

Senate Republicans Have Acted In Bad Faith When Evaluating The Credible Sexual Assault Allegations Against Brett Kavanaugh

From The Beginning, The Republican Establishment Ran A Coordinated Campaign To Bolster Kavanaugh And Discredit Dr. Blasey Ford

White House Staff And GOP Senators Coached Kavanaugh On His Testimonies For His Original Hearing

Senators Hatch, Graham, Portman, And Sullivan Helped Kavanaugh Practice For His Initial Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing. A Former Judiciary Committee Chairman, Hatch acted as the committee chairman in the mock hearing. [The Associated Press, [8/31/18](#); Politico, [8/30/18](#)]

White House Attorneys Coached Kavanaugh In Preparation For His Initial Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing. In the subsequent weeks, White House attorneys and his former law clerks engaged Kavanaugh in question and answer sessions on those topics, as communications and legislative affairs aides looked on. [The Associated Press, [8/31/18](#)]

A Major Conservative Public Relations Firm Managed Kavanaugh's Confirmation Campaign, Helping Spread Bunk Conspiracy Theories And Running Communications For The Senate Judiciary Committee

CRC Public Relations "Coordinated" Kavanaugh's Confirmation Campaign From The Start. Immediately following Kavanaugh's nomination, CRC Public Relations sent an email to reporters with statements from Kavanaugh's former clerks: "Would you be interested in speaking with any of the former Judge Kavanaugh clerks? Below are statements for your stories." Following Whelan's announcement, CRC Public relations organized a press conference of women expressing their support for Kavanaugh. [Politico, [9/21/18](#); The New York Times, [7/11/18](#)]

CRC Public Relations Also Represented Pro-Kavanaugh Advocacy Groups The Federalist Society And Judicial Crisis Network, Which Gave CRC \$1.4 Million From 2015 To 2016. The Huffington Post reported, “According to the group’s most recent tax filing, the Judicial Crisis Network paid CRC \$1.4 million for public relations from July 2015 through June 2016. The “about” page of the Judicial Crisis Network’s website directs queries to CRC.” CRC Public Relations was also behind the Swift Boat Veterans smear in 2004. [Politico, [9/21/18](#), The New York Times, [7/11/18](#), The Huffington Post, [7/21/18](#)]

Huffington Post: “CRC Has Been Behind The Curtain For Nearly Every Conservative Cause, Including The National Organization For Marriage, The Family Research Council And The Republican Party Itself.” The Huffington Post continued, “During the development of the Affordable Care Act, current Florida Gov. Rick Scott tapped CRC to help roll out ads describing the horrors of socialized medicine in Canada and the United Kingdom. In 2009, as America debated the appointment of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, CRC reportedly sent more than 60 emails to a Washington Post reporter offering editorials, quotes describing the justice as an extremist and ‘a Web posting accusing Obama of race-baiting in selecting her.’” [The Huffington Post, [7/21/18](#)]

After Dr. Blasey Ford’s Story Was Reported, The GOP’s Public Relations Firm Helped Release A Conspiracy Theory To Delegitimize Her Account

Conservative Legal Activist Ed Whelan Promoted A Theory He Claimed Showed Kavanaugh’s Innocence, Which He Based On Floor Plans And “An Alleged Kavanaugh Doppelgänger.” Whelan told his colleagues “he was absolutely confident the information he had obtained would exculpate the judge. The hype ping-ponged from Republicans on Capitol Hill to Kavanaugh’s team in the White House, evidence of an extraordinarily successful public relations campaign that ultimately backfired when Whelan’s theory — complete with architectural drawings and an alleged Kavanaugh doppelgänger — landed with a thud on Twitter Thursday evening.” [Politico, [9/21/18](#)]

The Washington Post Reported That “Kavanaugh And His Allies” Had Discussed Promoting A Theory Along The Same Lines As Whelan’s – And That Whelan Had Been Advising Kavanaugh On His Confirmation. “In one key call, Kavanaugh told Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah) that Ford had the wrong guy in mind, saying he had not attended a party like the one she described to The Washington Post. He and his allies also privately discussed a defense that would raise doubts that the attacker was Kavanaugh, rather than try to dispute that an

incident involving Ford had happened.” [The Washington Post, [9/22/18](#); The Washington Post, [9/21/18](#)]

Whelan Was “Close Friends” With Both Brett Kavanaugh And Leonard Leo. The Washington Post reported, “Whelan has been involved in helping to advise Kavanaugh’s confirmation effort and is close friends with both Kavanaugh and Leonard Leo, the head of the Federalist Society who has been helping to spearhead the nomination. Kavanaugh and Whelan also worked together in the Bush administration.” [The Washington Post, [9/21/18](#)]

Whelan “Is A Well-Connected Stalwart Of The Conservative Legal Establishment.” Whelan worked as a senior staffer to Senator Orrin Hatch on the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1992 to 1995, clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia, and served in the Bush administration as principal deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel at the same time Kavanaugh worked in the White House Counsel’s office. Whelan also writes a regular column for the National Review. [The Washington Post, [9/21/18](#); National Review, accessed [9/25/18](#)]

CRC Public Relations Worked With Ed Whelan To Promote His “Unfounded” Theory Regarding Dr. Blasey Ford’s Allegations Of Sexual Assault By Brett Kavanaugh. Politico reported, “CRC Public Relations, the prominent Alexandria, Virginia-based P.R. firm, guided Whelan through his roller-coaster week of Twitter pronouncements that ended in embarrassment and a potential setback for Kavanaugh’s hopes of landing on the high court, according to three sources familiar with their dealings. After suggesting on Twitter on Tuesday that he had obtained information that would exculpate Kavanaugh from the sexual assault allegation made by Christine Blasey Ford, Whelan worked over the next 48 hours with CRC and its president, Greg Mueller, to stoke the anticipation... The coordinated effort was a testament to the far-reaching but frenzied attempt among conservatives to save Kavanaugh, which appeared to have spun out of the White House’s control... Whelan worked with CRC’s Mueller to devise a strategy that would draw attention to his theory, according to two sources familiar with his plans. That involved teasing the idea that he would make a big reveal but remaining mysteriously tight-lipped about what he had uncovered.” [Politico, [9/21/18](#); The Hill, [9/21/18](#)]

While Working On The Kavanaugh Confirmation, CRC Public Relations Employee And Senate Judiciary Committee Aide Garrett Ventry Was Forced To Leave His Job Due To Sexual Harassment Allegations. Ventry took a leave of absence from CRC Public Relations to work on the Kavanaugh confirmation with the Judiciary Committee as a press adviser. He reportedly “had been helping coordinate the majority party’s messaging in the wake of Christine Blasey Ford’s claim that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her 36 years ago at a high school party.” The week after Dr. Blasey Ford went public with her allegations, Ventry stepped down

from his roles with the Judiciary Committee and CRC Public Relations, “amid evidence he was fired from a previous political job in part because of a sexual harassment allegation against him.” [NBC News, [9/22/18](#)]

Before Dr. Blasey Ford’s Allegation Was Public But After The White House Knew About It, Ed Whelan Knew Her Name And Looked At Her LinkedIn Profile. The Washington Post reported, “On Sunday, Ford noticed that — even before her name became public — Whelan appeared to be seeking information about her. That morning, Ford alerted an associate via email that Whelan had looked at her LinkedIn page, according to the email, which was reviewed by The Post. LinkedIn allows some subscribers to see who views their pages. Ford sent the email about 90 minutes after The Post shared her name with a White House spokesman and hours before her identity was revealed in a story posted on its website.” The White House contacted “a number of Trump allies to warn them about” Dr. Blasey Ford’s story before the Washington Post published it. The White House learned about the story before its release when the Washington Post reach out for comment. [The Washington Post, [9/21/18](#)]

White House Staff And Senators Also Coached Kavanaugh On His Testimony For The Second Hearing About Sexual Assault Allegations

White House Aides Ran Practice Hearings With Kavanaugh To Prepare Him To Testify In Response To Dr. Blasey Ford’s Allegations. The Washington Post reported, “Just as he did several weeks ago to prepare for his confirmation hearings for the Supreme Court, Brett M. Kavanaugh was back inside a room at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building — again facing questioners readying him for a high-stakes appearance in the Senate. This time, the questions were much different. An array of White House aides, playing the role of various senators on the Judiciary Committee, quizzed Kavanaugh last week about his sex life and other personal matters in an attempt to prepare him for a hearing that would inevitably be uncomfortable...In a preparation session on Tuesday, Kavanaugh faced more than a dozen White House aides in the Eisenhower building, during which aides played different senators for more than two hours.” [The Washington Post, [9/22/18](#)]

Kavanaugh Refused To Answer Some Questioned He Deemed “Too Personal” At The Mock Hearing Sessions Led By White House Staff, “Particularly His Drinking Habits And His Sexual Proclivities.” The Washington Post reported, “But Kavanaugh grew frustrated when it came to questions that dug into his private life, particularly his drinking habits and his sexual proclivities, according to three people familiar with the preparations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. He declined to answer some questions altogether, saying they were too personal, these people said. “I’m not going to answer that,” Kavanaugh said at one point, according to a

senior White House official, who said that the questions were designed to go over the line and that he struck the right tone.” [The Washington Post, [9/22/18](#)]

Senators Coordinated With The White House To Try To Manage Trump’s Public Comments On Kavanaugh

McConnell, Other Senators, And White House Counsel Don McGahn “Have Encouraged Trump To Keep A Low Profile During” Kavanaugh’s Confirmation. [The Washington Post, [9/22/18](#)]

At A Press Conference, Trump Discussed Kavanaugh: “I Feel So Badly For Him That He’s Going Through This.” Trump continued, “This is not a man that deserves this.” [The Washington Post, [9/18/18](#)]

Trump Tweeted About Kavanaugh, Praising His “Impeccable Reputation” And Doubting Dr. Blasey Ford’s Allegations. On September 21st, Trump tweeted, “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a fine man, with an impeccable reputation, who is under assault by radical left wing politicians who don’t want to know the answers, they just want to destroy and delay. Facts don’t matter. I go through this with them every single day in D.C. I have no doubt that, if the attack on Dr. Ford was as bad as she says, charges would have been immediately filed with local Law Enforcement Authorities by either her or her loving parents. I ask that she bring those filings forward so that we can learn date, time, and place!” [Twitter, [9/21/18](#); Twitter, [9/21/18](#)]

McConnell Called Trump To Tell Him His Tweets About Kavanaugh Could Be Harmful To Kavanaugh’s Confirmation. The Washington Post reported, “McConnell called Trump on Friday to say that the tweets were not helpful, according to two people familiar with the call, and that they could cause new problems. As of Saturday, Trump had not said anything more directly against Ford.” [The Washington Post, [9/22/18](#)]

Republican Senators And Staffers Knew About The Second Allegation Of Sexual Misconduct By Brett Kavanaugh The Week Before The Story Went Public

Senate Republicans Knew About Deborah Ramirez’s Story About Brett Kavanaugh’s Sexual Misconduct At Least A Week Before The Story Became Public. “Senior Republican staffers also learned of the allegation last week and, in conversations with The New Yorker, expressed concern about its potential impact on Kavanaugh’s nomination. Soon after, Senate

Republicans issued renewed calls to accelerate the timing of a committee vote.” [The New Yorker, [9/23/18](#)]

In Response, Senate Republicans Tried To Push Through Kavanaugh’s Confirmation Quickly By Manipulating The Hearing Process

They Prepared To Rush A Committee Vote While Still Discussing Terms Of A Hearing With Dr. Blasey Ford

Grassley Noticed A Committee Vote On Brett Kavanaugh For Monday, September 24th, So The Committee Could Vote Immediately If Dr. Blasey Ford Did Not Agree To Testify On His Timeline. Grassley noticed the vote on Friday, September 21st for the following Monday, while in the midst of discussions with Dr. Blasey Ford over the timing and conditions of her testimony. CNN reporter Manu Raju tweeted that Grassley said, “I’m providing a notice of a vote to occur Monday in the event that Dr. Ford’s attorneys don’t respond or Dr. Ford decides not to testify. In the event that we can come to a reasonable resolution as I’ve been seeking all week, then I will postpone the committee vote.” [Twitter, [9/21/18](#)]

Senate Republicans Said They Intended To Go Forward With A Vote On Kavanaugh If Dr. Blasey Ford Did Not Testify On Monday. CNN reporter Manu Raju tweeted, “Senate Republicans on the Judiciary Committee, after leaving a meeting in McConnell’s office today, made clear they would support a vote as soon as next week if Ford doesn’t show up Monday. Her attorney’s letter unlikely to change the plans.” [Twitter, [9/18/18](#)]

They Pressured Dr. Blasey Ford And Rejected Her Requests For Basic Accommodations To Allow Her To Testify

Grassley Issued An Ultimatum For Dr. Blasey Ford To Agree To The Terms And Timing Of The Hearing By 10:00PM On Friday, September 21st. Grassley tweeted, “Judge Kavanaugh I just granted another extension to Dr Ford to decide if she wants to proceed w the statement she made last week to testify to the senate She shld decide so we can move on I want to hear her. I hope u understand. It’s not my normal approach to b indecisive” Grassley also tweeted, “Five times now we hv granted extension for Dr Ford to decide if she wants to proceed w her desire stated one wk ago that she wants to tell senate her story Dr Ford if u changed ur mind say so so we can move on I want to hear ur testimony. Come to us or we to u.” When requesting Dr. Blasey Ford to testify on Monday, September 24th, Grassley initially set

her a deadline to respond at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 21st. [Twitter, [9/21/18](#), Twitter, [9/21/18](#), Fox News, [9/22/18](#)]

Dr. Blasey Ford's Attorney Debra Katz Told The Committee That Dr. Blasey Ford Could Not Testify On Grassley's "Arbitrary" Monday Date Because She Had Received Death Threats. "As you are aware, she's been receiving death threats which have been reported to the FBI and she and her family have been forced out of their home," Katz wrote to the committee. "She wishes to testify, provided that we can agree on terms that are fair and which ensure her safety. A hearing on Monday is not possible and the committee's insistence that it occur then is arbitrary in any event." [The Washington Post, [9/21/18](#)]

Katz Made Clear That Dr. Blasey Ford Preferred To Testify On Thursday, September 27th. CNBC reported, "The preference would be for Ford to testify next Thursday, and she doesn't want Kavanaugh in the same room, her attorney told Judiciary Committee staff in a 30-minute call that also touched on security concerns and others issues." [CNBC, [9/20/18](#)]

But Republicans Then Pressured Dr. Blasey Ford To Testify On Wednesday, September 26th, Instead Of Thursday. USA Today reported, "Ford had originally offered to appear no earlier than Thursday but Republicans pushed for a Wednesday appearance. The Associated Press reported that Kavanaugh, too, was expected to testify on Thursday." [USA Today, [9/22/18](#)]

Cornyn Said That Dr. Blasey Ford Was Not "In A Position To Make Conditions" About If And When She Testifies To The Senate Judiciary Committee. "When asked earlier in the day if Republicans would consider allowing her to postpone testimony until an investigation was opened and completed, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of Republican leadership and member of the Judiciary Committee, said, 'She's not in really a position to make conditions in my view.'" [NBC News, [9/19/18](#)]

Senate Republicans Rejected Dr. Blasey Ford's Request To Testify After Kavanaugh. CNN reported: "Ford's team prefers Kavanaugh testify first, but will accept that he goes second, the source familiar with the conversation told CNN said." [CNN, [9/23/18](#)]

They Rejected Calls for FBI Investigation

Dr. Blasey Ford's Attorneys Wrote In A Letter To Grassley That "An FBI Investigation Of The Incident Should Be The First Step In Addressing Her Allegations." Attorneys Debra Katz and Lisa Banks wrote, "a full investigation by law enforcement officials will ensure that the crucial facts and witnesses in this matter are assessed in a non-partisan manner, and that the

Committee is fully informed before conducting any hearing or making any decisions." [CNN, [9/19/18](#)]

Grassley Rejected Senate Democrats' Request For An FBI Investigation Into Dr. Blasey Ford's Claims. Grassley wrote in a letter to Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, "Your letter requests that I demand that the FBI conduct an additional investigation into this matter. This request demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of the FBI background investigation process. Before nominating an individual to a judicial or executive office, the White House directs the FBI to conduct a background investigation. The FBI compiles information about a prospective nominee and sends it to the White House. The White House then provides FBI background investigation files to the Senate as a courtesy to help us determine whether to confirm a nominee. But the FBI does not make a credibility assessment of any information it receives with respect to a nominee. Nor is it tasked with investigating those matters that this Committee deems important. The Constitution assigns the Senate, and only the Senate, with the task of advising the President on his nominees and consenting if the circumstances merit. We have no power to commandeer an Executive Branch agency into conducting our due diligence. The job of assessing and investigating a nominee's qualifications in order to decide whether to consent to the nomination is ours, and ours alone. Second, your request ignores the fact that Dr. Ford has already made her allegations public. The purpose of the background investigation process is to compile information in a confidential manner. Confidentiality permits people to speak freely and candidly about the character and qualifications of the nominee. The White House requires the Senate to keep background investigation files private so that people can speak anonymously to investigators if they so desire. Because Dr. Ford's allegations are in the public arena, there is no longer a need for a confidential FBI investigation." [Letter from Chairman Chuck Grassley, Senate Judiciary Committee, [9/19/18](#)]

Rejecting An FBI Investigation, Grassley Dismissed The Notion That Dr. Blasey Ford's Allegation Deserved, At Minimum, The Same Investigative Treatment As Anita Hill's Accusation. Grassley wrote in a letter to Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, "In 1991, the FBI's additional investigation into Professor Anita Hill's allegations occurred when the allegations were still non-public. When the Senate received Professor Hill's non-public allegations of sexual harassment, then-Chairman Biden expeditiously notified the White House. (That decision sits in sharp contrast to Senator Feinstein's decision to sit on Dr. Ford's allegations for more than six weeks.) The White House directed the FBI to conduct a handful of interviews regarding Professor Hill's allegations. The FBI completed the interviews within a few days. The White House turned the interview reports over to the Senate as a courtesy. The contents of one of those reports was leaked to the public soon after. The hearing was subsequently reopened five days after the allegations were made public. We are in the same position the Committee was in after Professor Hill's allegations were leaked. After that

leak, we did not ask the FBI to conduct an investigation. Instead, we reopened the hearing and assessed the testimony that was given on our own. As in 1991, it is now up to the Senate to gather and assess the relevant evidence.” [Letter from Chairman Chuck Grassley, Senate Judiciary Committee, [9/19/18](#)]

Grassley Claimed “No Other Outside Investigation Is Necessary” To Look Into Dr. Blasey Ford’s Allegations. In a September 19 Twitter thread, Sen. Grassley wrote: “If Senate Dems think they need the FBI to investigate, why didn’t they alert the FBI on July 30? As soon as I learned of the allegations from the Washington Post on Sunday I moved swiftly to follow up on Dr. Ford’s allegations As the FBI has said its role here is complete... Cmte investigators are following up on the leads from Dr. Ford’s allegations & news stories No other OUTSIDE investigation is necessary for the Cmte to do its investigation. Don’t know why Dems are refusing to cooperate in the cmte’s investigation I hope Dems will join me.” [Twitter, [9/19/18](#); Twitter, [9/19/18](#); Twitter, [9/19/18](#)]

Conservative Columnist Jennifer Rubin Wrote A Column Called “Here Is Why You Call The FBI,” Citing Former Prosecutors On The Need For An FBI Investigation. She wrote, “Professional prosecutors remain dumbfounded by this line of argument. Former federal prosecutor Harry Litman tells me, ‘First, the FBI all the time does investigations of judicial candidates, at the request of the White House; that’s one of their integral functions, and it’s exactly what happened in the Anita Hill case.’” [The Washington Post, [9/23/18](#)]

They Refused To Call Other Witnesses To Comment Under Oath On Dr. Blasey Ford’s Experience

Grassley Refused To Call Other Witnesses. Seung Min Kim, Washington Post reporter, tweeted, “I also asked Grassley why not call more witnesses to testify, particularly because the Anita Hill hearings had other witnesses: Grassley: ‘you’re talking about history. We’re not looking back. We’re looking forward.’” [Twitter, [9/18/18](#)]

Sen. Graham Said There Was “No Reason To” Call Mark Judge To Testify At The Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing. Graham said, “he’s already said what he’s going to say.” Judge sent a letter to the Judiciary Committee saying, “I have no more information to offer the Committee and I do not wish to speak publicly regarding the incidents described in Dr. Ford’s letter.” [Washington Post, [9/18/18](#)]

Former State And Federal Prosecutor Michael J. Stern Wrote About How Republicans’ Refusal To Call Judge As A Witness Revealed Their Bias Against Dr.

Blasey Ford. In the Guardian, Stern wrote, “In a recent interview, Ford claimed that Mark Judge, a close friend of Kavanaugh’s, was an eyewitness to the sexual assault....To a prosecutor, learning of a third-party eyewitness to an alleged sexual assault is a boon. Apparently, this additional evidence has had the opposite effect on the Senate judiciary committee. Rather than embracing testimony from Judge as a means of finding the truth about Ford’s allegation, the Republican Senate judiciary committee chairman, Charles Grassley, has scheduled a hearing for Monday and has refused to call Judge as a witness. There is a sleight of hand that has allowed Grassley to turn a blind eye to this pivotal piece of evidence. Mark Judge sent a letter to Grassley’s committee saying he had ‘no memory; of the incident Ford disclosed. Judge also said he never saw Kavanaugh ‘act in the manner Dr Ford describes.’ Other Republican senators, including Lindsey Graham, have fallen in line behind Grassley, saying that there is “no reason” to call Judge to testify because they already know what he will say – exactly what he said in his letter. But wait. If Mark Judge’s letter to the judiciary committee is sufficient to make its Republican members accept the contents of the letter at face value, why don’t they do the same for the letter Ford sent to ranking committee member Diane [sic] Feinstein? The answer simple: Republican members of the judiciary committee want to believe Judge, not Ford.” [The Guardian, [9/21/18](#)]

They Broke With Tradition To Bring In Outside Counsel To Cross-Examine Dr. Blasey Ford – Over Her Objections

Dr. Blasey Ford’s Attorneys Specifically Requested That She Not Be Cross-Examined By Outside Counsel. As the Huffington Post reported, “Blasey’s legal team on Friday requested that the committee follow several conditions for Blasey to attend the hearing, including having only one camera in the room, asking Kavanaugh to testify first, barring outside counsel from questioning Blasey, bringing in other potential witnesses — such as Mark Judge — to testify and holding the hearing on Wednesday.” The Hill wrote, “The Judiciary panel doesn’t include any female GOP members, and the optics of 11 male Republican senators asking Ford questions should she decide to testify has drawn comparisons to the 1991 Anita Hill hearings, when every member of the Judiciary Committee was male.” [The Hill, [9/18/18](#); Huffington Post, [9/22/18](#)]

Republican Senate Judiciary Committee Members Hired A Sex Crimes Prosecutor Rachel Mitchell To Question Dr. Blasey Ford When She Testified Before The Senate. Mitchell is a prosecutor in Arizona’s Maricopa County. In response to Mitchell’s hiring, Dr. Blasey Ford’s lawyer, Michael Bromwich, wrote: “This is not a criminal trial for which the involvement of an experienced sex crimes prosecutor would be appropriate... Neither Dr. Blasey Ford nor Judge

Kavanaugh is on trial. The goal should be to develop the relevant facts, not try a case." [USA Today, [9/27/18](#); CNN, [9/25/18](#)]

At The Same Time, Leading Republican Senators Publicly Expressed Their Willingness To Push Through Kavanaugh's Confirmation Regardless Of Blasey's Testimony

On Friday, September 21st, Mitch McConnell Promised A Crowd Of Conservative Activists "In The Very Near Future, Judge Kavanaugh Will Be On The United States Supreme Court... We're Going To Plow Right Through It And Do Our Job." McConnell at the Values Voter Summit: "And you're all following the current Supreme Court fight, and you will watch it unfold in the course of the next week. President Trump has nominated a stunningly successful individual. You've watched the fight. You've watched the tactics. But here's what I want to tell you: In the very near future, Judge Kavanaugh will be on the United States Supreme Court. So, my friends, keep the faith. Don't get rattled by all of this. We're going to plow right through it and do our job." [Family Research Council, [9/21/18](#)]

On The Morning Of September 23rd, Lindsey Graham Said "Unless There's Something More, No, I'm Not Going To Ruin Judge Kavanaugh's Life Over This." On Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace, Graham said, via Politico: "You can't bring it in a criminal court, you would never sue civilly, you couldn't even get a warrant... What am I supposed to do? Go ahead and ruin this guy's life based on an accusation? I don't know when it happened, I don't know where it happened, and everybody named in regard to being there said it didn't happen... Unless there's something more, no, I'm not going to ruin Judge Kavanaugh's life over this... But she should come forward, she should have her say, she will be respectfully treated... 'I'm not going to play a game here and tell you this will wipe out his entire life... Because if nothing changes, it won't with me.'" [Politico, [9/23/18](#)]

Graham: "This Has Been A Drive-By Shooting When It Comes To Kavanaugh. . . . I'll Listen To The Lady, But We're Going To Bring This To A Close." Graham also said, "All I can say is that we're bringing this to a close. They've had tons of time to do this." [Washington Post, [9/18/18](#)]

Cornyn: "Our Plan B Is The Same As Our Plan A: Judge Kavanaugh." Cornyn told the Washington Post, "He's not going to withdraw...I talked to him yesterday, and he's determined to testify and tell his side of the story." [The Washington Post, [9/18/18](#)]

The Senate Judiciary Committee's Chief Counsel For Nominations Tweeted “Unfazed And Determined. We Will Confirmation Judge Kavanaugh.” Mike Davis, chief counsel under Grassley, tweeted this on the evening of Wednesday, September 19th and deleted it Thursday morning. [Roll Call, [9/20/18](#)]

After Deborah Ramirez’s Allegation Went Public, Republican Senators Immediately Called For A Vote On Kavanaugh And Dismissed Her Story As A “Smear”

[TRIGGER WARNING] On September 23rd, The New Yorker Reported On An Additional Incident Of Sexual Assault. The New Yorker reported: “As Senate Republicans press for a swift vote to confirm Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump’s nominee to the Supreme Court, Senate Democrats are investigating a new allegation of sexual misconduct against Kavanaugh. The claim dates to the 1983-84 academic school year, when Kavanaugh was a freshman at Yale University...Ramirez said that, when both she and Kavanaugh were freshmen at Yale, she was invited by a friend on the women’s soccer team to a dorm-room party... and that a small group of students decided to play a drinking game together. ‘We were sitting in a circle,’ she said. ‘People would pick who drank.’ Ramirez was chosen repeatedly, she said, and quickly became inebriated. At one point, she said, a male student pointed a gag plastic penis in her direction. Later, she said, she was on the floor, foggy and slurring her words, as that male student and another stood nearby.” [New Yorker, [9/23/18](#)]

The Next Day, Sen. Lindsey Graham Said The Allegations From Dr. Ford And Ramirez Are Not Credible, Calling Them “Wholesale Character Assassination.” On Twitter, Graham wrote: “When it comes to stopping Pres @realDonaldTrump and his agenda there seem to be no boundaries. Whether it’s coaching witnesses or reporting thinly-sourced stories without proper verification, everything is fair game and falls into the category of – ‘The Ends Justify the Means.’ What we are witnessing is the total collapse of the traditional confirmation process for a Supreme Court nominee. It is being replaced by a game of delay, deception, and wholesale character assassination.” [Twitter, [9/24/18](#)]

Mitch McConnell Called The Accusations Against Kavanaugh “A Good Smear.” He said, “This unsubstantiated allegation stands entirely at odds with everything we’ve heard about Judge Kavanaugh’s character... But Democrats wouldn’t let a few inconvenient things, like a complete lack of evidence or an accuser’s request for confidentiality to get between them and a good smear.” [USA Today, [9/24/18](#)]

Hatch Suggested The Allegations Were Part Of A Coordinated Smear Campaign, And That “It’s Not Untypical For Our Friends On The Other Side To Pull That Kind Of Crap.”

He said, “It’s amazing to me that these allegations come out of nowhere at the last minute and that they weren’t brought up earlier in this process,” Hatch said. [Twitter, [9/24/18](#)]

Bob Corker Called The New Yorker Article “Pretty Thin.” He said, “No one else remembered any of it. This is really kind of getting carried away... it’s feeling more like a circus.” [Twitter, [9/25/18](#)]

Republican Senators Called For A Committee Vote Immediately Following Dr. Blasey Ford’s Testimony, Suggesting They Have Already Made Up Their Minds About The Veracity Of The Allegations

Many Of The Calls For A Vote On Kavanaugh Came Soon After The Public Release Of Deborah Ramirez’s Allegation

Orrin Hatch Called The New Allegation “An Excuse For A Delay” And Called For A Vote. He called Ramirez’s experience a continuation of “a smear campaign.” The committee should hear as planned on Thursday from Christine Blasey Ford, who has accused Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her at a party when they were teenagers, Hatch said. “Then we should vote.” [Desert News, [9/24/18](#)]

Lindsey Graham Called For An Immediate Committee Vote After Dr. Blasey Ford’s Hearing. “In my view, the process needs to move forward with a hearing Thursday, and vote in committee soon thereafter.” [Twitter, [9/24/18](#)]

Tom Cotton Called For An Immediate Vote After Dr. Blasey Ford’s Hearing. “The Democrats are engaged in a campaign of delay and character assassination against Judge Kavanaugh. It’s time to vote this week.” [Twitter, [9/24/18](#)]

John Cornyn Called For An Immediate Vote To Avoid The Deploying Of More “Smear Tactics.” “There’s no reason to delay [Kavanaugh vote] anymore. It’s obvious the longer things are delayed the more smear tactics are employed.” [Twitter, [9/24/18](#)]

Steve Daines Called For An Immediate Confirmation Vote After The Hearing With Dr. Blasey Ford. “They both should be heard. We then should vote up or down in the United States Senate.” [Twitter, [9/24/18](#)]

John Cornyn Believed There Was “No Way” To Prove Whether Or Not Dr. Blasey Ford’s Assault Actually Happened: “In this case, there’s no way the accused [Kavanaugh] can

disprove the allegation because he wasn't there, he said. It didn't happen, he said." [Twitter, [9/25/18](#)]