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## How Far Will the Leader of the Catholic Church Go????

### No to Negationism, No to Obscurantism!

The pope Ratzinger statements during his trip in Africa are unbelievable!!! In a continent where AIDS is killing millions of people, adults as well as children, the pope, from the height of his religious authority, recommends not to use the condom, but to pray and to be abstinent. The non scientific aberration added to the reactionary ideology of this pope are so disrupting for the mind that consequently they promote behaviors that endanger people's lives and bring death. Recently in Brazil, a bishop, excommunicated a doctor and the mother of a 9-year old child, for saving the life of the child by interrupting her pregnancy after she had been raped. A representative of the Vatican supported this excommunication.

We reject with the deepest indignation the obscurantist declarations of Ratzinger who seems to forget that we are out now of the Middle Ages. The world demands today the affirmation of the principle of secularism as the necessary antidote to the fundamentalist crusade, to all those who do not tolerate freedom of consciousness and self determination of men and women as universal rights.

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