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SADLY, KAVANAUGH FIGHT NIGHT OVER YET

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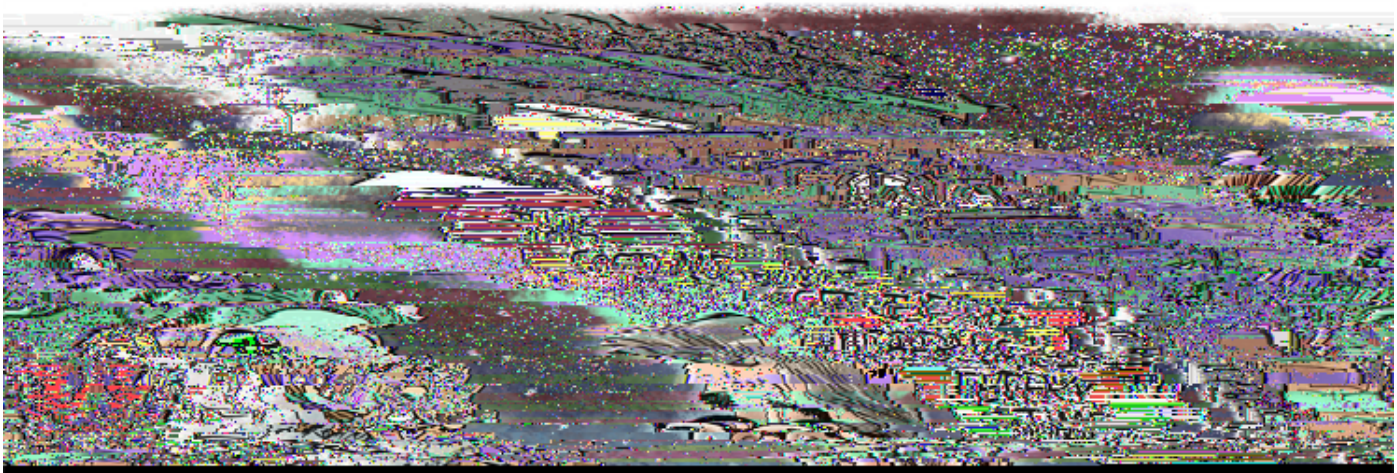

In the immediate aftermath of what was arguably the ugliest two weeks in modern United States Senate history, both sides claimed victory, each insisting the venomous, toxic atmosphere that cloaked the Capitol during the confirmation hearings and vote on the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court sent a jolt through their partyôs bases and assured success in the mid-term elections.

Republicans made a case that Democrats carried out a coordinated smear campaign based on uncorroborated accusations of sexual assault against Kavanaugh while Democrats argued the allegations had merit, were credible and the nominee was so badly flawed and his temperament so uncontrolled that he didnôt deserve to sit on the nationôs highest court.

The outcome ï a 50-48 vote to confirm him ï energized Republican voters outraged at the treatment given Kavanaugh and, at the same time, mobilized Democrats convinced the nomination was bulldozed through to avoid a potential shift in Senate control.

The Judiciary Committee hearings brought out the worst in Senators, Republican and Democrat,and ï for the television watching public – portrayed the consequences when a supposedly thoughtful and deliberative body is hijacked by ego driven individuals anxious to advance their political ambitions while tossing reasoned, insightful