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NYT, AGAIN: "CALL THEM BY THEIR TRUE NAMES." Rebecca Solnit.

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The New York Times has anointed another "devout Catholic." This time the Times anointed William Barr of all people. See Jeremy W. Peters and Katie Benner, *Right Rejoices as Barr Assails Liberal Culture*, NEW YORK TIMES, Monday, December 9, 2019, p. A1 ([the New York Times often charges for any online access to its reports](#); posted online under a different headline).

Previously they declared Kenneth Cuccinelli "a devout Catholic" in *The Public Face of Homeland Security Also Ruffles Its Feathers. A Lot*, by Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Maggie Haberman, NEW YORK TIMES, Friday, September 6, 2019, p. A12 ([to say again, be forewarned: the New York Times often charges for any online access to its reports](#)). Mr. Cuccinelli is the latest acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or "USCIS." I previously pointed out some of the many reasons that Mr. Cuccinelli isn't anyone's "devout Catholic" in [an article posted on September 8, 2019](#), "CALL THEM BY THEIR TRUE NAMES." *Rebecca Solnit*.

This is insulting. As I told the New York Times in September's article, we will have to discuss what being "a devout Catholic" means. That long discussion is coming, sooner than later.

A devout Catholic does not lie that his Inspector General's report affirming the FBI somehow debases the FBI the way he does.

A devout Catholic does not betray an old friend like Robert Mueller by publicly suggesting that he was incompetent. Especially when that friend conducted an investigation that resulted in dozens of indictments and a report that runs for hundreds of pages presenting two volumes of evidence for impeachment of a president.

And a devout Catholic does not say that a politician's political campaign was spied on not by Russia, mind you, but by his own Government particularly when the truth is all to the contrary of what he says about it.

It is not my place to judge Bill Barr as a person and I am asking you not to judge him or Ken Cuccinelli either. I am not saying that either Barr or Cuccinelli is a bad person. I am saying that neither one should be called "a devout Catholic." Barr's actions in particular are not devout and they are not Catholic. Many will say "Lord, Lord," but you shall know them by how they act and not by what they say about how devout they are.

To paraphrase the Irish-American poet John Boyle O'Reilly, William Barr may have a right to rule if we let him. But he has no right to call his reign Catholic. See ["THIS IS NOT DECAY. THIS IS ORGANIZED DESTRUCTION," posted here on October 27, 2019.](#)

Or to call it the United States of America.

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