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Let's compare Ford's attorney's claim to what Ford said.

5. At no time did members of Dr. Ford's team advise Committee staff that she could not travel to Washington, D.C. because of her fear of flying. Rather, staff was told that Dr. Ford could not travel on the schedule the Committee demanded because she was focused on taking measures to protect her family from threats, including death threats. Those measures included meeting with the FBI to report these disturbing threats. In fact, Dr. Ford does have a decades-long fear of flying for which she takes medication prescribed by a physician, but this had no impact on the timing of her testimony.

2/ And what else could Ford have told the FBI? Let's compare what she says now and said then.

2. Had the FBI interviewed Dr. Ford, she would have answered questions about Judge Kavanaugh's assault, including questions that Ms. Mitchell and the Judiciary Committee members failed to ask during the hearing. She would have provided corroborating evidence, including her medical records and access to the phone from which she sent messages to a reporter about the assault prior to his nomination to the Supreme Court.

3/ And re the medical records. Sounds great, but Grassley requested therapy records, not medical records. Yes, the Committee released correspondence AS THEY AGREED THEY WOULD. And maybe Ford should lose faith in her beach friend of Feinstein for keeping things confidential.

3. The suggestion that our refusal to give medical records to the Judiciary Committee bears on Dr. Ford's credibility is completely false. The Committee has released every document we have exchanged, and in the case of their letters to us, sometimes before we received them. We lost confidence in the Committee's ability or desire to maintain the confidentiality of materials and information we provided, especially with respect to something as sensitive as medical records.