## Silicon Valley oligarchs will do anything to covertly fuck any conservative and will pay billions for the glee of abusing the right

Led by Mark Pincus and Fat Reid Hoffman

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Silicon Valley quietly got involved in the bitter fight over Justice Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court.

A new book revealed a handful of executives from big tech companies aided Christine Blasey Ford before and after she went public with allegations that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her in the early 1980s.

Among those who assisted Ford in the summer of 2018 were Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, game company Zynga founder Mark Pincus, and LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, according to *The Education of Brett Kavanaugh*, written by *New York Times* reporters Robin Pogrebin and Kate Kelly and on shelves Tuesday.

Sandberg, through her sister, Michelle, advised Ford to retain a lawyer after Ford relayed her alleged encounter with Kavanaugh to Rep. Anna Eshoo and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, both California

Democrats, in late July 2018, the book revealed. The Facebook executive also compiled a list of attorneys who Sandberg heard specialized in cases like Ford's, which was given to a friend of Ford's through Sandberg's sister.

Ford ended up hiring Debra Katz and Lisa Banks of the firm Katz, Marshall & Banks, which handles whistleblower and employment matters and was recommended by Feinstein's office.

Pincus and Hoffman, meanwhile, lent Ford and her friends their private plane and hired a flight attendant when they traveled to Washington, D.C., for the high-stakes Sept. 27 hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, during which Ford and Kavanaugh both testified.

The private jet "had been secured through colleagues of [Ford's] as a way to simplify the travel and avoid public attention," according to the book.

In the lead-up to the explosive Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Pogrebin and Kelly wrote, Ford's supporters "canvassed a small group of wealthy local residents to see if they would be willing to provide transportation," and Pincus and Hoffman offered up their jet.

The two are major Democratic backers and donated to Hillary Clinton's and Barack Obama's presidential campaigns.

According to the book, Hoffman and Pincus decided to cover the flight because they wanted to help Ford and believed she should "have a chance to air her information."

"They also knew well how radioactive the situation had become, given that their own pilots had been anxious to interact with Ford and her friends for fear of being identified and harassed by Ford's detractors later," Kelly and Pogrebin wrote. "To assuage the pilot's concerns, the billionaires hired a flight attendant to work the trip."

Ford accused Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her during a small gathering at a house in suburban Maryland in 1982, revelations that roiled Kavanaugh's already contentious confirmation battle.

Kavanaugh vehemently denied Ford's claims. The FBI conducted a supplemental investigation after Ford and two other women accused Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct, though it yielded no corroborating evidence. He was confirmed to the Supreme Court by a slim 50-48 vote in October.

## Leftist Dark Money Group Behind Supposed Grassroots 'Impeach Kavanaugh' Movement

Activists demonstrate in the plaza of the East Front of the U.S. Capitol to protest the confirmation vote of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on Capitol Hill, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 in Washington. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

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NEW YORK — Demand Justice, an organization founded by former members of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and associated with a "social welfare organization" financed by billionaire activist George Soros, has played a central role in leading activism against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh based on a quickly deteriorating claim in a controversial *New York Times* article.

Demand Justice is fiscally <u>sponsored</u> by a nonprofit arm of the secretive, massively funded Arabella Advisors strategy company that pushes the interests of wealthy leftist donors. Arabella specializes in sponsoring countless dark money pop-up organizations designed to look like grassroots activist groups, as exposed in a recent <u>extensive report</u> by conservative watchdog Capital Research Center.

Within hours of the release of the questionable *Times* article, Demand Justice not only launched a social media campaign but used the piece to push their October 6 event to "protest this corrupt Supreme Court and demand an investigation of Kavanaugh."

Join us, <u>@womensmarch</u>, <u>@CPDAction</u> and dozens other groups on October 6 to protest this corrupt Supreme Court

and demand an investigation of Kavanaugh. Learn more at <a href="https://t.co/P5Xkf6NuGZhttps://t.co/WbELZvheep">https://t.co/P5Xkf6NuGZhttps://t.co/WbELZvheep</a>

— Demand Justice (@WeDemandJustice) <u>September 14, 2019</u>

The event is being organized with the radical Soros-funded Women's March and CPD Action, whose sister group, Center for Popular Democracy, is also <u>funded</u> by Soros.

Within less than 24 hours, Demand Justice <u>used</u> the *Times* piece to further promote their <u>rally</u> and renew the event's aim "to #ImpeachKavanaugh."

Together with the Women's March and CPD Action, Demand Justice went on a public relations offensive against Kavanaugh utilizing the latest accusation storyline to comment in the news media.

"This new report corroborates the allegations made by Debbie Ramirez and proves the FBI investigation conducted last year was a sham from the start," the three groups said in a <u>statement</u> widely picked up by the news media.

"At this point, an impeachment inquiry in the House is the only appropriate way to conduct the fact-finding that Senate Republicans refused to conduct."

The trio called on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler to immediately launch an impeachment inquiry.

Demand Justice has since blasted out emails and other messages to supporters urging Kavanaugh's impeachment, based in part on the *Times* piece.

Demand Justice has been at the forefront of anti-Kavanaugh activism. Even before President Donald Trump first announced Kavanaugh as his official nominee, Demand Justice <u>committed</u> to spending about \$5 million to oppose any eventual Trump nominee for the Supreme Court. The organization seeks to <u>raise</u> \$10 million in its first year.

Breitbart News <u>reported</u> that within less than one hour of Trump's announcement that Kavanough was his nominee, Demand Justice had already put up the website stopkavanaugh.com, exclaiming: "We need to demand that the Senate defeat the Brett Kavanaugh nomination."

The news media has routinely produced articles on Demand Justice protesters, with many pieces <u>failing</u> to inform readers that this is not a grassroots group but an organization spawned by professional organizers and tied to deep leftist funding.

Brian Fallon, the head of Demand Justice, served as press secretary for Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. The group's digital team is <u>headed</u> by Gabrielle McCaffrey, who was a digital organizer for Clinton's campaign.

In an <u>interview</u> with the *New York Times*, Fallon would not comment on the source of the group's financing, but the newspaper noted that he was recently a featured speaker at the conference of the Democracy Alliance, a grouping of progressive donors.

Democracy Alliance's founding donors <u>include</u> billionaires George Soros and Tom Steyer. Indeed, Fallon's panel at Democracy Alliance was moderated by Sarah Knight of Soros's <u>Open Society Foundations</u>. Demand Justice is fiscally sponsored by the Sixteen Thirty Fund, one of four nonprofits run by Arabella Advisors.

The Capital Research Center's expose documented that from 2013-2017 alone, Arabella's four nonprofits spent a combined \$1.16 billion with the aim of advancing "the political policies desired by wealthy left-wing interests through hundreds of 'front' groups."

"And those interests pay well: the network's revenues grew by an incredible 392 percent over that same period," the report related.

"Together, these groups form an interlocking network of 'dark money' pop-up groups and other fiscally sponsored projects, all afloat in a half-billion-dollar ocean of cash," <u>states</u> the report. "The real puppeteer, though, is Arabella Advisors, which has managed to largely conceal its role in coordinating so much of the professional Left's infrastructure under a mask of 'philanthropy."

The *New York Times* piece at the center of Demand Justice's latest anti-Kavanaugh push purports to have "uncovered" a "previously unreported story" about the Supreme Court justice. The article was adapted from a forthcoming anti-Kavanaugh book by the newspaper's reporters Robin Pogrebin and Kate Kelly.

At first, the *Times* <u>reported</u> these standalone details:

A classmate, Max Stier, saw Mr. Kavanaugh with his pants down at a different drunken dorm party, where friends pushed his penis into the hand of a female student. The *Times* issued a massive correction after it was reported that the newspaper had omitted the detail — included in the book — that the female accuser does not remember the incident.

## The correction reads:

An earlier version of this article, which was adapted from a forthcoming book, did not include one element of the book's account regarding an assertion by a Yale classmate that friends of Brett Kavanaugh pushed his penis into the hand of a female student at a drunken dorm party. The book reports that the female student declined to be interviewed and friends say that she does not recall the incident. That information has been added to the article.

The allegation itself is "confusing" to *National Review* writer John McCormack, who <u>opines</u>:

If you take this confusing accusation in the essay at face value, it doesn't even appear to be an allegation of assault against Kavanaugh.

If Kavanaugh's "friends pushed his penis," then isn't it an allegation of wrongdoing against Kavanaugh's "friends," not Kavanaugh himself? Surely even a modern liberal Yalie who's been to one of those weird non-sexual "naked parties" would recognize both the female student and Kavanaugh are both alleged victims in this alleged incident, barring an additional allegation that a college-aged Kavanaugh asked his "friends" to "push his penis."

Despite Demand Justice's activism and amid the collapsing *Times* claim, Nadler does not seem to be in a rush to impeach

Kavanaugh, <u>saying</u>, "We have our hands full with impeaching the president right now and that's going to take up our limited resources and time for a while."