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“The Sad State of Politics and Morality”

To the Editor:

What I find truly disturbing and outright appalling about the calls that resulted in Senator Al Franken’s decision to resign is what this says about our standards for honesty and accountability, as well as the failing status of our political system. Notwithstanding the fact that — arguably — his behavior may be categorically different than that of Donald Trump and Roy Moore, in essence Mr. Franken is being punished for admitting what he did and demonstrating remorse and accountability for his inappropriate actions.

In stark contrast, Mr. Trump and Mr. Moore are being rewarded for very likely lying, denying and, worse yet, viciously attacking their accusers — most of whom are seen as credible by the vast majority of observers from both sides of the political spectrum. This is a sad commentary on the state of our political system and a stain on our moral code.

In his resignation speech Mr. Franken clearly captured the problem, citing the “irony in the fact that I am leaving, while a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault sits in the Oval Office and a man who has repeatedly preyed on young girls campaigns for the Senate with the full support of his party.”

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