

LEFT CRITICS OF JOHN JAY STUDY

The left-wing attack on the John Jay study proves once again that art critic Harold Rosenberg was exactly right to say that liberals represent a “herd of independent minds.” Ever since the New York Times criticized the study as the “blame Woodstock” report, the herd swung into high gear.

- Tony Auth labeled his cartoon “It Was The Sixties, Man”
- A *Boston Globe* writer titled her piece, “Blame it on the ‘60s, Man”
- Jon Carroll branded his article, “The ‘60s Made Them Do It”
- A Canadian writer said, “Church Study Blames Swinging Sixties”
- ReligionDispatches indicted the Church for “Blame the Sixties” rationale
- Veteran Church-basher Marci Hamilton said the Church was guilty of “blaming the Sixties”
- Rabbi Shmuley Boteach said the Church blames “the 1960s”
- Mark Silk said the Church invokes the “Woodstock” excuse
- Sally Quinn’s brother, Wilson, slammed the Church for “Blame the Hippies” excuse
- A Cincinnati writer said the Church blames “dirty hippies”
- A New Haven writer said the Church blames “hippies”
- A Minnesota writer said the Church blames Jefferson Airplane
- A Florida writer argued the Church blames Janis Joplin

However, top honors go to the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* for falsely claiming, "In page after page, the report also accuses the news media of misrepresenting the crisis." This is utter nonsense. Mary Sanchez of the *Kansas City Star* showed her brilliance by criticizing the study for not finding a "single cause." She needs to take Sociology 101.

None of these critics is a social scientist, and few, if any, give evidence of actually having read the report. But that's what we would expect from a "herd of independent minds."