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HYPOCRISY? OR JUST POOR RESEARCH?

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Timothy Egan hates religion. In his recent New York Times article, “Why People Hate Religion,” he wrote: “What you hear about is the phonies, the charlatans who wave Bibles, the theoretically pious.....overtly religious Americans.....White evangelical Christians, the rotting core of Trump’s base.....It’s a devil’s pact.

To his credit he, he does identify a worthy Christian. He writes: “If you’re looking for hope in the midnight of the American soul, look no further than Sister Pimentel’s shelter.....in McAllen, TexasHer life’s work, she says, is guided by seeing the ‘the presence of God’ in migrant children.”

Egan made a good choice. I’m sure he took pleasure in her report from a Border Patrol station: “I saw cells that were crammed with many children of all ages-a small little cell with many children all stacked up in there, no sleeping quarters.” But I doubt he even noticed that was from 2014 during Obama’s reign. And I doubt he noticed this recent statement about attacks on border agents: “For them to be put down because they are doing their jobs, I don’t understand that. That’s fake news.....[they] do their jobs well.”

She’s an equal opportunity critic. I don’t think he did his research.