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PARTNERS IN OUTRAGE: TRUMP AND KAVANAUGH

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President Trump and Justice Kavanaugh had competing levels of outrage during the last two years.

Bret Kavanaugh, the human being, was intentionally and systematically being humiliated and destroyed in front of his family and the entire world. Everything he had worked for was crashing around him. His opposition on the Senate Judiciary Committee intentionally and expressly ignored the traditional presumption of innocence. The truth of Kavanaugh's innocence prevailed.

A less vulnerable President Trump was investigated constantly over the last two years. His outrage took the form of threatening to stop the process that eventually turned out to be without merit. There was no conspiracy between Trump and Russia. Each of us would have been outraged in our own way, given those circumstances. Trump chose his unique method of counter-punching.

Given the outrageous and groundless opposition both of these men faced, I found it impossible not to cheer them on to aggressively defend themselves. They did this, each in their own very personal way, with their own version of emotional, righteous indignation. To question either man's temperament is to question their humanity.

Both events represented an embarrassing episode for the United States. But we survived. Such is our nature.