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Deep in America's dark past is the sleazy act of guilt by accusation, used to vilify those who disagree.

The practice now infects our political process, augmented by those believing that any means justifies the end and ignoring the American concepts of honesty, integrity, and justice. Viewing others as inferior makes their destruction acceptable. The presumption of innocence until proven guilty, due process, and the right to confront our accusers are the roots of all other freedoms. The bastardization of due process debases all liberties.

In September 2018, during the process of confirming Judge Brett Kavanaugh as a new Supreme Court Justice of the United States of America, the Democratic Party wiped out any pretense of adhering to the Rule of Law.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, Democrat California, started the sham. Her party desperately tried every conceivable maneuver to delay the confirmation process beyond the November election. Unsuccessful at slowing or killing the process, Senator Feinstein released an anonymous letter just before the confirmation vote that she held for two months. It was from Professor Ford, accusing Judge Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct.

The Democrats failed to inform Professor Ford that she could provide testimony in private without leaving home. Instead, she walked into a nationally televised political farce, a highly emotional statement followed by an even more contentious Kavanaugh interrogation. Both were convincing, but her claims were unsubstantiated. In his case, it is impossible to defend against innuendo. Seizing on unsubstantiated claims by others, the Democrats demanded an FBI investigation, further delaying the confirmation process. In all, the Senate became the forum of the absurd, losing all pretenses of civility and decorum.

The Senators advocating against the nominee displayed extreme hypocrisy, but I will confine this to the three most vocal members.

Senator Feinstein - Creating this zoo was enough, but she employed a Chinese spy for twenty years, owes the country answers about how much damage he created, yet refuses to allow an investigation.

Senator Richard Blumenthal - The Connecticut Post - May 2008 quotes him claiming, "when we returned from Vietnam, I remember the taunts, the verbal and even physical abuse we encountered." He did everything to avoid the war, finally enlisting in the Marine reserves, but never went to Vietnam or

served in combat. I am a vet, with friends who fought in Vietnam. Sen. Blumenthal's claim was exceptionally reprehensible.

Senator Cory Booker-He wrote of groping an unwilling girl as they fumbled on a bed, a common event for teenagers, but precisely what he is accused Judge Kavanaugh of doing.

The hearing was character assassination and public execution of reputations and future opportunities. While the Judge was the primary target, the most innocent victims were his wife and children. For the democratic accusers, it did not matter. Their urgency to destroy Judge Kavanaugh justified damaging two little girls for life-but wasn't protecting girl's one point of this exercise.

I watched the hearing and believe that abused women (and men) need to stand up, and we need to listen. I will not judge Professor Ford because everyone accused is entitled to due process, respect and the dignity of a fair process. That does not automatically mean all accusations are truthful.

My anger targets the Senators that set up Professor Ford and Judge Kavanaugh. After using his family for collateral damage, they claimed his rage disqualified him. I am a man and would be furious if someone perpetrated this despicable situation against my wife and children. That is what men do!

Look in the mirror. Are you a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Independent, Socialist, or different political advocate? You are the LOSER! We all are. The events surrounding the normal civil process of approving a new justice resulted in significant erosions of our rights. Even if you were celebrating the destruction of another human for political expediency, you lost.

A simple, unsupported accusation can now bring down your daughter, son, husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister-everyone. Without due process, the rule of law is void. Many people are going to be harmed and angry before sanity returns-if it does!

As an independent fiscal conservative and advocate for industrial and economic policies, I try to stay calm about political parties, but not this month.

For two years, the Democrats have worked vigorously to obstruct legislation and string out the approval of political appointments. They now promise to impeach President Trump, an action guaranteeing two more years of complete gridlock. They have stated, with the confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh, to "find a way" to take him down.

The actions in the Senate are inexcusable and disgraceful. If anyone has proven to be unfit for office, it is Democratic Senators, all of them, practicing the politics of personal destruction. We entrust Senators to make our laws and uphold the principles and freedoms as spelled out in the Constitution. Instead, they care only about the accumulation of power and use it to destroy anyone disagreeing with them.

For those of you desiring gridlock, unethical behaviors, and economic uncertainty, vote Democrat. It does not matter if the candidates run as representatives of their state, they always vote to the demands of their leadership. These include Senators' Feinstein and Durbin, partners in this nasty attempt to repeal due process while packing the courts with quasi-legislators instead protectors of due process.

If you want the continuation of the economic revival and the growth of opportunity, vote for Republicans. Perhaps we can find some sanity and get needed legislation on immigration and infrastructure spending. I am tired of politics and want the government to "get to work" for the people.



Best regards,

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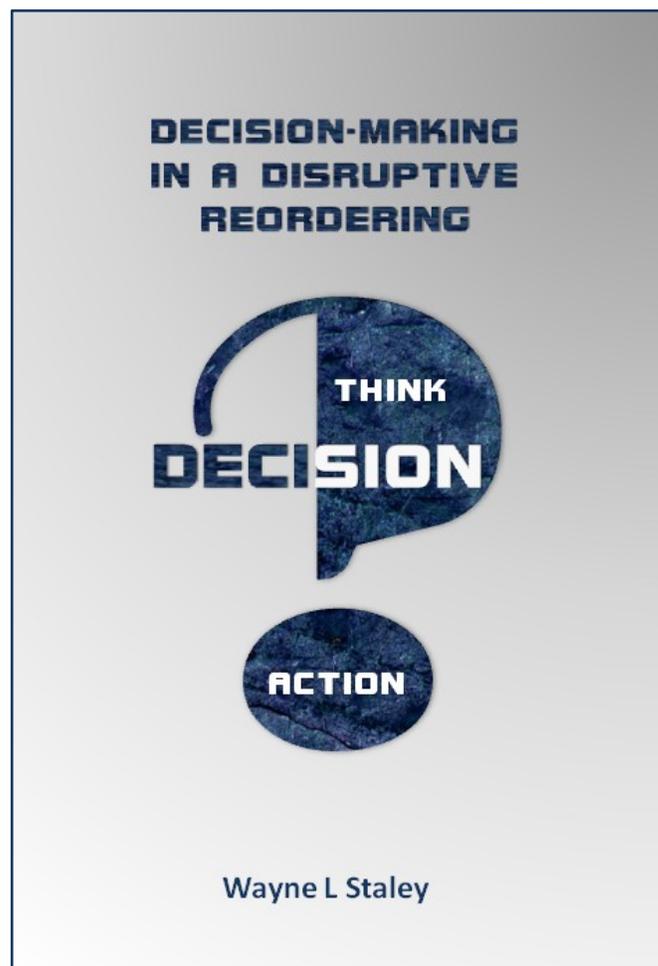
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*The second skill is learning a process, and the tools needed for implementing the decision.*

*The third skill is applying the process and tools, individually or in a team environment, to achieve the purpose behind the decision.*

*Using a fact-based paradigm allows us to discern propaganda from facts. Without knowledge, a prosperous, civilized society cannot exist.*



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