

Kavanaugh Fiasco Waxes Nothing Short of 'Cheap Political Theater'

The confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court has become such a fiasco that Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has expressed her displeasure about its handling.

Kathleen Parker, a conservative-leaning columnist for the widely-considered liberal *Washington Post*, wrote this week that Ginsburg called the Kavanaugh hearings "a highly partisan show," and that the latest tactic from the Democrats is "embarrassing to anyone with a conscience and a grown-up brain."

Over the past week, after "showboating and judicial hazing" during the confirmation hearings, Parker said the "Democrats pulled out their biggest weapon against (Kavanaugh)—a letter from an anonymous woman claiming sexual misconduct" during their high school days.

Kavanaugh adamantly denies the allegations of the incident in the 1980s when he was a student at Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Maryland. It is alleged that during a party, he held down a classmate, Christine Ford, and tried to force himself on her.

Democrats were hoping that the letter would prompt a federal inquiry and stall Kavanaugh's confirmation until after the midterm elections, "when they hope to take over the Senate," Parker wrote. Only the FBI "did not take the bait" and has not opened an investigation.

Kurt Schlichter of wrote of the confirmation proceedings: "The sliming of Brett Kavanaugh ... is disgusting and disgraceful, and if the Democrats had any shred of decency they would hang

their heads in shame and spend the next two months ahead of the midterms doing penance to atone for their scummy acts of cheap political theater. But they don't, so they won't."

Ginsburg, nominated to the Supreme Court by Democrat Bill Clinton in 1993, was confirmed in two months by a vote of 96 to 3. Antonin Scalia, for whom Ginsburg had the highest regard, was confirmed unanimously.

"Every Democrat and every Republican voted for him. That's the way it should be," Parker wrote that the 85-year-old Ginsburg said. "The Republicans moved in lockstep, and so do the Democrats. I wish I could wave a magic wand and have it go back to the way it was."

"Alas, there's no such thing as a magic wand," Parker wrote. "There is a way back to the better times of which Ginsburg spoke, though it will require great courage and character to confirm the highly qualified Kavanaugh with a bipartisan vote."