



Cuomo Implied Probe That Cleared Kavanaugh a Whitewash, Result a "Sad" Day. What Do We Say if Cuomo Is Cleared?

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo doesn't want anyone to believe the allegations of sexual harassment and assault he faces from seven women. Cuomo says he is innocent, and while he might have flirted, he never touched anyone inappropriately.

In short, Cuomo demands that we believe him, not the women.

That isn't what he said when multiple women crawled out of the leftist woodwork to lodge false accusations of assault and rape against U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.



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Back then, September-October 2018, Cuomo said we must "believe survivors," presumably before an investigation delivered evidence and a verdict. Indeed, Cuomo said, Kavanaugh's confirmation process was "sexist and disgusting." His confirmation was a "sad" day.

Two tweets and a windy anti-GOP statement to the press before the confirmation, and a statement afterward, summed up what Cuomo thought: Republicans and the Trump administration don't care about women. Justice wasn't done.

GOP Is "Disgusting"

Cuomo spoke loudly and clearly on Kavanaugh.

"The allegations of sexual assault against Judge Kavanaugh are disturbing and deeply concerning," he tweeted from his personal Twitter account on September 24:

We owe it to the American people to #BelieveSurvivors. I call on the Senate to postpone any vote until these allegations are fully investigated.

Next day, he accused Republicans of ridiculing women, presumably feminist crackpot Christine Blasey Ford, whose claim of sex assault against Kavanaugh, a <u>prosecutor found</u>, didn't hold water:

To cheapen and ridicule the pain of a woman who suffers a sexual assault is disgraceful. Republicans are making a mockery of these hearings. This is not just about Judge Kavanaugh's Supreme Court appointment, it's about justice in the deepest sense.

Cuomo had, apparently, not postponed his own judgment of Kavanaugh "until these allegations are fully



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investigated." Those allegations included porn laywer Michael Avenatti's <u>preposterous gang-rape</u> charges against Kavanaugh.

The obvious absurdity of the claim didn't slow down Cuomo.

"I think the way they are handling it is disgusting," Cuomo told a gaggle of reporters the same day. His remarks are worth reprising in full:

I think for Senator McConnell to get up and say "we are going to confirm Kavanaugh," just showed what a sham and a mockery the entire process is. You haven't started the hearings. How can you stand there and say "we're going to confirm the man?" We haven't started the hearings, and the hearings are supposed to discuss facts, and we have serious accusations, and the witnesses are going to come in, and they're going to be questioned by an independent counsel. But that's all baloney because I know the conclusion, and the conclusion is we're going to … endorse him and confirm him.

There is a disrespect for women that this administration chronically exemplifies. After the #MeToo movement, they did absolutely nothing when it came to sexual harassment. They have always diminished the charges of women. Always. Consistently. And they're doing it again.

To cheapen or ridicule the pain a woman suffers from a sexual attack is disgusting. Sexist and disgusting. To second-guess how a woman should have acted after a sexual attack is sexist and disgusting. I mean, it's just insensitive. You don't understand the pain. You don't understand how the system tortures a person who wants to come forward.

So, let's find out the facts. That would be done by people coming through a fair hearing process, and relaying the facts, and then make a conclusion.

But this is a mockery, when they say before the hearings even start, he's going to be confirmed.

Investigation Complete, Kavanaugh Innocent, Cuomo Didn't Care

On October 6, the Senate voted to confirm Kavanaugh.

That was after an investigation, which Cuomo demanded, <u>cleared Kavanaugh</u> of all charges. It was after a sex-crimes prosecutor <u>said Ford's story</u> was nonsense, after a claim from a college classmate was proved nonsense, after Avenatti's gang-rape claim was exposed as a lie and the accuser <u>retracted it</u>, and after two other <u>accusers admitted</u> they lied and retracted their claims.

Yet Cuomo still suggested Kavanaugh was guilty.

"The confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court is a sad day for this country, and it will haunt us for as long as he is on the court," <u>Cuomo wrote</u>.

Today 50 senators put partisan politics over the sanctity of the highest court in the nation. In November, the American people get to respond and make their voices heard.

In New York, we will not waver and will not back down. To Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and all survivors of sexual assault, we believe you and we will fight for you. The sham FBI investigation and the bigger sham, this confirmation process, have energized us to fight



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even harder for our shared vision for a better future for all.

We will not wait for our rights to be taken away. Here in New York, I vow to codify *Roe v. Wade* within the first 30 days of my next administration, strengthen our common-sense gun safety laws and continue our progress expanding access to quality affordable health care. While extreme conservatives in Washington try to take this nation backward, New York will lead the way forward.

New York Attorney General Letitia James is investigating <u>the claims</u> against Cuomo. If they exonerate him, will he tell the women <u>who accused him</u> "we believe you and will fight for you," and call James's investigation a "sham?"

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