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Expert Avail: Kavanaugh Hearings

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As you prepare to cover the Brett Kavanaugh hearings today, these scholars are responsive and available to give expert commentary:

Meg Mott, Professor of Politics, Marlboro College

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"Having worked in the battered women's movement during the passage of the Violence Against Women Act, I saw first hand how a social movement could redirect the wheels of justice. I also saw how a social movement could untether criminal proceedings from constitutional commitments to due process. I'm interested in other ways to approach the problem of sexual violence so that we can move forward as a country and as a society."

Sarah Diefendorf, SSN Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Utah

Expert on conservative sexual politics

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"I studied men who were virgins. Virginity wasn't a shield that protected men from sexual assault or from finding ways to enact dominance over women. Quite the opposite. Because of the stigma of the label of virgin, these men had to find others ways to assert their masculinity."

Sheldon Goldman, Distinguished Professor of Political Sciences, UMass Amherst

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"The hearings are riveting theater with high stakes for the Supreme Court and the country. Without these hearings much of the country would not pay attention to the Kavanaugh nomination and without them the political consequences would have been minimal. The

hearings are absolutely necessary for our democracy."