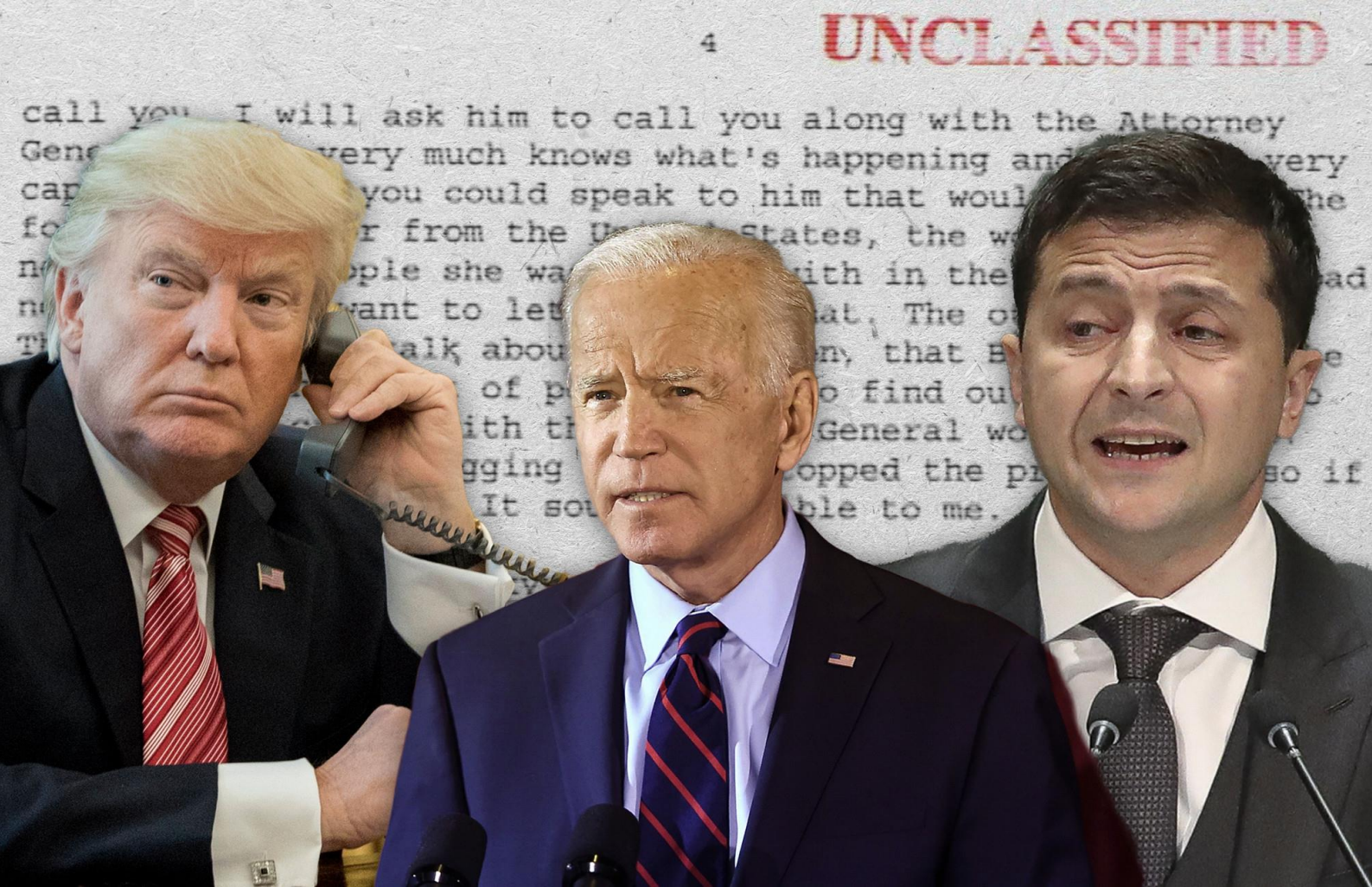


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# Let's start with an example from current events



## UGA / HSO / IRB Examples

- Investigator asks HSO Director to speed up a review
- Investigator feels the IRB is not treating him fairly, turns to Associate Vice President
- Investigator not happy with committee declining to review, turns to Provost

# What is Conflict of Interest?

- Typically defined based on financial interest.
- Are there other types of conflict of interest?
  - Investigator
  - Institution
  - IRB Member
- Perceived Conflict of Interest

## What does Dan say?

Rather than focusing on the word “conflict”, instead think about it in terms of “related interests”

**“Do you, your spouse, your dependent children, or your department have any known related interest in any item on this agenda? Related interests may include but are not limited to, member or spousal participation in the study team, member or spousal receipt of funding related to this project, departmental unit receipt of funding (if member serves in a departmental leadership role\*) or any other interest, financial or otherwise, that may be related to this protocol. If so, please announce it now or when the item is introduced.”**

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# Investigators?

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## PERCEPTION IS IMPORTANT

At what point does a perceived conflict of an investigator (and/or study team) warrant consideration by the IRB?