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President's Byline : The Politics of Personal Destruction



What is being done to Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a travesty. But it is what the Democrats do when nothing else works. Just think back to the confirmation hearings of Robert Bork who was nominated by President Ronald Reagan on July 1, 1987. Within 45 minutes of his nomination, Senator Ted Kennedy, had the following to say on a nationally televised speech:

Robert Bork's America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens' doors in midnight raids, and schoolchildren could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists could be censored at the whim of the Government, and the doors of the Federal courts would be shut on the fingers of millions of citizens.

Things went down hill from there with the press in a frenzy. *People for the American Way* produced TV ads narrated by actor Gregory Peck, a staunch Democrat labeling Bork as an extremist. Kennedy's speech, enabled by the media tanked Bork's nomination and gave rise to the verb "borked". The Judicial committee voted against his nomination, but Bork did not withdraw his nomination and a full vote sealed his fate with 52 Democrats and 6 Republicans voting against his nomination. One of the strongest objections by Democrats was their fear that with Bork on the court, *Roe v Wade* would be reversed.

Fast forward to July 1, 1991 when President George H. W Bush nominated Clarence Thomas to take the place of Thurgood Marshall who was retiring. Again, the nomination drew the ire of the pro-abortion forces and also those opposed to any nominee with conservative views. Toward the end of the proceedings Anita Hill, a professor who worked under Thomas at the Department of Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission stepped forward and accused him of sexual misconduct. The Judicial Committee hearings were re-opened and televised before the nomination went to the full Democratic controlled Senate. This is what Clarence Thomas had to say:

"This is not an opportunity to talk about difficult matters privately or in a closed environment. This is a circus. It's a national disgrace. And from my standpoint, as a black American, it is a high-tech lynching for uppity blacks who in any way deign to think for themselves, to do for themselves, to have different ideas, and it is a message that unless you kowtow to an old order, this is what will happen to you. You will be lynched, destroyed, caricatured by a committee of the U.S. Senate rather than hung from a tree."

Thomas was confirmed 52 to 48.

And now we have this last-minute letter from Christine Blasey Ford, a professor at Palo Alto that Judge Kavanaugh attempted to rape her at a party in the early 1980s when she was 15 and he was 17. Now she can't remember the where the party was, other than it was "in her neighborhood", why she went, who was there besides her, Kavanaugh and a friend of his or the even the exact date. She has stated that the only reason the rape didn't take place was because Kavanaugh's classmate pulled him off of her. This classmate has stated that this never happened. Judge Kavanaugh has stated "I categorically and unequivocally deny this allegation. I did not do this back in high school or at any time."

Here's part of what Mark Levin had to say about this earlier this week on a special "Life, Liberty & Levin on Fox News Business Channel.

"Democrats have hijacked the judicial confirmation process, they have destroyed the judicial confirmation process," Levin said. "And why?"

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Calendar of Events

**Volunteer Work
For Team Taylor
October 5th**

**Board Meeting
October 2nd**

**October Meeting
October 16th**

Special thanks to Lisa Babb for the fun trivia on the twenty-six U.S. states that have named an official state reptile.

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Continued from Page 1 He said Democrats for decades have attempted to stack state courts and the Supreme Court with "progressive statist," because they believe in the centralization of government and they want issues nationalized.

"They can talk about people all they want, they can talk about women all they want, they can talk about 'all white men' all they want," Levin said. "What they really want is power and to maintain their power."

"And all roads, for them, lead through the Supreme Court."

Senator Diane Feinstein has had this letter since July and yet in all that time never once told any of the other members of the Judicial Committee about the letter or asked Judge Kavanaugh about the alleged incident. In the beginning, Ford did not want to be identified, but has since come forward since the information about her letter was conveniently "leaked" and reporters were hounding her. My question to Senator Feinstein is "why did you wait from July until now to bring this out." If she would answer honestly, I am pretty sure the answer is that things were moving toward approving his nomination and the Democrat Party wants to stall this until after the November 6th election in hopes that all their dreams will come true and they will take the House and Senate, impeach President Trump and the left will take over. And most importantly the god of the left, abortion, will be saved.

Does anyone see a pattern here? Of course, this is being fueled by the #MeToo movement and now, according to some, we have to believe women no matter what. Funny, I remember when the entire faculty at Duke University believed the claims of Crystal Mangum who in 2006 accused members of the Duke La Crosse team of raping her and that turned out to be a lie, but not before these young men had their lives turned upside down. This allegation supposedly took place over 35 years ago. Why wait all these years to come forward. The left has a habit of using this kind of allegation to destroy conservative men while totally ignoring those serial abusers on the left such as Ted Kennedy and Bill Clinton. Where were the outraged feminists by then – not a peep out of them. And what about Keith Ellison's accuser and she apparently actually has corroborating evidence of his abuse? Where's the outrage there from the left and the media? Now we have yet another accuser according to the New Yorker and even the New York Times didn't find her story credible enough to print. But that didn't stop the New Yorker. This woman was calling her college friends because she wasn't actually sure it was Kavanaugh, but finally after 6 days with her attorneys, she can now say it was him. And don't even get me started on Julie Swetnick and her absurd claims. There is no way that is even remotely believable.

I watched part of the hearings on Thursday. Listening to Professor Ford and the Democrats made me physically ill and I finally gave up watching, although I did record it and so I did watch Judge Kavanaugh and he was outstanding. And kudos to Senator Lindsey Graham who called this farce out for what it is! No man or woman should have their lives turned upside down and their reputations besmirched with accusations from years ago that quite frankly come down to "who do you believe." In our justice system one is innocent until proved guilty. Do you really want it the other way around where someone can make an accusation with no corroborating evidence and you have to prove your innocence? Especially when your accuser cannot tell you exactly when or where the alleged incident took place and when those who were supposedly there say it never took place. And now, thanks to Senator Jeff Flake (I cannot print what I think about him), we have another week or so before this will eventually come to a vote on the floor of the Senate. Republican Senators, do the right thing: CONFIRM BRETT KAVANAUGH to the Supreme Court and stop this madness. And to the rest of you: VOTE A STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN TICKET & get everyone you know to do the same. It is past time to stand up and take back our country from the hand of those are intent on destroying our nation!!!

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Ladies,

Celebrity Bakery is closed for good at the Plano location. We will need to find a new location for our Board Meetings. For this month I was able to book the private room at La Madeleine's located at 840 W. McDermott Road, Allen, Tx. from 11:30 to 1:00. We will discuss a new permanent location at this month's meeting.

Also, if any of you want a Ted Cruz sign, I can bring them to the meeting so let me know that as well. I would like to get all 50 that I have left placed this week. Please check with your friends. These are the same signs as are now available at CCRP HQ.

Catherine



AMERICANISM REPORT

By Lisa Babb, Americanism Chair

The Rattlesnake: America's First National Symbol

British colonists in the New World, often encountered the eastern diamondback rattlesnake. Coming from a land where the only poisonous snake was the extremely passive adder, the settlers were terrified by the rattlesnake, whose bites often equated to certain death. As time passed, however, and the American colonies came to identify more with their own communities and the concept of liberty, people began to actively seek out icons unique to the Americas.

In 1750, the Crown began sending convicted criminals to live in America, an act that outraged colonists. The following year, a satirical commentary published in his *Pennsylvania Gazette*, by legendary writer Benjamin Franklin suggested that in response, colonists should begin sending rattlesnakes to England. Later, Franklin again published a cartoon featuring the rattlesnake, this time under the banner, "Join or Die." His famous woodcut presented a snake cut into eight sections. It represented the colonies, with New England joined together as the head and South Carolina as the tail, following their order along the coast. This was the first political cartoon published in an American newspaper.

In 1774, Paul Revere added Franklin's iconic cartoon to the nameplate of his paper, the *Massachusetts Spy*. Atop the header of Revere's paper, the rattlesnake was fighting a British dragon.

The following letter from "An American Guesser" was published in the *Pennsylvania Journal* on December 27, 1775. Its author was later identified as Benjamin Franklin.

I observed on one of the drums belonging to the marines now raising, there was painted a Rattle-Snake, with this modest motto under it, "Don't tread on me." As I know it is the custom to have some device on the arms of every country, I supposed this may have been intended for the arms of America; and as I have nothing to do with public affairs, and as my time is perfectly my own, in order to divert an idle hour, I sat down to guess what could have been intended by this uncommon device – I took care, however, to consult on this occasion a person who is acquainted with heraldry, from whom I learned, that it is a rule among the learned of that science "That the worthy properties of the animal, in the crest-born, shall be considered," and, "That the base ones cannot have been intended;" he likewise informed me that the ancients considered the serpent as an emblem of wisdom, and in a certain attitude of endless duration – both which circumstances I suppose may have been had in view. Having gained this intelligence, and recollecting that countries are sometimes represented by animals peculiar to them, it occurred to me that the Rattle-Snake is found in no other quarter of the world besides America, and may therefore have been chosen, on that account, to represent her.

But then "the worldly properties" of a Snake I judged would be hard to point out. This rather raised than suppressed my curiosity, and having frequently seen the Rattle-Snake, I ran over in my mind every property by which she was distinguished, not only from other animals, but from those of the same genus or class of animals, endeavoring to fix some meaning to each, not wholly inconsistent with common sense.

I recollected that her eye excelled in brightness, that of any other animal, and that she has no eye-lids. She may therefore be esteemed an emblem of vigilance. She never begins an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage. As if anxious to prevent all pretensions of quarreling with her, the weapons with which nature has furnished her, she conceals in the roof of her mouth, so that, to those who are unacquainted with her, she appears to be a most defenseless animal; and even when those weapons are shown and extended for her defense, they appear weak and contemptible; but their wounds however small, are decisive and fatal. Conscious of this, she never wounds 'till she has generously given notice, even to her enemy, and cautioned him against the danger of treading on her.

Was I wrong, Sir, in thinking this a strong picture of the temper and conduct of America? The poison of her teeth is the necessary means of digesting her food, and at the same time is certain destruction to her enemies. This may be understood to intimate that those things which are destructive to our enemies, may be to us not only harmless, but absolutely necessary to our existence. I confess I was wholly at a loss what to make of the rattles, 'till I went back and counted them and found them just thirteen, exactly the number of the Colonies united in America; and I recollected too that this was the only part of the Snake which increased in numbers. Perhaps it might be only fancy, but, I conceived the painter had shown a half formed additional rattle, which, I suppose, may have been intended to represent the province of Canada.

'Tis curious and amazing to observe how distinct and independent of each other the rattles of this animal are, and yet how firmly they are united together, so as never to be separated but by breaking them to pieces. One of those rattles singly, is incapable of producing sound, but the ringing of thirteen together, is sufficient to alarm the boldest man living.

The Rattle-Snake is solitary, and associates with her kind only when it is necessary for their preservation. In winter, the warmth of a number together will preserve their lives, while singly, they would probably perish. The power of fascination attributed to her, by a generous construction, may be understood to mean, that those who consider the liberty and blessings which America affords, and once come over to her, never afterwards leave her, but spend their lives with her. She strongly resembles America in this, that she is beautiful in youth and her beauty increaseth with her age, "her tongue also is blue and forked as the lightning, and her abode is among impenetrable rocks."

- An American Guesser

Roughly a year and a half later, the rattlesnake was officially adopted by the Continental Congress to serve as the nation's first symbol, approving the design for the official Seal of the War Office. Today, the rattlesnake is still included in the official Department of the Army Seal.

California State Reptile: Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizi*) - 1972

Colorado State Reptile: Western Painted Turtle (*Chrysemys Picta Bellii*) -2008

Florida State Reptile : American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) - 1987

August PRWC Meeting



September Plano Republican Women Meeting



Next PRW Meeting: Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 Speaker: Trevor Loudon

Trevor Loudon is a New Zealand author, speaker and political activist who maintains a blog at TrevorLoudon.com. Loudon is the author of two self-published books, *Barack Obama and the Enemies Within* and *The Enemies Within: Communists, Socialists and Progressives in the U. S. Congress* which was made into a documentary in 2016 titled the *Enemies Within*.

Location: Reflections on Spring Creek

1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in

11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

PRW membership is not required to attend our meeting Lunch is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW

RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm the Friday before the meeting

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting

To RSVP send an email to: rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org Include your name in your email and say if you will/will not be having lunch



Interesting tidbits from the Dallas Morning News

Marc Ramirez wrote an interesting piece in the Dallas Morning News last week about a prediction by the *Farmers Almanac* of a brutal winter "with "stinging cold" weather expected in Texas and exceptionally frosty conditions forecast from the Continental Divide east through the Appalachians. What I found most interesting about this piece was the following: "The ability to predict events that far in advance is zero," Penn State climatologist Paul Knight says on the university's website. "There's no proven skill, there's no technique that's agreed upon in science to be able to do that."

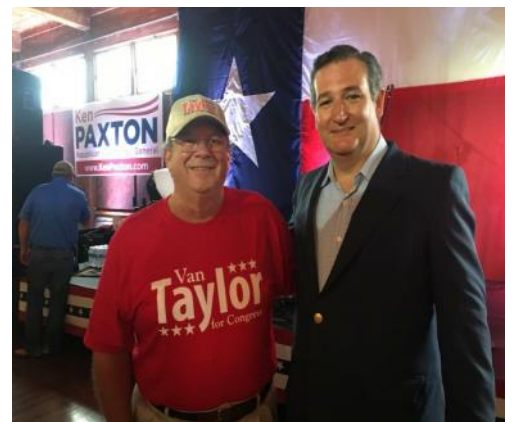
So here's my question, if you can't accurately predict the weather just a year in the future, how can anyone sit there with a straight face and tell us what the climate is going to do in 10, 15 or 20 years???

In the DMN on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, Rachel Cohrs had a Elections '18 story about the vast amount of money that Robert Francis O'Rourke has raised. In the second quarter Ted Cruz raised \$4.6 million, the most raised by any Senator and yet O'Rourke raised \$10.4 million and he has now set a goal of raising \$5 million between now and September 30. He has already raised more than \$9 million just online in August, based on federal filings for the third quarter. The goal seems possible because after Ted Cruz released his first ads attacking O'Rourke, the El Paso Democrat's campaign raised \$1.27 million in three days to counter them.

I don't find this at all surprising. Hard core leftist Democrats from all over this country would like to see nothing more than their fellow leftist O'Rourke be the next senator from Texas. The news media has been like a dog with a bone in touting all things O'Rourke. But we all know that the only thing that counts on Election Day is who turned out and voted. Just remember how much money Hillary spent compared to our President Donald Trump. What Republicans have to do is get our families, friends and neighbors out to the polls starting on October 22 – November 2 and finally on November 6, 2018 and let those leftists in the rest of the country as well as those in Texas that TEXAS ISN'T FOR SALE!

Commentary by Catherine Gibb

PRWC at Work



Volunteer Opportunities



PRW Working for Team Taylor

My thanks to the members of Plano Republican Women who volunteered to help Senator Taylor by putting 2,000 personal letters from the Senator in envelopes and stamping them each Friday afternoon until the election. We will rotate homes to meet in so watch your emails for details. Since PRW is not a Federal PAC, the club cannot donate money to Senator Taylor's campaign to become the next Congressman for Congressional District 3, but we can volunteer our time and certainly we can donate to Senator Taylor's campaign personally.

All of this time counts as campaign hours so please report these to our Campaign Chair, Teresa Sperandeo!

Volunteer Opportunities with Victory



Ted Cruz signs are back in stock!

The Collin County Victory Campaign has ordered more Ted Cruz signs to spread across Collin County! We need your help to get them out which will only require only a few hours of your time. You can participate in one of our daily/weekend block walks*, a club sponsored phone bank*, or voluntarily donate \$10 per sign. It's that easy! We need your help to get the Republican message out, so sign up today to earn your Ted Cruz yard sign!

3 Easy Ways to Earn Your Sign!

PARTICIPATE IN
1 BLOCK WALK

PARTICIPATE IN
1 PHONE BANK

VOLUNTARY
\$10 DONATION



Massachusetts State Reptile : Garter Snake (Thamnophis (whole genus)) - 2007

Michigan State Reptile : Painted Turtle (Chrysemys picta) - 1995

Mississippi State Reptile : American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) - 2005

9 Key Moments as Brett Kavanaugh Responds to His Accusers

By Fred Lucas, September 27, 2018 for The Daily Signal

Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh firmly and at times tearfully denied the late-breaking allegations of sexual misconduct against him in testimony Thursday before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"This confirmation process has become a national disgrace," Kavanaugh said in opening remarks. "You have replaced advice and consent with search and destroy."

"You may defeat me in the final vote," he said, "but you'll never get me to quit."

Kavanaugh's chief accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, 51, [testified earlier in the day](#). The California research psychologist and college professor was questioned about her allegation that Kavanaugh, 53, sexually assaulted her while drunk when both were teens in high school.

"I'm never going to get my reputation back," Kavanaugh told the Senate committee. "My life is totally and permanently altered."

Kavanaugh faced criticism for lacking emotion days ago in a Fox News Channel interview, but the federal appeals judge did not lack anger, frustration, or other emotions in confronting the allegations Thursday afternoon.

A vote by the Judiciary Committee's [11 Republicans and 10 Democrats](#) on sending the nomination to the full Senate was expected Friday.

Here are nine key moments in the extraordinary hearing examining the character of President Donald Trump's nominee to the high court.

1. Ford's Charge 'Refuted'

Kavanaugh said during his testimony that Ford's allegation "is not only uncorroborated, it has been refuted."

"I denied the allegation immediately, categorically, and unequivocally," he said. "All four people allegedly at the event, including Dr. Ford's longtime friend Ms. [Leland] Keyser, have said they recall no such event."

Besides Kavanaugh, Ford said, his classmate Mark Judge was in the room when Kavanaugh attacked her. She said Leland Ingham Keyser and Patrick J. Smyth were the others at the gathering of teens.

However, under penalty of felony, everyone named by Ford said in sworn statements to the committee they did not remember the gathering. Keyser said she didn't remember knowing Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh said he doesn't doubt Ford might have experienced a sexual assault, but stated firmly and repeatedly that it was not by him.

"I was not at the party described by Dr. Ford," Kavanaugh testified.

At the end of his [prepared remarks](#), Kavanaugh said:

I ask you to judge me by the standard that you would want applied to your father, your brother, or your son. My family and I intend no ill will toward Dr. Ford or her family. But I swear today, under oath, before the Senate and the nation and before my family and God, I am innocent of this charge.

2. 'Orchestrated Political Hit'

In his opening remarks, Kavanaugh directed anger at some committee Democrats and their political backers:

This whole two-week effort has been a calculated and orchestrated political hit fueled with apparent pent-up anger about President Trump and the 2016 election, fear that has been unfairly stoked about my judicial record, revenge on behalf of the Clintons, and millions of dollars in money from outside, left-wing opposition groups.

He lashed out at an allegation that emerged Wednesday from a woman, Julie Swetnick, who claimed he participated in multiple gang rapes as a high school student.

"The Swetnick thing is a joke," Kavanaugh said. "That is a farce."

Kavanaugh said it will become difficult to nominate good people to serve the country because they will fear a similar smear.

He warned, "What goes around comes around," and added: "I fear for our future."

Early on, Kavanaugh became emotional when talking about his younger daughter, Liza, and his wife Ashley.

"I intend no ill will to Dr. Ford and her family," Kavanaugh said, fighting tears. "The other night, Ashley and Liza said their prayers and little Liza—all of 10 years old—said to Ashley, 'We should pray for the woman.'"

"That's a lot of wisdom from a 10-year-old," he added.

3. 'I Still Like Beer'

Kavanaugh admitted to drinking beer, and, in his youth, perhaps too much.

"I liked beer. I still like beer, but I did not drink beer to the point of blacking out, and I never sexually assaulted anyone," Kavanaugh said.

He admitted to "going to sleep" after drinking while young, but said he wouldn't forget what had happened.

"If every American who drinks beer, or every American who drank beer in high school, is suddenly presumed guilty of sexual assault, we'll be in an ugly new place in this country. I never committed sexual assault," he said.

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4. 'Opposition-Researched From Head to Toe'

Kavanaugh said he has been in the public arena under extreme public scrutiny for decades, and nothing like this has come up before.

He worked for President George W. Bush in the White House counsel's office before Bush named him in 2003 to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Democrats delayed his confirmation until 2006.

As a young man, Kavanaugh worked for the solicitor general's office under President George H.W. Bush. He also was a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, whom he would succeed if confirmed by the Senate.

Kavanaugh talked about his time working for independent counsel Ken Starr during the investigation of President Bill Clinton during the 1990s.

That investigation eventually led to a House impeachment against Clinton for perjury and obstruction of justice regarding the Monica Lewinsky scandal. The Senate acquitted Clinton after a trial.

"I spent four years in the independent counsel's office," Kavanaugh said, adding:

That office was the subject of enormous scrutiny from the media and the public. During 1998, the year of impeachment for President Clinton, our office generally and me personally were in the middle of a national media and political spotlight. I and other leading members of Ken Starr's office were opposition-researched from head to toe, from birth through present day. Recall people who were exposed that year, 1998, as having engaged in some sexual wrongdoing or indiscretions in the past.

Kavanaugh also made an apparent reference to pornography publisher Larry Flynt, who sought information on Clinton's political opponents.

"One person on the left even paid \$1 million for people to report some sexual wrongdoing," he said. "It worked. It exposed some prominent people. Nothing about me."

5. The 'FFFFFF'-Word and Flatulence

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., asked Kavanaugh about phrases used in the Georgetown Prep yearbook, one being the word "boofed."

"Boofed refers to flatulence," Kavanaugh answered.

This was something, he said, that high school kids thought was funny.

Whitehouse also asked about the term "Devil's Triangle." Kavanaugh said this was the name of a drinking game.

Whitehouse asked why the letter "F" appeared seven times in reference to someone in the yearbook. Specifically, this was a reference to the entry "FFFFFFFourth of July."

"One of our friends, Squee, when he said the F-word starting at a young age, [he] had kind of a wind-up to the F-word," Kavanaugh said. "And when we were 15, we thought that was funny."

Also in response to Whitehouse, the judge explained that "Beach Week Ralph Club" referred to vomiting.

6. Lindsey Graham Sounds Off

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., spoke indignantly about the deterioration of the process and how committee Democrats surfaced the charge from Ford only after Kavanaugh's three days of testimony at confirmation hearings earlier this month. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., had known about the accusation for six weeks.

"This is the most unethical sham since I've been in politics, and if you really wanted to know the truth, you sure as hell wouldn't have done what you've done to this guy," Graham [angrily told](#) committee Democrats.

"Would you say you've been through hell?" the South Carolina Republican, also a former prosecutor and defense attorney, asked Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh responded: "I've been through hell and then some."

"I cannot imagine what you and your family have gone through," Graham said, then told Democrat colleagues:

Boy, you all want power. God, I hope you never get it. I hope the American people can see through this sham. That you knew about it [Ford's charge in a July 30 letter] and you held it. You had no intention of protecting Dr. Ford. None.

She's as much of a victim as you are. God, I hate to say it because these [Democrats] have been my friends.

"But let me tell you," Graham said, turning to Kavanaugh, "when it comes to this, if you're looking for a fair process, you came to the wrong town at the wrong time, my friend."

"One thing I can [say] you should be proud of," Graham said, then speaking to Kavanaugh's wife: "Ashley, you should be proud of this. That you raised a daughter who had the good character to pray for Dr. Ford."

Graham also angrily admonished Senate Republicans.

"To my Republican colleagues, if you vote 'no' [on Kavanaugh], you're legitimizing the most despicable thing that I have seen in my time in politics," he said.

7. Democrats Demand New FBI Investigation

The committee's ranking member, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., was the first of many Democrats to push Kavanaugh on why he didn't ask for an FBI probe of Ford's allegation.

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"If you're very confident of your position, and you appear to be, why aren't you also asking the FBI to investigate these claims?" she asked.

Kavanaugh responded: "Senator, I'll do whatever the committee wants. I wanted a hearing the day after the allegation came up."

At another point, while noting that the committee was investigating, Kavanaugh said he was open to an investigation by the FBI.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., tried to tell Kavanaugh what to do in a reference to White House counsel Don McGahn.

"I've got a suggestion for you. Right now, turn to your left in the front row to Don McGahn," Durbin said. "Ask him to suspend this hearing and nomination process until the FBI completes its investigation of the charges made by Dr. Ford and others."

Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, sternly told Durbin that the committee will decide what to do next.

At a later point, asked about an FBI investigation, Kavanaugh snapped at Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del.: "It's been investigated, and all four witnesses say it didn't happen. And they've said it under penalty of felony."

8. Jeff Flake's Take

The vote of Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., has been a major question as the Judiciary Committee nears a decision.

Flake, who is leaving the Senate in January and has been a critic of Trump, did nothing to signal his intentions as the unusual hearing came to a close.

"We are 21 very imperfect senators trying to do our best," Flake said. "In the end, there is likely to be as much doubt as certainty."

After rehearsing some of the events that led to the day, he said: "This is not a good process, but it's all we've got."

9. 'Swear to God?'

Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., got the last word among committee members. "Do you believe in God?" he asked Kavanaugh, who has talked about his Catholic faith in this setting and others.

Yes, the judge replied.

Kennedy: "I want you to look me in the eye. Are Dr. Ford's allegations true?"

Kavanaugh: "They are not accurate as to me. I've never done this. ... Never done this to her or anyone else."

What about Deborah Ramirez's allegation that he exposed himself at a Yale party, Kennedy asked.

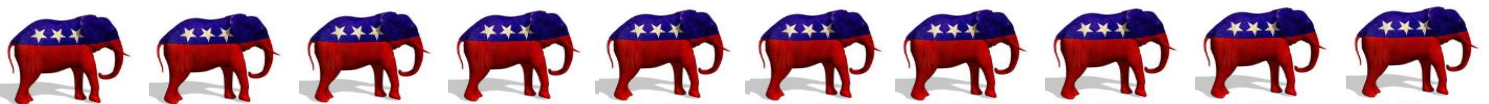
Kavanaugh: "If that had happened, that would've been the talk of campus."

Kennedy: "None of these allegations are true? No doubt in your mind?"

Kavanaugh: "Zero."

"Do you swear to God?" Kennedy asked, in the day's final question.

"I swear to God," Kavanaugh replied.



Political Cartoons

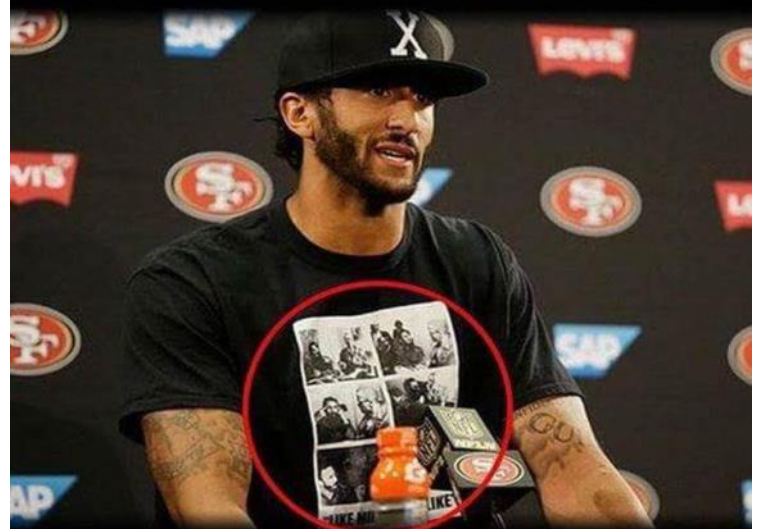
"The next time some academics tell you how important diversity is, ask how many Republicans there are in their sociology department."

-Thomas Sowell



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COMPLAINS ABOUT OPPRESSION



WHILE WEARING A SHIRT WITH A COMMUNIST DICTATOR ON IT

J.J. Watt's Fundraiser Ends After Raising Over \$37 Million

by Sports Illustrated

THIS MAN RAISED \$37 MILLION FOR HURRICANE RELIEF



GQ NAMED THIS P.O.S. "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"



The **Training**
OUR COVER STARS
STEPHEN COLBERT
GAL GADOT

EVERY WOMAN HAS A RIGHT TO BE BELIEVED...
(until proven wrong)
UNLESS You're RAPED by Clinton ABUSED and BEATEN by Keith Ellison or KILLED by Ted Kennedy.

#MeTooHuskers



Legislative Report

Rep. Sam Johnson's Servicemember Retirement Improvement Act Passes House, Washington, September 27, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today the House passed U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson's (TX-03) *Servicemember Retirement Improvement Act* (H.R. 1317) as part of the *Family Savings Act of 2018* (H.R. 6757).

Johnson's *Servicemember Retirement Improvement Act* would stop the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from limiting the ability of Guard and Reserve servicemembers to save for their retirement. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) introduced the companion legislation in the Senate.

"Our troops and veterans put their lives on the line in order to defend Freedom and protect our American way of life, so it's only right that we ensure they receive fair treatment when they return home," said Johnson. "Unfortunately, the IRS is able to limit the ability of Guard and Reserve servicemembers to save for their retirement if they also hold a civilian job. In effect, these service members and their families are being penalized when it comes to saving for their retirement because they happen to serve our country. This is wrong, and our men and women in uniform deserve better. I am pleased the House passed this fair and commonsense bill, and I look forward to getting it swiftly signed into law."

Sam Johnson Introduces Homecare for Seniors Act -Washington, September 17, 2018

U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (TX-03), Chairman of the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee, introduced the *Homecare for Seniors Act (HSA)* (H.R. 6813) last week. This bill would allow senior citizens and their families to use Health Savings Accounts (HSA's) to pay for home care services.

"Folks want to age with dignity, and for many seniors that means staying at their home as long as possible," said Johnson. "While some families and loved ones are able to provide unpaid home care for their aging relatives, this is not an option for everyone – and it may not be an option indefinitely."

"There are many benefits to paid home care services, including proper nutrition, medication reminders, and transportation to doctor visits. It also allows respite care for family caregivers who tend to their loved ones, and it offers an assessment by outside experts to determine how much home care is needed. In addition, home care services reduce the number of hospital visits as well as delay premature entry into assisted living facilities."

"The case for home care is clear, which is why I want to make it a more accessible option for American families. My bill would make it easier for those with HSAs to do so. Americans want, need, and deserve to age with dignity and respect."

On the 17th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson released the following statement:

September 11th is a day Americans have said they will never forget. That is true. 17 years later, we still remember the 2,977 victims at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93. And we remember the heroic deeds of our first responders.

But I also remember the patriotism that rose out of the devastation. And it saddens me to see that our country seems to have forgotten the sense of unity we all felt.

I encourage folks to really think about that day – where you were, who you were with, and what brought you comfort.

Many folks don't know that I was at the Pentagon on September 11th. By the grace of God, I wasn't on the side of impact – though I should have been. The terrorists missed where we were meeting and deviated from their target.

Two things brought me comfort that terrible day. One was my faith in God. The second was the sight of our flag being lifted from the rubble. It was a symbol of America's strength and resolve to uphold Freedom – no matter the cost.

So today, let us *honor* the memory of all victims of terrorism through unified actions.

...Let us be proud to live in a country that celebrates and protects individual freedom. Freedom is not enjoyed by everyone in the world, and we should not take ours for granted.

...Let us do everything we can to prevent future attacks on our homeland and our fellow citizens by remaining vigilant.

...And let us support our servicemen and women who continue to fight against the ever-present threat of terrorism.

We lost thousands of lives in the attacks 17 years ago. But we are in charge of whether or not we lose our country's unity, too. Patriotism transcends politics.

To all the families and friends who lost loved ones on 9/11 – our hearts remain with you.

God bless you, and God bless America. I salute you.

Do Democrats Really Believe Christine Blasey Ford Doesn't Have to Prove Her Claims?

By David French September 20, 2018

It sure seems that way....

There is something extremely curious about the course of the Brett Kavanaugh sexual-assault controversy thus far. At least based on the evidence and her conduct through today, Christine Blasey Ford seems to be making minimal effort to prove her case. In fact, with a strong assist from her Democratic allies, she seems to be making every effort *not* to prove her case. Absent an FBI investigation that's not forthcoming and not necessary, she's refusing to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee, in essence asking that a single, unsworn letter be allowed to stand as the heart and soul of a claim that could alter history and destroy a man's reputation.

Democrats are only too happy to play along.

At the foundation of our system of justice is the notion that accusers don't just have to *state* a case against the accused, they have to *prove* their case. The burden of proof varies depending on the situation. At one end is the proof beyond a reasonable doubt of a criminal trial. At the other is the preponderance-of-the-evidence standard of civil court. But in virtually any court, when a person first states their case against an accused, that is just the beginning of the process of proof.

Thus, when you hire an attorney as a plaintiff, it is to go on *offense*, to build your case, to substantiate your claims. What you cannot do — under any circumstances, in any competent court — is file your complaint, refuse to submit to questioning, fail to produce additional evidence or witnesses, and hope to prevail. In such circumstances, your case will be dismissed as a matter of law, tossed out of court for legal insufficiency — especially if, as in Ford's case, not even the initial claim is submitted under oath.

Yet from the beginning, Ford's team — including her attorney, who is known to be aggressive in the service of her clients — has behaved as if she doesn't have to prove her case, and as if the very request that she do so is itself fundamentally oppressive. She's submitted her unsworn claim and then immediately gone into a defensive crouch, with allies such as New York senator Kirsten Gillibrand even claiming that having her testify at a Senate hearing *would somehow "silence" her*.

The consistent demand for an FBI investigation — even when the FBI lacks jurisdiction over the alleged incident — is not by itself problematic. But conditioning her own testimony — the centerpiece of her case — on such an investigation is not what a person intent on proving her allegations would do.

Kavanaugh, by contrast, has submitted to a formal interview, meaning he can be convicted of a felony if he lied. He's stated that he's willing to testify at an open hearing. Two other individuals have come forward to rebut Ford's claims, including Mark Judge, the other man alleged to have been in the room during the attack. Their statements were also offered under penalty of legal sanction for lying. At present they and Kavanaugh are the only people on the record and at criminal risk if they lied

Unless Ford changes that fact — after being given ample opportunity to testify in public or private, in the Senate or at her home — Kavanaugh should be confirmed, and her claims against him *shouldn't be considered*. They should be treated in the same way we treat claims that can't survive a motion for summary judgment, claims not supported by any evidence in the record.

Those are the stakes. By conditioning testimony on an FBI investigation, Ford and her Democratic allies are attempting to bring the worst possible form of campus "justice" to the national stage. As of this moment, they are actually seeking to derail a Supreme Court nomination and impugn the nominee's character without a single piece of sworn evidence. Indeed, all the legally binding statements on the matter *contradict* the accuser.

This cannot stand. Ford's team has to either reverse course or drop its complaint. Yes, of course, testifying before the committee would be "partisan." No, the members of the committee are not "neutral." But that's not just the reality of the Senate, it's the fundamental reality of the justice system itself. It is an *adversarial* system. If you seek to prove your claim under any standard, you have to expose yourself to the most partisan possible scrutiny — cross-examination by a lawyer trained to find flaws in your testimony and paid to work relentlessly until he discredits your case.

If Ford testifies, she'll face a heightened version of the reality every plaintiff must confront. She'll have adversaries, and she'll have allies. It will be difficult, but it is necessary.

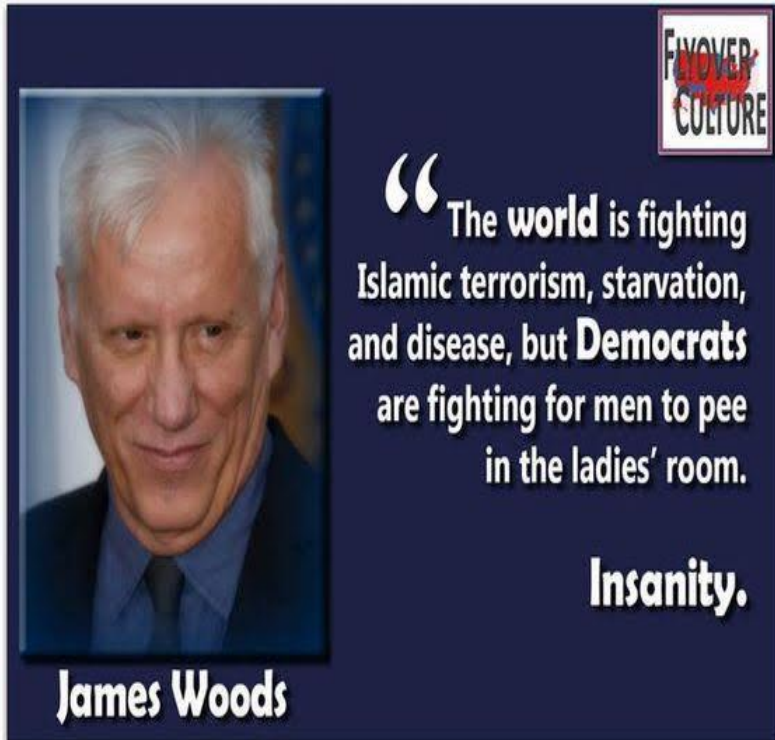
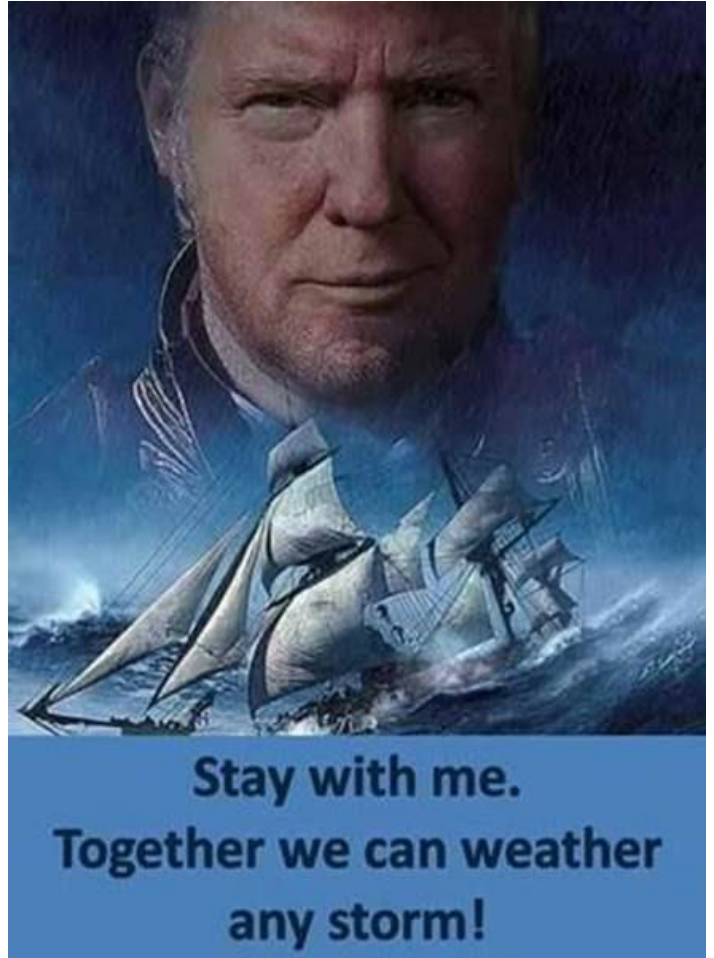
Now, some caveats. It's entirely possible that the instant we publish this piece, the next shoe drops, and it turns out that the defensive crouch was a delaying tactic, that Ford and the Democrats were busy investigating all along, and corroboration and substantiation are just around the corner. Or it's possible that Ford was simply trying to apply as much pressure as she could, to achieve the most favorable circumstances for an interview possible before finally agreeing to testify under oath.

But even if that's true, it doesn't change the fact that those now saying her testimony isn't necessary — those claiming Kavanaugh should be rejected on the basis of her unsworn claim, a claim completely lacking in contemporary corroboration and contradicted by substantial evidence — are wholly and completely wrong. And it's dangerous to our very system of justice to create or impose a standard that permits accusers to make accusations and then stand aside as suspicion alone is used to destroy reputations and ruin careers.

Instead, those who make serious allegations — just like those who make claims in court — must be forced to support those claims. They must endeavor to substantiate their case, even under the lowest burden of proof. As of today, the energies of the Democrats are directed at denying that fundamental requirement of American justice. They cannot be allowed to prevail.

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Why Another FBI Investigation of Kavanaugh Would Be Pointless

By Thomas Jipping, September 28, 2018

Campaigns of whatever sort often adopt a mantra, a phrase, or even a single word that's repeated over and over to advance the campaign's goals. The campaign against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh is no different, and its latest mantra is "FBI investigation." Let's look at this mantra's objectives and its validity.

The call for another FBI investigation, which dominated the Sept. 27 hearing about Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's sexual assault allegation against Kavanaugh, appears to have multiple partisan objectives, based on statements made by those opposed to his confirmation.

First, Kavanaugh's opponents have expressed hope that the continued controversy will help defeat the nomination. Barring that, they have indicated that they want to drag the process out at least past Election Day. Third, according to Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, Democrats would keep this seat open until President Donald Trump leaves office if they win control of the Senate in the upcoming election.

This demand for another FBI investigation is not valid and based on a complete misunderstanding of the bureau's role. First, Kavanaugh's opponents want people to think that the FBI is on standby, ready to run down all the leads and figure out what really happened.

That may be what a law enforcement agency does in the criminal justice system—as seen on TV—but not in the confirmation process.

That distinction between the criminal justice system and the confirmation process is critical. The FBI is in the executive branch, which has authority over the criminal justice system. The confirmation process, however, occurs in the legislative branch. The Constitution gives the Senate sole responsibility for evaluating presidential nominees.

In the criminal justice system, the FBI investigates by not only gathering information but evaluating it, making judgments about the credibility of witnesses or the truth of what they say, pursuing leads, and offering conclusions or even recommendations. In other words, they figure out what really happened.

In the confirmation process, the FBI gathers information and stops there. The Senate must do the rest. In fact, as CBS News recently [described](#) it, the FBI "conducts a background check at the request of the White House, mainly to determine whether the nominee would pose a risk to national security interests of the United States, according to the Justice Department."

That has already been done. It's worth noting that this "full-field" FBI investigation has been conducted every time Kavanaugh was hired or appointed to a significant government position. Six times between 1993 and 2018, the FBI went talking to people about Kavanaugh. Six times, all after the incident that Ford alleges, the FBI never heard anyone even whisper a word about sexual misconduct.

Kavanaugh's opponents not only want people to think that the FBI has a criminal justice role in the confirmation process, but they mislead people to think that if the FBI does not jump in, there will be no investigation of Ford's allegation. The people actually responsible for investigating these allegations are the Judiciary Committee's own investigative staff and they have been hard at work for nearly two weeks. The list of steps they have taken is nearly six pages long.

Well, not all of them. Democratic staff, for example, refused to participate in the Sept. 17 interview with Kavanaugh. Democrats say they want the FBI to interview Mark Judge, who Ford says participated in assaulting her but who denies even being present. But, unlike Republican staff, Democratic staff have never sought to speak to him themselves.

Judiciary Committee investigators, by the way, come armed with a federal law that can imprison liars for five years. That's what Kavanaugh meant at the hearing when he said he and others had provided statements "under penalty of felony."

But, say Democrats, the FBI was directed to investigate Anita Hill's sexual misconduct allegations against Clarence Thomas in 1991. [Here's](#) how that scenario played out.

During the Judiciary Committee's Sept. 10-13 confirmation hearing, Hill provided a vague statement alleging unspecified misconduct by Thomas but insisted that she remain anonymous and that Thomas not be informed.

The FBI gathered information from Sept. 23-26 and submitted a report to the Judiciary Committee. Hill's allegations did not become public until that FBI report was leaked to the media on Oct. 6, after the Judiciary Committee voted on the nomination. Only then did the committee meet again and hear testimony from Hill, Thomas, and others.

It's a very different situation today. Ford's allegations are already public, the Judiciary Committee staff has been investigating for nearly two weeks, and a hearing on the allegations has already taken place. Some additional information-gathering by the FBI simply cannot provide anything that the process has not already uncovered and thoroughly examined.

The mantra of "FBI investigation" by Kavanaugh's opponents is misleading in its purpose and has no validity. The confirmation process is already structured and equipped to evaluate even unexpected allegations as they arise and will do so as, in Kavanaugh's case, it nears a conclusion.

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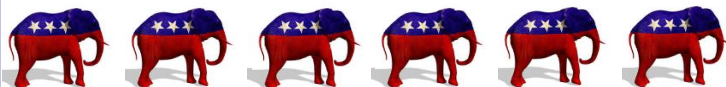
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