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On Tue, Sep 18, 2018 at 3:48 PM, paul krassner <[REDACTED]<mailto:[REDACTED]>> wrote:

Why I Leaked the Anita Hill Affidavit =/b>

I shall i=entify myself only as a female aide to a Republican senator. It is also relevant that I have long nurtured a keen interest in psycho-history, the process by which a nation's directi=n is interpreted as an extension of the psychological makeup of those individual= who govern it.

=C2 Without going into specific detail, let me s=mply state that on October 5, 1991, I happened to hear part of a conversation among Judge=E2 now Supreme Court Justice—Clarence Thomas, Senator Orrin Hatch and Sena=or Alan Simpson. The three were meeting informally one week after the Judiciary Committee voted, first 7-7, then 13-1, to recommend the confirmation of Jud=e Thomas, and one day after the full Senate indicated that he would be=confirmed.

=A0 The conversation I happened to hear had to do w=th those charges brought by Anita Hill and ignored by the members of the committee, =oth Democratic and Republican. At that point in time I still thought this was a= appropriate response, because the alternative would have been to hold an executive session, and Judge Thomas would then have had no practical choice=but to resort to heavy denial. Now, however, these men were, in a jocular fashi=n, acknowledging the truth of what would turn out to be Professor Hill =99s allegations.

=A0 Senator Simpson was saying, "Y'=now, Clarence, I've seen some pretty raunchy porno movies in my time, but I never did see one where = lady was having sex with an animal."

"="ll never forget it," Judge Thomas replied in his riveting sonorous tone. "They were in a barn. Except that the inside of the =arn was like a theater."

=A0 Senator Hatch interjected, "Summe= stock, eh? No pun intended"

=A0 "There was a stage at one end, =80 Judge Thomas continued his description, "and the stage was facing rows and rows of wooden fold=ng chairs. There were haystacks piled up on the stage, and in front of the haystacks t=ere was a beautiful, buxom, blond woman—and a donkey. Well, the woman b=gan disrobing and she started stroking the donkey to arousal."

=C2 "Doesn't sound at all sleazy to me," Senator=Simpson said.

=C2 "Actually, it had Beethoven piano so=atas playing in the background," Judge Thomas said. "Well, when the woman was f=llly disrobed and the donkey was fully aroused, they began copulating, right there in front o= those haystacks on the stage of that barn. Slow and sensual. Then bumping a=d grinding away, accompanied by

passionate moans and wild braying. You =99ve never seen a sight like this, I promise. And then the camera panned slowly toward=the audience . . . and the audience consisted entirely of donkeys. =9D

=C2 The Senate office shook with raucous laughter, especial= that of Judge Thomas. His booming guffaws rang like huge gongs in a church belfry. And, I must admit, I had to suppress my own laughter. I had been totally caught by surprise, but I appreciated getting the insight. Homo sap=ens is, in reality, the only species that has a need for pornography.=/u>

=C2 When the group's laughter finally began to simmer down, Senator Hatch said, "I suppose that movie was one of the demands of=the animal rights people."

=A0 "That's correct, =80 Senator Simpson added. "Saving animals' lives is no longer enough. They need culture."=/p>

=I felt like I was imprisoned in the boys' locker room, but I was getting ready to force myself to leave anyway, and it would have ended right there for me if the subject matter hadn't returned to Anita H=ll.

=C2 "I'm glad nobody considered calling h=r to testify against me, even for a closed-door session," Judge= Thomas said. "But you fellas will really love this. Anita Hill was = very opinionated young lady. Actually, she and I once had an extremely an=mated discussion on the decriminalization of abortion. Can you imagine what the Democrats would've done with that?=E2

=C2 And that was the precise instant I made the decisi=n to leak Professor Hill's statement to the press. Although I have constantly=been sexually hassled, I have never really been harassed in the legal sense of the word. However, I have had an abortion, and I was totally outraged by the blatant hypocrisy I'd o=erheard. I had never leaked a document before, but my anger overshadowed my fear.</=>

=A0 I chose Nina Totenberg because I had come to trust her reporting about the Supreme Court on National Public Radio. I honestly had =o idea what leaking the affidavit would accomplish. I certainly did not envision that it would literally embarrass the Senate into delaying the vote until public hearings were held, though that probably was my secret desire.

=A0 But Judge Thomas testified under oath that he had never discussed the subject of abortion. However= in response to a question by Senator Hank Brown, Professor Hill testified that=she had disagreed with Judge Thomas in a discussion about Roe v. Wade. U=fortunately, then-Senator Joseph Biden quickly interrupted her.

=C2 "That is not the subject of these he=rings," he said.

=A0 Personally, I feel quite disappoint=d about that particular aspect of the testimony, but I have not the slightest regret over leaking A=ita Hill's affidavit, and I would gladly do it all over again.

=C2 I certainly set a higher moral standard for myself than did the staffer for Senator John Danforth who wrote Judge Thomas's stat=ment that began, "Nobody helped me with this."

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