

SNAP'S DEFENDERS SHOW TRUE COLORS

Our latest report on SNAP [click [here](#)] showed beyond a reasonable doubt what an utter fraud the organization is. It was not an essay; it was not an op-ed; it was not conjecture; it was not our opinion. It was the voice of David Clohessy, the director of SNAP. When coupled with our report last summer on the proceedings of its national convention (it offered irrefutable proof of its hate-filled agenda), it cannot be maintained by any serious observer what SNAP is all about.

The credibility of those who continue to defend this wholly discredited organization is on the line. That would include the editorial board of the *New York Times* and the *Newark Star-Ledger* (the latter offered a particularly vicious statement), as well as pundits such as Andrew Sullivan. That the nearmoribund National Organization for Women and the Feminist Majority should weigh in is not surprising: though SNAP has nothing to do with women's rights, it has everything to do with attacking the Catholic Church, and that is music to the ear of radical feminists. But it is Frank Bruni, an op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*, who needs to be answered more than anyone; he loves SNAP.

Bruni notes that "some Catholic leaders have contended" that what drives wide media coverage of the issue of priestly sexual abuse is "an anti-Catholic and anti-religious bias." Wrong, he says, it's because of the "magnitude of the violation of trust." No, sir, it isn't. If it were, then the *Times* would be covering the incredible explosion of child sexual abuse by rabbis (in Brooklyn alone, there were 85 arrests in the last two years, yet the *Times* has never reported on any of this). The media yawn at the alarming rate of child sexual abuse in the public schools. So what else, if not anti-Catholicism, would be driving the disproportionate

coverage?

SEXUAL ABUSE IN NYC SCHOOLS

Sexual abuse of students in the New York City schools is exploding, yet New York State Assemblywoman Margaret Markey turns a blind eye to it.

She recently introduced legislation, as she does annually, that exclusively targets private schools for cases of abuse that occurred a long time ago. A cover story in the *New York Daily News* read, "Record 14 School Staff Busted Already: Readin' Writin' & Rikers." It details crimes ranging from sexual abuse to assault (Rikers is a jail).

To his credit, New York City Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott is cracking down, and the *New York Times* covered his efforts. He reviewed 250 employee records dating to 2000 and is seeking to oust the guilty. But Walcott doesn't have time to deal with old cases—he's got an epidemic on his hands right now. For example, after a school aide was arrested February 10 for molesting a boy (boys are frequently the victims these days), we learned that he got a slap on the wrist for offensive sexual behavior in 2006.

Sexual molesters in the schools are not always given a mere oral reprimand—they are simply moved to another school. It happens so often in the public schools that it is called "passing the trash."

Any law that addresses the issue of the sexual abuse of minors that does not include the public schools is tantamount to a cover-up. That is why all eyes should turn to Assemblywoman Markey.