ANTI-POPE HATE SPEECH

The following comments were found on the websites of Democratic Underground, Queerty, Towleroad, the Human Rights Campaign and the Washington Post/Newsweek blog, "On Faith." All comments appear in their original form. We are highlighting the first entry (it is an excerpt) because it was written by author Susan Jacoby, an embittered atheist and Catholic basher:

Jacoby: "When the Pope apologizes for anything, his statement generally signifies nothing more than an attempt at damage control in the wake of an unanticipated public relations disaster created by his church and his church's actions...Religious authorities ought to burn in hell, if there were a hell, for hypocritical apologies composed of words rather than deeds. There could surely be no better place for church leaders who believe in forcing a nine-year-old to bear the children of her rapist."

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"Hey, what do you expect from the head of the church that brought us the Inquisition, pedophile priests, and demands for belief in a geocentric university?"

"Righteous arrogance is always sickening. Benedict XVI is steeped in righteous arrogance. The man who presided over the child of the Inquisition (Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith) knows nothing about the people he lauds or condemns."

"I'm a Catholic and I also believe in virtually nothing the Catholic Church teaches. Therefore I'd be all for impeaching the Pope and replacing him with someone who knows what in the hell he – or she – is doing. But why stop there? Nobody is irreplaceable if you know what I mean." "Where do we send the dead bodies of African AIDS victims? To the Vatican, or to u citizenx1?"

"The man is head of one of the largest corporate entities in the world. Lets have him do something other than spread guilt and suffering."

"while we are at it, lets ban all organized religions or put them all in one place so that they can kill each other. They are all corporations. no different than AIG, designed to intimidate and cheat innocent people. They should be all taxed. None of them are the true representaions of what original prophets and God meant them to be."

"THe pope doesn't like condoms because he looses sensations when he has his p****r in little boys bums."

"As head of the Roman Catholic church the Pope is responsible for providing new membership in his church which is why contraception is forbidden. More babies equals more souls for the church, simple math."

"This religion is a joke! But beyond that, this particular pope is an evil Nazi and HE MUST GO." "The idea of a POPE in the twenty-first century is demeaning to the civilized world. In addition, a man with no real life experience of ordinary people being considered as a leader is just disgusting. This man and his predecessors have caused more misery in this world than all the dictators and tyrants combined. People who worship this man and considered him their spiritual adviser need brain transplants."

"HIV is a serious problem everywhere.Africa surly doesn't need words of wisdom from a hypocrite.Lets get started Impeach !!!"

"The Pope is an a**hole."

"Denial of the Holocaust is illegal in some countries. Perhaps claiming condom use does not protect against HIV/Aids should be regarded as Contraception Denial."

"This makes it perfectly clear that a celibate male cannot run a church. His mind is warped by his myopic view of the world. He obviously does not care about his congregants, esp. the women. As a man of the cloth, his grasp on reality is gone. He is probably suffering from dementia & his celibate Vatican handlers have kept it from us."

"Of course, the Pope IS a complete nutter, just as is anyone who bases his/her existence on beliefs in sky-gods, devils, virgin births, praying to dead people, and assorted other craziness."

"Y'all can argue the finer points of Catholicism all you want; the greater truth is all about control, control of the greater population, but particularly the control of women."

"Whatta Pope! Once a Nazi, Always Nazi! 'The Final Solution' apparently lives on this Old Youth Nazi."

"If the Pope is motivated by God, then his God is evil! How dare this evil Pope condemn these suffering people to a hell on earth by his insidious religion!"

"Yet ANOTHER way in which the Catholic Church has done more harm than good... not a huge surprise from the people who brought you the Spanish Inquisition and Vatican-approved child molestation. Who better than an elderly celibate ex-Hitler Youth to understand the needs of Sub-Saharan Africa, right?"

"if this p.o.s. is god's representative on earth, then all is lost, and there is no god worth respecting."

"this pope is a despot and should be not only impeached, but excommunicated for all of his lies and hypocrisies."

"If the Catholics can't impeach the Pope, let them do away with him as a courtesy to the rest of the society."

"I AM a Catholic. I do NOT agree with much that the Prada

pump wearing prick in Rome says or does. He means NOTHING to me or to most Catholics in the USA. He is a EVIL man& has been for years he can excommunicate if he has the balls to but I am sure he is too busy playing with the 'boys' to do that."

"The Catholics have been stupid enough to pay for this man's extracurricular activities; it is their responsibility to deal with him. May be he got HIV after using condom and his experience may be what he is talking about."

"More immorality, deceit, fraud, torture, abuse, war, destruction, and death has been perpetrated over the Millenia by the Catholic Church than any other organized religion there has ever been."

"I have a picture of Benedict as a Hitler Youth giving the heil hitler salute-hated gays then now he has power-what an evil man."

"You expect morals from the leader of the largest child molester organization in the world?"

"While 'f*** the pope' is a phrase that lilts off the tongue so pleasingly, let us not forget that his power derives from many sources, not the least of which are the myriad people like my family, all of whom are varyingly supportive of me and my same-sex husband, and also regularly attend mass, go to confession, receive communion, and 'just love that mumbojumbo.'"

"Any man that sets thier self up as God or say that they are a spokeman for God has a mental problem."

"Hmmm, and it was the 'divine responsibility' of Popes to murder thousands of men, women, and children over the years to support the superstition of the 'church'." "He, himself, is a closeted gay. Believe it or not, the fierce opponent of gays, usually they are gays in denial." "I've long suspected that the ultimate destruction of the Catholic Church was his secret goal. It would be a good thing, I only wish it weren't taking so damn long – and I hate the fact that so many people will have to die in such a horrible way before this institution of inhumanity is rendered null and void. On the other hand, I agree with His A**holiness that 'a responsible and moral attitude toward sex would help fight the disease'. Unfortunately, the Catholic Church's attitude toward sex is neither responsible nor moral."

"Yep, handcuff him and make him attend sex education classes like all the rest of the teen population."

"I thought the Popes had to have some kind of intelligence to get the position...? This guy is a f***ing idiot. I've said it before and I'll say it again: F*** THE POPE!!!"

"He's just bringing the Final Solution into the 21st century, focused on all those darkies in Africa and DC."

"will somebody drop an acme anvil on this d****bag already?

"Should we all be surprised to hear Nazi spouting hate coming from a former member of the Nazi Party"

"I think the Pope and the arch Conservative Catholic Church are guilty in the deaths of millions across the globe. They spend hundreds of millions of dollars on medical care for AIDS treatment, but refuse to lift the ban of a 25 cent piece of plastic."

"NAZI BASTARD. He needs to hook up with Ted Haggard"

"Why does the Church persist in such a manifestly immoral doctrine? One SUSPECTS that it must be the usual twisted thinking about sex and women."

"As a christian this guy embarrasses me he is a moron and he is creepy looking. Pope John Paul was such a sweet looking old man."

"Organized religion has done nothing but cause strife in humanity. Wars, discrimination, hatred in the name of 'our father' and pure ignorance. People need to start thinking for themselves. Throw organized religion to the curb."

"The popes comments represent nothing more than criminal stupidity."