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## Der Spiegel publishes highly critical Benedict XVI portrait

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The pain of the clergy sexual abuse has been especially acute in Germany these past two months and with this pain has come some very critical assessments of the handling of the crisis by the Germany born pope, Benedict XVI. None, however, has been as dark as the one published this week in *Der Spiegel*.

*Der Spiegel* is one of Germany's leading news publications. The piece is entitled "The failed papacy of Benedict XVI."

Whether one agrees with it or not, this, being a home front portrayal, it is likely to have special influence in shaping public opinion

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