

Franklin Graham Says Kavanaugh Accusation Not Relevant

Evangelist and humanitarian Franklin Graham says the sexual assault allegation against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh is irrelevant.

He told CBN News Tuesday, "It's just a shame that a person like Judge Kavanaugh who has a stellar record—that somebody can bring something up that he did as a teenager close to 40 years ago. That's not relevant."

He added, "We've got to look at a person's life and what they've done as an adult and are they qualified for this position, so this is just an attempt to smear him."

Graham said, "I hope the Senate is smarter than this, and they're not going to let this stop the process from moving forward and confirming this man."

When questioned about the message that such a view sends to sexual abuse victims, Graham said, "Well, there wasn't a crime committed. These are two teenagers, and it's obvious that she said no, and he respected it and walked away."

Graham then noted that Kavanaugh has denied the accusation. "He just flat-out says that's not true. Regardless if it was true, these are two teenagers, and she said no and he respected that, so I don't know what the issue is."

That's not the narrative that Christine Ford, Kavanaugh's accuser, has publicly stated.

Ford, a psychology professor, wrote a letter to Sen. Dianne Feinstein in late July, accusing Kavanaugh of assaulting her at a party in a suburban Maryland home in the 1980s when they

were both high school students. She described a drunken Kavanaugh pushing her into a bedroom, locking the door and getting on top of her while trying to disrobe her. She says he put his hand over her mouth, and she feared he would inadvertently kill her.

The committee is expected to vote on Kavanaugh's nomination next week. {eo}

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