

## Conservatives Pile On B16

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[Over at RNS.](#) [1] David Gibson rounds up the voices of conservatives who have been disappointed by Benedict XVI and who now feel free to give vent to their disappointments. I wish they had kept their thoughts to themselves. The fact that Joseph Bottum thinks Benedict's pontificate the worst in 200 years demonstrates only that Mr. Bottum knows next to nothing about Church history and, in this instance, gave in to the editors' desire for a counter-intuitive piece. Alas, with the Church, counter-intuitive pieces are usually quite wrong. And, conservative disappointment with Benedict only shows, yet again, that they are as willing to line up in the cafeteria as those they accuse of being cafeteria Catholics.

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