

# What's Mike Fitzpatrick's Connection to Catholic Priest Child Molesters?

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If I follow U.S. Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick's own logic, it should be clear to voters that he's responsible for the sexual abuse of children by Catholic Church priests.

It's true.

By the same cowardly standards he's using to smear Kathy Boockvar -- his opponent in the Nov. 6 election -- Fitzpatrick, by attending church, is directly responsible for the scandal that has created countless victims and their families and rocked the Church to its foundation.

Follow the congressman's logic:

Fitzpatrick has launched a despicable campaign saying that 13 years ago, Boockvar's husband represented a 75-year-old woman who was a literary agent for Mumia Abu-Jamal, convicted 30 years ago for killing a Philadelphia policeman. He also represented a witness in the case in which Abu-Jamal was convicted.

According to *The Inquirer*, the federal prosecutor said the case against the woman literary agent was "almost like a traffic ticket," and that it "focused only on (her) protest, not on Abu-Jamal's crimes." The paper also reported that Boockvar has never met Abu-Jamal. In fact, Boockvar was a teenager when Mumia killed the policeman.

So what did Mike Fitzpatrick and his cronies at the Republican National Republican Campaign Committee (NRCC) do? They created lie-filled telephone calls and internet ads featuring a huge, scary looking photo of Abu-Jamal with a photo-shopped image of Boockvar, asking "WHAT'S KATHY BOOCKVAR'S CONNECTION TO CONVICTED PHILLY COP KILLER MUMIA ABU-JAMAL?"

The answer, of course, is **NOTHING**. I guess that Fitzpatrick and the RNCC are just asking.

But Fitzpatrick is flat out desperate because of his stands on Social Security, Medicare and his votes on trade bills that have cost thousands of Pennsylvanians their jobs. He can't possibly debate the issues -- because he is laughably out of touch with the voters.

If Fitzpatrick has just an ounce of decency, he'll renounce the robo calls and ads. He'll cancel them. If he wants to be known as something other than a cheap politician who would resort to the lowest, most dishonest tactics to win by any means at any cost, he'll apologize to Kathy Boockvar and the voters.

If he doesn't apologize, then by the same standards he and the NRCC have established and followed, here's a fair question for every time he's ever set foot in a Catholic church or contributed money that was used to feed and clothe pedophile priests and to cover up their crimes:

**“WHAT”S MIKE FITZPATRICK’S CONNECTION TO CONVICTED CATHOLIC PRIEST CHILD MOLESTERS?”**

The answer, of course, is **NOTHING**. I'm just asking.

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