

DOBBS PRAISES POPE

On his CNN show last night, Lou Dobbs hosted a discussion about Pope Benedict XVI's trip to the U.S. Unlike previous nights, his panelists showed nothing but respect for the pope; Robert Zimmerman and Ed Rollins were particularly fair. But the biggest surprise came from Dobbs. Here is an excerpt from the discussion:

Rollins: "I thought the pope saying illegals should be treated in a humane way is not saying that they should stay here. I think he's basically saying you shouldn't mistreat them when they are here. Send them home, but don't mistreat them."

Dobbs: "You know, I could sign on with that...We're going to have to take all this in. I like Pope Benedict XVI, is what [the conversation] just taught me here...By the way, I can close this out with one thing. He [the pope] changed the minds of a lot of priests around the country I believe."

Catholic League president Bill Donohue was pleased with this outcome:

"To his credit, last night Lou Dobbs pivoted away from his previous remarks about the pope and conducted himself in a most professional manner. What cannot be picked up from the transcript was the sincerity of his comments. In doing so, he put to rest any concerns we may have had. This case is closed."