

PROTEST OF AP STORY GETS RESULTS

In September, there was a report by the Associated Press (AP) that caught our eye and merited a response. In a story about the tragic gang-rape of a sixteen-year-old girl in Mexico City, the reporter commented that the crime was “an extreme one even in a heavily Roman Catholic and male-dominated society.”

The league sent a letter to AP stating that the article smacked of anti-Catholic bigotry. We noted that “it is highly unlikely that anyone would describe Israel as ‘heavily Jewish’ and ‘male dominated.’”

“I can see your point,” remarked AP Vice President and Executive Editor, William Ahearn. He promised to share our letter with the editors who handled the story.