

NEW YORK TIMES BOWS TO MUSLIMS



Catholic League
president Bill Donohue
comments as follows:

On March 9, the *New York Times* ran a viciously anti-Catholic ad placed by the radical atheist group, Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF); to read it, and our rejoinder to it, click [here](#). In response, anti-Islamist activist Pamela Geller decided to submit an ad to the *Times* that played off the FFRF ad by changing the wording to make it look like an attack on Islam. For example, she asked Muslims to quit their religion because they oppress so many people.

Neil Munro of The Daily Caller has a splendid article on Geller's courageous gambit today [click [here](#) to read it]. She was turned down by the *Times*. It was rejected, they said, because "the fallout from running this ad now could put U.S. troops and/or civilians in the [Afghan] region in danger."

The *Times*' rationale for denying Geller's ad is sound: as a veteran, I am opposed to unnecessarily putting our armed forces in harm's way. But I wonder why it takes fear to impel the *New York Times* not to run bigoted ads. Wouldn't ethics suffice? It certainly wasn't enough when they decided to run the FFRF ad assaulting Catholic sensibilities.

It would be wrong to merely pick on the *Times*. We need to have a national discussion on the way the elite media extend a privileged position to some sectors of our society, while failing to extend the same protections to other sectors.

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