

# STANDARD FILED HOLDER SAT 2-5-74-98 Not wearing any blinders

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That is an interesting observation. How does Bob Roth, whom I met, what 10 times at the most, know about my religious beliefs? Say did anybody check the five-member

Ontario Provincial Police Project Truth team for religious affiliation?

Gee Bob, there might be a Roman Catholic or two on that team.

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Does being a Roman Catholic make me a weak-kneed wimp when it comes to criticizing the Roman Catholic church?

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*Freelholder*

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