

HATE SPEECH AGAINST POPE

In July, Cathy Lynn Grossman of *USA Today* wrote an article on Pope Benedict XVI's call for a God-centered global economy. We thought the pope's comments would be embraced by every reasonable person, regardless of faith. We were wrong. Here is a sample of the vitriol that was unleashed against the pope in the "Comments" section following Grossman's article. All selections are exactly as they appeared:

"'If the Catholic right is against the redistribution of wealth, they're against the pope.'"

"Let the Pope be the first to follow his own advice. The Catholic Church is one of the wealthiest entities on the planet. How about the Church giving its tithe from all its members and redistributing it to the poor instead of filling its coffers. How about the Vatican selling off its billions of dollars worth of art to feed the masses. The Pope should set the example."

"There is NO God, the bible is fake, the church is a scam."

"Bennie Baby, you want to help the world, tell all your third world followers (i.e. Mexico) to quit breeding like rabbits. It sure would help out here in California."

"Nazi pope still spreading lies huh?"

"It is time for the Catholic church to put birth control and condoms in the back of every Catholic church. That is a good start for a 'God centered' global economy."

"The catholic church, wow, what a track record they have. They killed and tortured what they considered non-believers. They were implicit in the plan on exterminating Jews, they've been abusing children for centuries, even covering up for priests involved in such heinous acts and so now they want sensible

people to take their advice on money:-)! What a bunch of nutters!"

"Why is the Pope addressing humankind? Doesn't he have a direct line to God? If he doesn't, why does he think anyone should listen to what he has to say?"

"This Pope was a friend of the Nazis."

"Christianity is like 2,000 year sold and this nutter acts like humans were lost for the thousands of years and generations until the catholic church came along with their raping of the local economy and holy wars, LOL!"

"God centered. OMG!!! That's rich, senior pope. Sure just have all paychecks directly deposited into the vaticans bank account, and they will cut a separate check to you depending on actual need. I'd pay just to shut this fool up for a year or two."

"Note to pope: Mind your own business and stay out of politics. If you want to help the world, start by quitting the collections during mass, sell your gold chalices and sell your massive display of power—your cathedral—and use the proceeds to help developing countries. Finally, ask for forgiveness for the brutal Crusades, and several inquisitions where you murdered thousands of people."

"The Catholic church has so much money they could probably fund an end to at least half the world's hunger tomorrow (ever been to the Vatican?) Rome has a lot to answer for after decades of shaming people into not using birth control despite the fact that they are too poor to feed their babies and despite the resulting spread of HIV in places like Africa. I certainly hope the Pope's 'redistribution of wealth' includes liquidation of some of the church's assets to be distributed to the poverty stricken."

"Lets start a new inquisition and if your not a christian we

throw you to the lions.”

“What is this crackpot trying to do. I guess religion and in the name of god has not killed enough people already. You would think that by learning from the past these idiots would just keep thier mouths shut.”

“This pope is disgusting and sickening.. He is a celebritie and he is not religious. I dont understand the catholic. No offense to catholic people but you have a right to know why Catholic is a FALSE religious. Read about 10 commandment being broken. They break GOD LAW!!!!!!! THEY DID!!!! ...”

“Catholic is DISGUSTING.. Oh yeah.. the bible book never mention about Catholic or any religious.. The bible itsel fis just a GOD and the Word.. what religious am I, you ask ? No, none..”