DEMOCRATS GO FULL KAVANAUGH AS WE KNEW THEY WOULD

We have seen this show before, it's all designed to pressure a small number of weak Republican Senators to allow Democrats to turn the Senate into a circus in which the process becomes the punishment.

It has been clear for weeks that the Democrats were seeking to 'Kavanaugh' the Senate impeachment trial — to roll out with media help a well-timed series of supposed "bombshell: accusations whose main purpose was to create a media hysteria to pressure Republican Senators to extend the process.

The process for the nominee, or in the impeachment framework the president, becomes the punishment and the Democrat campaign strategy.

That's what happened in the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation hearing. Once it because clear that Kavanaugh would be confirmed and the hearings were closed, a series of accusers — Christine Blasey Ford, Julie Swetnick, Deborah Ramirez, plus anonymous accusers — were rolled out to reopen the hearings and prolong the process.

The accusations were absurd and contradicted by all known evidence, but that was not the point. The Democrats, having invented and honed the skill of Borking nominees, wanted to punish the nominee and damage his legitimacy as a Supreme Court Justice.

It's happening with the Trump impeachment trial. The House case collapsed during the presentation, but even more so during the Saturday presentation by Republicans

Byron York astutely observed a month ago (12/16/19)that Senate Democrats are taking the same approach they took in trying to block Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination:

> *"Call it the Brett Kavanaugh model of impeachment. During the Supreme Court justice's confirmation process, a hearing had already been held, and Kavanaugh appeared on the way to joining the court. Then, up popped a new allegation, the Christine Blasey Ford story, and Democrats demanded the case be reopened, witnesses be interviewed, evidence be gathered, and time be taken for more investigation.*

> *Republicans acceded to those demands, and the Kavanaugh confirmation careened off course for a while before GOP lawmakers finally got it back on track. Senate Democrats proved themselves to be misleading and dishonest demagogues during the Kavanaugh hearings. Expect the same at a Senate impeachment trial."*

So first it was Lev Parnas, someone under federal indictment for providing false information. Parnas splashed his opinions about Trump involvement in something nefarious on the conspiracy show Rachel Maddow. And now Parnas has secret tapes.

But none of it amounts to anything relevent — Parnas shows that Trump didn't like or trust the Obama-appointed U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine. So what? Trump has said that himself. And Trump like every president has a right to appoint his own ambassadors, so there was nothing wrong with it.

A big nothing no more worthy than the flimsy accusations of Ford (disproven by the people she said were witnesses) and bizarro-world accusations of Ramirez and others.

Now it's John Bolton through a supposed leak of a portion of his upcoming book to the NY Times. *The Times story has no quote from the book, no specific time frame, and nothing that supports impeachment*. The "bombshell" is that Trump Tied Ukraine Aid to Inquiries He Sought, Bolton Book Says.

That headline is all the Times needed to kick off a media feeding frenzy being used to pressure Republicans to allow Bolton and other witnesses the House never bothered to subpoena. But there is almost no support for that headline in the actual article.

And what if there was such support? As Harvard Constitutional law professor Alan Dershowitz made clear during his presentation to the Senate last night (1/27):

> *"Nothing in the Bolton revelations, even if true, would rise to the level of an abuse of power or an impeachable offense. That is clear from the history. That is clear from the language of the Constitution."*

But we're in the middle of a media feeding frenzy. Will RINO Senators buckle and cave to the most blatant Democrat demagoguery, or will they stand firm, vote no witnesses, then vote to acquit, all by this Friday (1/31). Don't bet the farm – *never* bet the farm – on the latter.

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