

# LEFT CRITICS OF JOHN JAY STUDY

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the critical reaction to the John Jay study of priestly sexual abuse:

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 has swung into high gear.

- Tony Auth labels his cartoon “It Was The Sixties, Man”
- A *Boston Globe* writer titles her piece, “Blame it on the ’60s, Man”
- Jon Carroll brands his article, “The ’60s Made Them Do It”
- A Canadian writer says, “Church Study Blames Swinging Sixties”
- ReligionDispatches indicts the Church for “Blame the Sixties” rationale
- Church-basher Marci Hamilton says the Church is guilty of “blaming the Sixties”
- Rabbi Shmuley Boteach says the Church blames “the 1960s”
- Mark Silk says the Church invokes the “Woodstock” excuse
- Sally Quinn’s brother, Wilson, slams the Church for “Blame the Hippies” excuse
- Kevin Osborne of Citybeat.com says the Church blames “dirty hippies”
- New Haven writer Doug Daniels says the Church blames “hippies”
- A Minnesota writer says the Church blames Jefferson Airplane
- A Florida writer argues the Church blames Janis Joplin

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* shows 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."