

World's bishops can't seem to agree on Obama

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Catholic News Service is reporting that:

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver has taken issue with a retired Vatican official's positive assessment of President Barack Obama's speech last May at the University of Notre Dame.

In an essay published by the Italian newspaper *Il Foglio* Oct. 6, Chaput said Swiss Cardinal Georges Cottier, the papal theologian under Pope John Paul II, had been overly generous in his appraisal of the president's words.

Read more about it here: [Chaput rejects cardinal's upbeat appraisal of Obama](#) [1]

Our senior correspondent, John L. Allen Jr, reported yesterday that the prelates from Africa are much taken with the American president: [Without even showing up, Obama's a force at African Synod](#) [2].

Catholic News Service reported a similar story yesterday titled "President Obama being cited at African synod." The story was first posted early in the morning (by our time zone), and CNS updated the story later in the day, adding this as a second paragraph:

"And the laudatory citations continued, even when African bishops were told that some U.S. bishops have problems with Obama's stances on abortion and other life issues."

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