

## ***Democrats Throw Senator Dianne Feinstein Under The Bus Ahead Of Battle Over Supreme Court***

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Senator Dianne Feinstein is the highest ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee. She is also 87 years old, and some of her fellow Democrats don't think she will hold up in a fight over the Supreme Court and Trump's newest appointment. As a result, some of her fellow Democrats trashed her in a recent report.

Democrats worry Feinstein can't handle Supreme Court battle As the Senate prepares for yet another brutal Supreme Court nomination fight, one particularly sensitive issue is creating apprehension among Democrats: what to do with 87-year-old Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee.

Feinstein, the oldest member of the Senate, is widely respected by senators in both parties, but she has noticeably slowed in recent years. Interviews with more than a dozen Democratic senators and aides show widespread concern over whether the California Democrat is capable of leading the aggressive effort Democrats need against whoever President Donald Trump picks to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The Judiciary Committee is the critical battleground in the Supreme Court confirmation process. At stake, her own Democratic colleagues worry, is more than just whether the party can thwart Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) in his rush to fill the seat.

Some Democrats privately fear that Feinstein could mishandle the situation and hurt their chances of winning back the majority.

Feinstein sometimes gets confused by reporters' questions, or will offer different answers to the same question depending on where or when she's asked. Her appearance is frail.

A few Democrats who remained anonymous for obvious reasons, really threw her under the bus in this report.

Check it out:

A Democratic senator, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said a group of Feinstein's colleagues want Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) or Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) to serve as the top Democrat on the Judiciary panel for the upcoming nomination hearings, which are expected to be extraordinarily contentious.

This senator is worried that potential missteps by Feinstein could cost Democrats seats.

"She's not sure what she's doing," the Democratic senator said of Feinstein.

"If you take a look at Kavanaugh, we may be short two senators because of that. And if this gets [messed] up, it may be the same result..."

Another Democratic senator said party leaders were "in an impossible position," pointing out that Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and other senior Democrats can't replace a female senator for hearings on an expected female nominee to replace a deceased female Supreme Court justice.