

The Catholic case against Rick Santorum

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I had great fun last night watching Iowa caucus returns in realtime on *The New York Times* election 2012 dashboard on my iPad. It was fun watching first Ron Paul, Rick Santorum and Mitt Mitt Romney, and then Santorum and Romney trading places on the winners board.

If [CNN's analysis is correct](#) [1], and "Mojo trumps money" than the the "Santorum surge" we're seeing may mean something. And with pundits like David Brooks giving Santorum a double thumbs up for his potential appeal to Catholic and white working class voters (see: [Workers of the World, Unite!](#) [2], you've got to wonder what a pew sitting Catholic is supposed to think.

John Gehring has put together a very useful analysis on the [Faith in Public Life blog](#) [3]. Gehring says that Santorum's record on issues like torture, immigration, climate change, workers' rights etc., are radically out of step with his faith's teachings as articulated by Catholic bishops and several popes over the centuries.

Read Gehring's analysis here: [The Catholic case against Rick Santorum](#) [3]

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