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## Feinstein Signals Uncertainty as Kavanaugh's Erratic Accuser Balks at Testimony

The smear grenade Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) lobbed at U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh might blow up in her own face.

Christine Blasey Ford, the committed leftist who claims [Kavanaugh tried to rape her](#) in high school 36 years ago, now says she won't testify at Monday's hearing to settle the matter because she wants the FBI to investigate her dubious charge. Kavanaugh denies the outrageous claim.



And in a moment of unusual honesty, Feinstein blurted out that she isn't sure [Ford](#), who never told a soul about the supposed attack until 2012, is telling the truth.

Although the vote on Judge Kavanaugh was postponed, if Ford won't testify, Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), chairman of the Judiciary Committee that vets nominees for the high court, isn't likely to delay it again.

### Ford Thinks FBI Is Her Own Private Eye

The trouble for Feinstein, [who torpedoed Kavanaugh on Friday](#) with the charge from a [then-unknown accuser](#), is growing.

As [the New York Times reported](#), Ford actually thinks the FBI is going to investigate her unprovable accusation, and her lawyers sent a demand to Grassley. Claiming that Ford "has been the target of vicious harassment and even death threats" and that "her family was forced to relocate out of their home," the [lawyers noted](#) that "you and your staff scheduled a public hearing for her to testify at the same table as Judge Kavanaugh in front of two dozen U.S. Senators on national television to relive this traumatic and harrowing incident."

As well, Ford would have to face "interrogation by senators who appear to have made up their minds that she is 'mistaken' and 'mixed up.'" Thus, "an FBI investigation of the incident should be the first step in addressing her allegations."

But that isn't going to happen. Grassley will "go ahead with the hearing without her or declare it unnecessary if she refuses to appear, then possibly move to a vote."

Grassley said Ford can testify in private and even tell staff members her story, but he's not waiting past Monday because her "testimony would reflect her personal knowledge and memory of events. Nothing the FBI or any other investigator does would have any bearing on what Dr. Ford tells the committee, so there is no reason for any further delay."

The FBI won't comment, [the Washington Post reported](#), noting that the "Justice Department said previously that the FBI updated Kavanaugh's background-check file to include the allegation and suggested that that is the extent of what the agency plans to do."



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Naturally, Feinstein sides with the once-nameless accuser, the *Post* reported. “I agree with her 100 percent that the rushed process to hold a hearing on Monday has been unfair.... I also agree that we need the facts before senators — not staff or lawyers — speak to witnesses.”

Yet Feinstein might not be too confident in Ford’s claims. Although [she later said](#) “I believe she is credible,” [Feinstein slipped](#) and let her true feelings out yesterday. Ford “has been, I think, profoundly impacted, on this,” Feinstein said. “I can’t say that everything is truthful. I don’t know.”

### **Even Democrats Miffed at Feinstein**

That’s a far cry from believing Ford is credible, but at any rate, even Democrats aren’t happy with the way the 85-year-old San Francisco leftist handled the matter, the [Post reported](#): “Privately, some Democratic senators wished that Feinstein had come to them sooner with the allegation, according to a Democrat with direct knowledge of internal Senate dynamics. The Democrat spoke on the condition of anonymity to be candid.”

On that, maybe the Democrats have finally found something on which they can agree with President Trump, who asked the obvious question. Feinstein met privately with Kavanaugh “for a long period of time — a long, long meeting — she had this letter. Why didn’t she bring it up? Why didn’t the Democrats bring it up then?”

Trump answered his own question: “Because they obstruct and because they resist. That’s the name of their campaign against me.”

Feinstein, who also thinks the FBI must investigate, kept the secret because “I did not know whether this woman would come forward or not.”

Well, Senator Grassley stated that Ford had better come forward by Monday, the [Post reported](#), if she wants to be heard: As of now, “the invitation for Monday still stands,” he said.

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