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Anti-Choice Activists Have Dismissed Credible Allegations That Kavanaugh Is Sexual Assaulter — In Favor Of Undermining Or Gutting Roe

Anti-choice activists are willing to ignore credible sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh because they know he will help them achieve their ultimate goal of gutting Roe, criminalizing abortion, and punishing women. Kavanaugh’s record and views are in lockstep with the most extreme elements of the anti-choice movement, which has now reached new lows—including dragging survivors of assault through the mud—to ram through their toxic agenda.

Students for Life’s Kristan Hawkins: Kavanaugh “is in the political battle of his life because of the abortion lobby’s efforts to keep *Roe v. Wade* the law of the land.” Responding to Dr. Christine Blasey Ford’s account of sexual assault by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Students for Life President Kristan Hawkins told Rewire News: “We want to see the process go forward to vet the current allegations, but, in looking at the way in which the charges were handled (hidden until the hearings were over and handled by those who have been very public about their goal to oppose this nominee no matter what), we still see Judge Kavanaugh as a qualified candidate who is in the political battle of his life because of the abortion lobby’s efforts to keep *Roe v. Wade* law of the land.” [Rewire, [9/18/18](#)]

Conservative blogger Erick Erickson: “The left will do anything, including fabricating claims, to protect abortion rights.” [Twitter, [9/19/18](#)]



Priests For Life’s Bryan Kemper: “#Abortion is their god and #RoeVWade is their bible. #Kavanaugh is being crucified at the alter [sic] of convenience.” In a September 20 tweet, Priests for Life Director of Youth Outreach Bryan Kemper wrote: “The truth is screaming in our faces. The #KavanaughAccuser is being used 4 one thing, keeping the wholesale slaughter of innocent humans



legal. #Abortion is their god and #RoeVWade is their bible. #Kavanaugh is being crucified at the alter of convenience. #ThursdayThoughts #maga." [Twitter, [9/20/18](#)]

Life News Headline: "Democrat Senator: Brett Kavanaugh Probably Guilty of Sexual Assault Because He Might Overturn Roe." [Life News, [9/24/18](#)]

California Pro-Life Council: "The madness thrown against Brett Kavanaugh is for one reason — Roe will not stand against serious legal scrutiny. Abortion is NOT a Constitutional right." In a September 21 video posted on Facebook, Brian Johnson of the Life Matters podcast argued that Kavanaugh's nomination was under attack from "radical feminists" who understand the reality that Judge Kavanaugh will not allow legal abortion. He said: "We may soon see the overturn of *Roe*, and *Doe — Doe v. Bolton*, do read that if you're not familiar with *Doe v. Bolton*, understand just how insidious it is. It is the twin to *Roe v. Wade*. It's the one that really lets abortion have its way without any consideration of the child. Again, *Roe* and *Doe* go together. But that's why Justice Kavanaugh [sic] is under such heat right now, and you're seeing the media lose it." California Pro-Life Council, which posted the video also commented: "The madness thrown against Brett Kavanaugh is for one reason — *Roe* will not stand against serious legal scrutiny. Abortion is NOT a Constitutional right." [Facebook, [9/21/18](#)]

Operation Rescue's Troy Newman: "We knew they would pull out every nasty tactic in their arsenal to block this man from serving on the nation's Highest Court because their pet issue, abortion, is at stake." In a September 17 blog post posted by anti-choice terrorist Cheryl Sullenger, Operation Rescue attacked the credible accusations against Judge Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas and Roy Moore as dirty tricks. Operation Rescue president Troy Newman said: "The allegations against Judge Kavanaugh are just another round of Democrat dirty tricks. We knew they would pull out every nasty tactic in their arsenal to block this man from serving on the nation's Highest Court because their pet issue, abortion, is at stake." [Operation Rescue, [9/17/18](#)]

Fox News: "The Kavanaugh vs. Ford debate is really about abortion." On the September 17 edition of *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, Fox News host Tucker Carlson attacked the credible accusation of sexual assault against Brett Kavanaugh, saying: "The timing was entirely political, anyone who says otherwise is not telling the truth." Carlson also argued that "if Brett Kavanaugh had pledged allegiance to *Roe v Wade*," her allegations would not have surfaced. FoxNews.com reposted Carlson's comments under the headline: "The Kavanaugh vs. Ford debate is really about abortion." [Twitter.com, [9/18/18](#)]

Hawkins argued that Democrats are fighting the nomination "because they want to keep the issue of abortion away from the voters." In a September 20 op-ed for *The Hill*, Hawkins argued: "Let's be clear. Democrats are fighting this nomination, pledging to oppose and shut down the process because their preferred president didn't make the pick and because they want to keep the issue of abortion away from the voters." [The Hill, [9/20/18](#), and Life News, [9/20/18](#)]

Life News claimed the credible accusations against Kavanaugh were a "radical pro-abortion assault against him." In a September 21 tweet, Life News wrote: "Judge Brett Kavanaugh has been through 6 FBI background checks and had his character/integrity rated A++ by the American Bar Association and by everyone who has worked with him. It's time to end this radical pro-abortion assault against him. #FridayMotivation #ConfirmKavanaughNow." The tweet included the image:



[Twitter, [9/21/18](#)]

Right-Wing Activist Dr. Michael L. Brown tweeted: “Regardless of the charges against Justice Kavanaugh, this much is absolutely clear. The frenzied attempt to try to keep him out of the Supreme Court is simply a battle for the ‘right’ to abort babies in the womb. That’s the bottom line.” [Twitter, [9/18/18](#)]

Red State: “**Democrats are so desperate to keep abortion alive and well in the United States that they’re willing to paint an innocent man as the worst kind of person.**” In a September 19 opinion article, Red State’s Brandon Morse wrote: “The whole reason Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh is in the crosshairs of a sexual assault allegation, and a media circus is ensuing, is because the left is 100 percent focused on making sure their ability to abort children and profit from it goes uninterrupted...This isn’t about some noble pursuit of turning away a sexual assaulter, this is about keeping the abortion industry safe. This is about Planned Parenthood’s ability to keep the money wheel flowing for the Democrats. This is about keeping a narrative alive that without abortion, America would fall apart. Democrats are so desperate to keep abortion alive and well in the United States that they’re willing to paint an innocent man as the worst kind of person so that they can continue killing children without trouble.” [Red State, [9/19/18](#)]

The Christian Post: “**The real issue is abortion.**” In a September 20 op-ed for the Christian Post titled, “Prepare For The Wrath Of The Pro-Abortion Militants,” contributor Michael Brown wrote: “Is Justice Kavanaugh guilty of an attempted sexual assault 36 years ago? Is his accuser, Prof. Christine Blasey Ford, a credible witness? Those are totally separate questions. The left’s opposition to Kavanaugh would be no less intense, no less angry, no less pitched had these charges never been raised. The real issue is abortion.” [Christian Post, [9/21/18](#)]

The Federalist’s Georgi Boorman wrote an op-ed: “...the right cannot cave to the left’s insistence we believe all accusers and consider the evidence (or lack thereof) as essentially irrelevant. **They shouldn’t capitulate because this mobilization of the left against Kavanaugh was, and always has been, about protecting the left’s sacred cows.** It’s about protecting the Supreme Court as a tool for progressive activism and **protecting precedent that enshrines abortion as a constitutional right**, now as it was 30 years ago during Bork’s hellish confirmation experience.” [The Federalist, [9/24/18](#)]