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Christine Blasey Ford's Dad Supported Kavanaugh After She Made Accusation

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Ralph Blasey, the father of Kavanaugh accuser Christine Blasey Ford, reportedly offered repeated support last fall to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh after Ford made her unsubstantiated allegations against Kavanaugh.

The Federalist [reports](#) that privately, "it appears the Blasey family had significant doubts about what Ford was trying to accomplish by coming forward and making unsubstantiated allegations against Brett Kavanaugh.

Within days of Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court, a fascinating encounter took place. Brett Kavanaugh's father was approached by Ford's father at the golf club where they are both members."

"Ford's father went out of his way to offer to Ed Kavanaugh his support of Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court, according to multiple people familiar with the conversation that took place at Burning Tree Club in Bethesda, Maryland," The Federalist continued. "I'm glad Brett was confirmed," Ralph Blasey told Ed Kavanaugh, shaking his hand. ... The conversation between the two men echoed a letter that Blasey had previously sent to the elder Kavanaugh."

The Federalist's Mollie Hemingway and the Judicial Crisis Network's Carrie Severino noted that Ford's father "presumably wouldn't have supported the nomination of a man he believed tried to rape his daughter."

There were multiple problems with Ford's story, as Paul Sperry [explained last year](#) in the New York Post:

For starters, Ford still can't recall basic details of what she says was the most traumatic event in her life. Not where the "assault" took place — she's not sure whose house it was, or even what street it was on. Nor when — she's not even sure of the year, let alone the day and month.

Ford's not certain how old she was or what grade she was in when she says an older student violently molested her. (But she doesn't plead inebriation: She described having just "one beer" at the party.)

Earlier this year, Ford's lawyer, Debra Katz, told an audience at the University of Baltimore's Feminist Legal Theory Conference that Ford made the accusation, in part, because she was politically motivated to save abortion in the U.S.

“In the aftermath of these hearings, I believe that Christine’s testimony brought about more good than the harm misogynist Republicans caused by allowing Kavanaugh on the court,” Katz [said](#). “We were going to have a conservative [justice] ... Elections have consequences, but he will always have an asterisk next to his name. When he takes a scalpel to *Roe v. Wade*, we will know who he is, we know his character, and we know what motivates him, and that is important; it is important that we know, and that is part of what motivated Christine.”



Rachel Mitchell, the prosecutor who questioned Ford during her hearing in front of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee last September, wrote a [five-page memo](#) shortly afterward that explained why she, hypothetically, would not bring charges against Kavanaugh.

“A ‘he said, she said’ case is incredibly difficult to prove,” Mitchell said. “But this case is even weaker than that. Dr. Ford identified other witnesses to the event, and those witnesses either refuted her allegations or failed to corroborate them. For the reasons discussed below, I do not think that a reasonable prosecutor would bring this case based on the evidence before

the Committee. Nor do I believe that this evidence is sufficient to satisfy the preponderance-of-the-evidence standard.”

Here are the nine problems [outlined](#) in Mitchell’s memo:

1. Dr. Ford has not offered a consistent account of when the alleged assault happened:

In a July 6 text to the Washington Post, she said it happened in the “mid 1980s.”

In her July 30 letter to Senator Feinstein, she said it happened in the “early 80s.”

Her August 7 statement to the polygrapher said that it happened one “high school summer in early 80’s,” but she crossed out the word “early” for reasons she did not explain.

A September 16 Washington Post article reported that Dr. Ford said it happened in the “summer of 1982.”

Similarly, the September 16 article reported that notes from an individual therapy session in 2013 show her describing the assault as occurring in her “late teens.” But she told the Post and the Committee that she was 15 when the assault allegedly occurred. She has not turned over her therapy records for the Committee to review.

While it is common for victims to be uncertain about dates, Dr. Ford failed to explain how she was suddenly able to narrow the timeframe to a particular season and particular year

2. Dr. Ford has struggled to identify Judge Kavanaugh as the assailant by name:

No name was given in her 2012 marriage therapy notes.

No name was given in her 2013 individual therapy notes.

Dr. Ford's husband claims to recall that she identified Judge Kavanaugh by name in 2012. At that point, Judge Kavanaugh's name was widely reported in the press as a potential Supreme Court nominee if Governor Romney won the presidential election.

In any event, it took Dr. Ford over thirty years to name her assailant. Delayed disclosure of abuse is common so this is not dispositive.

3. When speaking with her husband, Dr. Ford changed her description of the incident to become less specific:

Dr. Ford testified that she told her husband about a "sexual assault" before they were married.

But she told the Washington Post that she informed her husband that she was the victim of "physical abuse" at the beginning of their marriage.

She testified that, both times, she was referring to the same incident.

4. Dr. Ford has no memory of key details of the night in question—details that could help corroborate her account:

She does not remember who invited her to the party or how she heard about it.

She does not remember how she got to the party.

She does not remember in what house the assault allegedly took place or where that house was located with any specificity.

Perhaps most importantly, she does not remember how she got from the party back to her house.

Her inability to remember this detail raises significant questions.

She told the Washington Post that the party took place near the Columbia Country Club. The Club is more than 7 miles from her childhood home as the crow flies, and she testified that it was a roughly 20-minute drive from her childhood home.

She also agreed for the first time in her testimony that she was driven somewhere that night, either to the party or from the party or both.

Dr. Ford was able to describe hiding in the bathroom, locking the door, and subsequently exiting the house. She also described wanting to make sure that she did not look like she had been attacked.

But she has no memory of who drove her or when. Nor has anyone come forward to identify him or herself as the driver.

Given that this all took place before cell phones, arranging a ride home would not have been easy. Indeed, she stated that she ran out of the house after coming downstairs and did not state that she made a phone call from the house before she did, or that she called anyone else thereafter.

She does, however, remember small, distinct details from the party unrelated to the assault. For example, she testified that she had exactly one beer at the party and was taking no medication at the time of the alleged assault.

5. Dr. Ford's account of the alleged assault has not been corroborated by anyone she identified as having attended—including her lifelong friend:

Dr. Ford has named three people other than Judge

Kavanaugh who attended the party— Mark Judge, Patrick

“PJ” Smyth, and her lifelong friend Leland Keyser (née Ingham). Dr. Ford testified to the Committee that another boy attended the party, but that she could not remember his name. No others have come forward.

All three named eyewitnesses have submitted statements to the Committee denying any memory of the party whatsoever. Most relevantly, in her first statement to the Committee, Ms. Keyser stated through counsel that, “[s]imply put, Ms. Keyser does not know Mr. Kavanaugh and she has no recollection of ever being at a party or gathering where he was present, with, or without, Dr. Ford.” In a subsequent statement to the Committee through counsel, Ms. Keyser said that “the simple and unchangeable truth is that she is unable to corroborate [Dr. Ford’s allegations] because she has no recollection of the incident in question.”

Moreover, Dr. Ford testified that her friend Leland, apparently the only other girl at the party, did not follow up with Dr. Ford after the party to ask why she had suddenly disappeared.

6. Dr. Ford has not offered a consistent account of the alleged assault:

According to her letter to Senator Feinstein, Dr. Ford heard Judge Kavanaugh and Mark Judge talking to other partygoers downstairs while she was hiding in the bathroom after the alleged assault. But according to her testimony, she could not hear them talking to anyone.

In her letter, she stated, “I locked the door behind me. Both loudly stumbled down the stairwell, at which point other persons at the house were talking with them.”

Kavanaugh or Mark Judge turned up the music in the bedroom so that the people downstairs could not

she ran into the bathroom, locked the door, and heard them going downstairs. But she maintained that she could not hear their conversation with others when they got downstairs. Instead, she testified that she “assum[ed]” a conversation took place.

Her account of who was at the party has been inconsistent.

According to The Washington Post’s account of her therapy notes, there were four boys in the bedroom in which she was assaulted.

She told the Washington Post that the notes were erroneous because there were four boys at the party, but only two in the bedroom.

In her letter to Senator Feinstein, she said “me and 4 others” were present at the party.

In her testimony, she said there were four boys in addition to Leland Keyser and herself. She could not remember the name of the fourth boy, and no one has come forward.

Dr. Ford listed Patrick “PJ” Smyth as a “bystander” in her statement to the polygrapher and in her July 6 text to the Washington Post, although she testified that it was inaccurate to call him a bystander. She did not list Leland Keyser even though they are good friends. Leland Keyser’s presence should have been more memorable than PJ Smyth’s.

7. Dr. Ford has struggled to recall important recent events relating to her allegations, and her testimony regarding recent events raises further questions about her memory:

Dr. Ford struggled to remember her interactions with the

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Dr. Ford could not remember if she showed a full or partial set of therapy notes to the Washington Post reporter.

She does not remember whether she showed the Post reporter the therapist's notes or her own summary of those notes. The Washington Post article said that "portions" of her "therapist's notes" were "provided by Ford and reviewed by" the Post. But in her testimony, Dr. Ford could not recall whether she summarized the notes for the reporter or showed her the actual records.

She does not remember if she actually had a copy of the notes when she texted the Washington Post WhatsApp account on July 6.

Dr. Ford said in her first WhatsApp message to the Post that she "ha[d] therapy notes talking about" the incident when she contacted the Post's tipline. She testified that she had reviewed her therapy notes before contacting the Post to determine whether the mentioned anything about the alleged incident, but could not remember if she had a copy of those notes, as she said in her WhatsApp message, or merely reviewed them in her therapist's office.

Dr. Ford refused to provide any of her therapy notes to the Committee.

Dr. Ford's explanation of why she disclosed her allegations the way she did raises questions.

She claimed originally that she wished for her story to remain confidential, but the person operating the tipline at the Washington Post was the first person

other than her therapist or husband to whom she

disclosed the identity of her alleged attacker. She testified that she had a “sense of urgency to relay the information to the Senate and the president.” She did not contact the Senate, however, because she claims she “did not know how to do that.” She does not explain why she knew how to contact her Congresswoman but not her Senator.

Dr. Ford could not remember if she was being audio- or video-recorded when she took the polygraph. And she could not remember whether the polygraph occurred the same day as her grandmother’s funeral or the day after her grandmother’s funeral.

It would also have been inappropriate to administer a polygraph to someone who was grieving.

8. Dr. Ford’s description of the psychological impact of the event raises questions:

She maintains that she suffers from anxiety, claustrophobia, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The date of the hearing was delayed because the Committee was informed that her symptoms prevent her from flying. But she agreed during her testimony that she flies “fairly frequently for [her] hobbies and ... work.” She flies to the mid-Atlantic at least once a year to visit her family. She has flown to Hawaii, French Polynesia, and Costa Rica. She also flew to Washington, D.C. for the hearing.

Note too that her attorneys refused a private hearing or interview. Dr. Ford testified that she was not “clear” on whether investigators were willing to travel to California to interview her. It therefore is not clear that her attorneys ever communicated


Chairman Grassley's offer to send investigators to meet her in California or wherever she wanted to meet to conduct the interview.

She alleges that she struggled academically in college, but she has never made any similar claim about her last two years of high school.

It is significant that she used the word "contributed" when she described the psychological impact of the incident to the Washington Post. Use of the word "contributed" rather than "caused" suggests that other life events may have contributed to her symptoms. And when questioned on that point, she said that she could think of "nothing as striking as" the alleged assault.

9. The activities of congressional Democrats and Dr. Ford's attorneys likely affected Dr. Ford's account:

See the included timeline for details.

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Here's the "timeline" referred to in Mitchell memo:

Sept 12	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 13	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 14	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 15	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 16	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 17	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 18	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 19	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 20	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 21	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 22	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 23	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 24	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 25	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 26	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 27	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 28	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 29	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Sept 30	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.
Oct 1	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.	Article in the Washington Post titled "The Kavanaugh Controversy: What We Know So Far" by Adam Lipton.

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