

# NEW YORK DAILY NEWS: DOES IT HAVE THE RIGHT TO HIRE JIMMY BRESLIN?

Catholic League Survey:

Should the *Daily News* be allowed to hire columnist Jimmy Breslin, despite his long record of Catholic bashing?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, it's a private newspaper and it has the right to do so.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we're talking about a bigot, so the right doesn't apply.

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't know.

Submit your response to [rmoore@nydailynews.com](mailto:rmoore@nydailynews.com)

Bill Donohue explains why he devised this survey: On the website of today's *Daily News*, readers were asked whether St. Anthony's High School on Long Island has the right to bar a female student from bringing her ex-girlfriend to the prom. Readers were asked the following: "Should the Catholic school have the right to bar same-sex couples at the prom?"

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, it's a private institution and homosexuality goes against church teachings.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we're talking about a prom, not marriage, the school shouldn't exclude anyone.

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't know.

By posing the question in terms of rights—instead of asking whether readers agree with the decision—the *Daily News* is making this issue into a matter of church and state, implying that it is a rebuttal assumption on the part of St. Anthony's

that it has the right to determine its own rules. Hope they get my point.