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Sorry, did I say the Taliban? I meant the Catholic Church. Pope "Hey, I was just a kid when I joined the Hitler Youth" Benedict has made his first push into politics.

Did Pope Benedict support calls for massive debt relief in Africa, or an end to major countries like the US and France peddling their weapons of war to the corrupt governments on that troubled continent? No.

Did Pope Benedict decry the lack of attention spent on fighting AIDS, the worldwide plague killing tens of millions that is spreading faster than it can be fought, and which CAN be fought with inexpensive, humane intervention? No.

Did Pope Benedict condemn the mockery of one of the world's major religions by the US military's mistreatment of the Koran, calling for respect of all peoples of faith as a cornerstone of decency? No.

Instead, Pope Benedict supported a far-right Italian push to keep people from the polls, so that a referendum on fertility treatment would fail for lack of support. Among other measures, the current law insists the government has the right to decide who can and cannot get pregnant (if you're not married in a government-approved marriage, you're out of luck as far as fertility treatment goes). So if you can't get pregnant on your own, they'll force you to stay that way. And if you DO get pregnant, they'll force you to stay that way as well.

Pope Benedict is indeed continuing Pope John Paul II's legacy of hatred of democracy (it's so annoying when the meek insist on controlling their own lives) and a desire to make its own morality not simply the rule for faithful Catholics, but the law of the land for everyone else as well.



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