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Senator Whitehouse Wants AG Garland to Probe FBI's "Fake Investigation" of Kavanaugh

Rhode Island leftist Senator Sheldon Whitehouse wants the FBI investigated for its "fake" probe into unproven sex-assault claims against U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

In a [letter to](#) U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, Whitehouse claims that [pro-abortion feminist Christine Blasey Ford](#) told the truth when she smeared Kavanaugh as his confirmation hearings were closing, and that the FBI failed to fully probe the evidence-free allegations that she and others lodged against Kavanaugh.



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Whitehouse's fact-challenged letter does not, of course, say that a prosecutor who investigated Ford's claims concluded that they were refuted and uncorroborated. Other claims were retracted and/or proven ridiculous.

FBI facing allegation that its 2018 background check of Brett Kavanaugh was 'fake'
<https://t.co/H7uVw0aM9k>

— The Guardian (@guardian) [March 16, 2021](#)

Whitehouse Letter

The Rhode Island Red's letter to Garland raises other concerns, but the Kavanaugh claims stand out.

Whitehouse apparently thinks he can prove that Ford told the truth when [she said](#) Kavanaugh assaulted her at a party during their high-school years.

"Her shards of recollection were consistent with the nature of recollections of victims of traumatic experiences of sexual assault," Whitehouse wrote, which does not mean those "shards" are true.

Anyway, "Ford subjected herself to personal danger, public scorn, and professional cross-examination to testify before us, and presented credible and compelling testimony," [he wrote](#):

At least two law firms contacted the FBI with the names of credible witnesses who had information pertaining to the investigations. One firm provided names of potential witnesses that had information "highly relevant to ... allegations" of misconduct by Judge Kavanaugh. The other firm's letter recounted how counsel for a witness with whom agents had met provided the FBI with "more than twenty additional witnesses likely to have relevant information" and included an affidavit from a credible witness. Max Stier, the widely respected president of the Partnership for Public Service, and a college classmate of Mr. Kavanaugh, offered specific corroborating evidence, but the FBI refused to interview Mr. Stier.



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Whitehouse claims the “shutters were closed” to “witnesses” with evidence, and instead the FBI opened a tip line for accusations the agency never investigated.

Despite assurances from FBI Director Christopher Wray that the bureau followed its usual procedures, that apparently didn’t happen, [he wrote](#):

If standard procedures were violated, and the Bureau conducted a fake investigation rather than a sincere, thorough and professional one, that in my view merits congressional oversight to understand how, why, and at whose behest and with whose knowledge or connivance, this was done. The FBI “stonewall” of all questions related to this episode provides little reassurance of its propriety. If, on the other hand, the “investigation” was conducted with drawbridges up and a fake “tip line” and that was somehow “by the book,” as Director Wray claimed, that would raise serious questions about the “book” itself. It cannot and should not be the policy of the FBI to not follow up on serious allegations of misconduct during background check investigations.

The FBI probe [found nothing](#). [Ford found](#) a fortune.

Ford’s Claims Were False

As [The New American reported](#) at the time, veteran sex-crimes prosecutor Rachel Mitchell said Ford’s 11th-hour claims didn’t hold water. Mitchell investigated for the Judiciary Committee.

“Witnesses either refuted her allegations or failed to corroborate” the charges, Mitchell concluded, and Ford “has not offered a consistent account of when the alleged assault happened.”

As well, “Ford has no memory of key details of the night in question — details that could help corroborate her account.”

Among the problems with Ford’s tearful tale were these:

- She did not remember who invited her to the party or how she got there.
- She did not remember where it was;
- She did not remember how she got home, and
- Ford’s own eyewitnesses “submitted statements to the Committee denying any memory of the party whatsoever.”

As for Stier being a credible witness, the supposed “victim” in an assault [he described](#) didn’t remember it. Stier [worked for](#) the defense of President Clinton during the Whitewater scandal when Kavanaugh worked for independent counsel Ken Starr, the man investigating Clinton.

Another of Kavanaugh’s “victims,” Debbie Ramirez, didn’t know he was the culprit until friends told her. [She was drunk](#) the night it supposedly occurred.

Whitehouse’s letter does not, of course, divulge what other “witnesses” with “relevant information” would say.

Then again, neither does it say that Ford’s former boyfriend [refuted her claim](#), and that then-Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley [referred three outright rape lies](#) about Kavanaugh to the FBI for investigation. [Two of](#) those four referrals concerned [the ridiculous claim](#) that Kavanaugh routinely participated in gang rapes. The liars retracted their claims.



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Whitehouse's letter does not ask Garland for an update on those referrals.



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