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Critical Moments From Judge Kavanaugh's Confirmation Hearing Raise Serious Questions About His Nomination To The Supreme Court

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO SAY HE WOULD UPHOLD WOMEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER ROE V. WADE

@SenateDems: "Today, we received yet another indication that Judge Kavanaugh may roll back women's constitutional rights. But he still refused to tell the Senate his full views. #WhatsAtStake" [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@SenateDems: "Judge Kavanaugh continues his evasion on Roe v. Wade, saying he can't remember if he discussed the issue with anyone during his breaks YESTERDAY. #WhatsAtStake" [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@SenFeinstein: "Brett Kavanaugh had no problem saying Roe v. Wade is 'settled law' but he refused to tell me if he thought it was correctly decided. His own email shows what he believes about the Supreme Court's ability to overturn Roe. This is #WhatsAtStake, plain and simple." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO SAY HE WOULD UPHOLD PROTECTIONS FOR AMERICANS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

@SenBlumenthal: "Judge Kavanaugh twice refused to say he would protect the Affordable Care Act from Donald Trump. Under Kavanaugh's view, Trump could unilaterally eliminate the ACA's protections for 134 million Americans with preexisting conditions, including 1.5 million in Connecticut." [LINK TO TWEET]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO STATE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON PRESIDENTIAL POWER

@SenateDems: "WATCH: Today, senators pushed Judge Kavanaugh to say there were ANY limits on presidential power. Over and over again, Judge Kavanaugh refused to answer. There's no reason to think he'd be a check on President Trump." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@SenateDems: "Judge Kavanaugh refused to give @SenBlumenthal a straight answer to a simple question: Have you ever talked to anybody in White House about the Special Counsel investigation? WH Counsel Don McGahn is represented by former Kavanaugh deputy Bill Burck in the investigation." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@SenateDems: "WATCH: Under questioning from <u>@ChrisCoons</u>, Judge Kavanaugh confirms he believed that a president could fire a prosecutor criminally investigating him. He refuses to say if he still believes it." [<u>LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO</u>]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO CORRECT THE RECORD ON RECEIVING STOLEN INFORMATION FROM THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

@SenatorLeahy: "BREAKING: Kavanaugh testified he never received any docs that even 'appeared to ... have been drafted or prepared by Democratic staff.' Well, he got 8 pages of material taken VERBATIM from my files, obviously written by Dem staff, LABELED 'not [for] distribution'." [LINK TO TWEET THREAD AND DOCUMENTS]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO CORRECT THE RECORD ON HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONTROVERSIAL JUDICIAL NOMINATION OF WILLIAM PRYOR

@SenFeinstein: "BREAKING: Brett Kavanaugh was asked in 2004 about whether he was involved in the nomination of Bill Pryor. He said 'I was not involved in handling his nomination' Newly released emails show that's not true. Asked about how Pryor's interview went, he replied 'CALL ME.'" [LINK TO TWEET AND DOCUMENTS]

@SenatorLeahy: "In 2004, Judge #Kavanaugh distanced himself from the controversial Judge Pryor nomination. He testified—repeatedly—that he 'was not involved in handling his nomination.' Thanks to documents released at 3AM this morning, we now know that's not true. Today I asked Judge #Kavanaugh about that testimony. He again tried to distanced himself from Pryor. Hmm...might it be because Pryor called #ROE "the worst abomination in the history of constitutional law"? Here are the docs. You be the judge." [LINK TO VIDEO AND DOCUMENTS]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO SAY IT WAS WRONG TO FIRE SOMEONE BECAUSE OF THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR STATE AN OPINION ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY

@SenateDems: "Under questions from @SenBooker, Judge Kavanaugh refused to say it is morally or legally wrong to fire someone because they are gay. He refused to state his opinion on marriage equality. And he refused to state his role in the Bush WH effort to ban same-sex marriage." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@SenKamalaHarris: "I asked Brett Kavanaugh a very specific question: does he believe the case that made marriage equality the law of the land was correctly decided? He refused to answer." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO BACK AWAY FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENTS THAT "DISPARAGED" NATIVE PEOPLES

@maziehirono: "In 1999, Judge Kavanaugh wrote an op-ed and amicus brief that disparaged the Native Hawaiian community. He wrongly asserts that Native Hawaiians are not an indigenous community. I won't let that stand. #StopKavanaugh" [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@maziehirono: "Last night, Judge Kavanaugh once again misstated the facts on Rice v Cayetano and the rights of Native Hawaiians. It's disturbing that any judge, much less a nominee to the Supreme Court, would manipulate the facts to reach his own political conclusions." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@maziehirono: "These are the docs Rs don't want you to see—because they show that Judge Kavanaugh wrongly believes that Native Hawaiian programs are Constitutionally questionable. I defy anyone reading this to be able to conclude that it should be deemed confidential in any way, shape, or form." [LINK TO TWEET AND DOCUMENTS]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO DEFEND THE JUDICIARY FROM PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ATTACKS

@SenateDems: "@SenBlumenthal asked Judge Kavanaugh to stand up to President Trump's outrageous attacks on the Judiciary. He refused." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

@SenateDems: "Judge Kavanaugh refused to answer whether a judge should be attacked based on heritage, the way Judge Gonzalo Curiel was attacked for being Mexican. No judge, or any individual, should ever be attacked because of their ethnicity." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO ADDRESS WHERE HE STANDS ON KEY ISSUES CONCERNING RACE

@SenKamalaHarris: "I asked Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh whether he believes President Trump was correct, that 'both sides' were to blame for Charlottesville. He refused to answer. This isn't a difficult question. One side was wrong: the one with the torches and swastikas." [LINK TO TWEET]

@SenBooker: "Emails with Supreme Court nominee Kavanaugh discussing racial profiling have been marked committee confidential. They have no personal information & pose no national security threat— why can't the American public see these documents?." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

JUDGE KAVANAUGH REFUSED TO ADDRESS THE THREAT OF 3-D PRINTED GUNS ON OUR STREETS

@SenateDems: ".<u>@maziehirono</u> asked Judge Kavanaugh if enough people printed 3-D guns, they would be 'widely owned' and therefore could not be banned under his understanding of the Constitution. He refused to answer." [LINK TO TWEET AND VIDEO]

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