



ASK DEANNA!
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Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

I almost went off on a stranger in the grocery store. I was shopping and looked up and saw my boyfriend's jacket floating down the canned food aisle. He swore up and down somebody stole his coat. To get a closer look, I walked up and spoke to the lady. She had on his jacket with his name monogrammed exactly the way I bought it along with his picture on a key chain. What do I do about this?

Tressie
Milwaukee, WI

Dear Tressie:

Your boyfriend has another woman and you either confront him head on or keep rolling dumb in the dark. If she proudly flaunts his photo, the encounter wasn't a one-night stand and it's serious if she's wearing his clothes. Tell your boyfriend what you saw, you want the jacket back immediately, and the other woman has to go. If he says no, goes into denial or lies about anything....give him the boot and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I want to know why you never mention the good men in your articles? Yes a majority of men are dogs but not all of them. Sometimes a man can be telling the truth but the woman seems to think he's lying. It boils down to how well you trust your man. I believe if a man cheated once doesn't necessarily mean he'll cheat again. There are some men that cheat and keep on cheating but some men do tend to stop.

Ms. Confident
On-Line Reader

Dear Ms. Confident:

You're absolutely right. There are many good men whose existence and credibility is being destroyed by the dogs. A woman must have her own confidence, self-love, and esteem in order to reflect and build trust in a man. There are men out there treating their women well and just as many good men waiting for a good woman. I definitely give props to the faithful, Godly, honorable and caring men that are holding it down and doing the right thing.

Dear Deanna!

Recently I pledged a sorority and I feel it's the biggest mistake of my life. These girls perpetrate as if they promote unity and bonding to get you in the group then the story changes. Now that I'm in the sorority, I see a lot of loose sex, back stabbing, drinking and phony people. I'm ashamed and want out of the sisterhood but don't know how to get out.

Pam
Spartanburg, SC

Dear Pam:

You would be surprised at the number of girls who pledge sororities just for popularity. Then over half of them don't finish college and if they do, they don't do anything in the community or maintain their membership or represent the sorority. Revoke your membership by writing a letter to the sorority's headquarters, cancel your dues and burn your Greek stuff. Next time, stay in the right group—Me Phi Me.

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Cochran

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the group's lawsuit over the riots, saying the statute of limitations had expired.

Also among mourners were other members of Simpson's legal "dream team" including Peter Neufeld and Barry Scheck, as well as actress Angela Bassett, Rep. Maxine Waters, U.S. District Judge Consuelo Marshall, who went to high school with Cochran.

Former Cochran client Abner Louima, a Haitian immigrant who was tortured by New York police, arrived with Sharpton. "He was my lawyer and my friend," Louima said of Cochran outside the cathedral.

Cochran's other high-profile clients included Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, football great Jim Brown, actor Todd Bridges and rappers Tupac Shakur and Snoop Dogg.

In 1997, Cochran won freedom for Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, a former



O.J. Simpson pays his respects to Johnnie Cochran, who defended him in a murder trial.

Black Panther who spent 27 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit. The attorney called the moment "the happiest day of my life prac-

ting law." Before entering the cathedral, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown said Cochran was among "the great warriors

who really used the legal system to gain a measure of freedom and justice for people. Johnnie was a symbol of that for all of us."

Pope

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Americans. Catholics make up 23 percent of the U.S. population. There are 8 million Catholics in the Dominican Republic and 6 million in Haiti, according to the Catholic Almanac.

Catholicism has exploded on the African continent, rising from 7 million in 1914 to 120 million in 2000. Over the next two years, Catholics in Africa are expected to outstrip the number in Europe. According to the *Catholic Almanac*, there are approximately 200 million Catholics of African descent.

There are more English-speaking Catholics in Africa than in all other continents combined. The National Black Catholic Congress reports that there are 24.7 million Catholics in Zaire, 17 million in Nigeria, 12.8 million in Uganda, 11.6 million in Tanzania and 9 million in Kenya.

In addition to Arinze, another long-shot chance to become pope is Cardinal Wilfrid Fox Napier of Durban, South Africa.

Many news outlets have reported incorrectly that if elected, Arinze or Napier would become the first Black pope. Actually, it would be the fourth time a Black assumed the throne at the Vatican. The three earlier African popes, all of them now saints, were: Pope Saint Victor 1 (183-203 A.D.), Pope Saint Gelasius 1 (492-496 A.D.) and Pope Saint

Miliades 1 (311-314 A.D.).

Some scholars are saying it is Latin America's turn to have a pope. Almost half of the world's Catholics — 46 percent — are in Latin America. The most frequently mentioned Latin American candidates are Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga of Honduras, Cardinal Claudio Hummes, the archbishop of Sao Paul, Brazil and Jaime Lucas Ortega y Alamino of Cuba.

Pope John Paul II broke a 450-year stranglehold on the office by Italians. The pope is also known as the bishop of Rome, and Italians are eager to reclaim the throne. However, with population and influence shifting from Europe to Africa and Latin America, they face an uphill battle.

The pope will be selected by 117 Roman Catholic cardinals. In order to vote, cardinals must be younger than 80. Fifteen days after the pope's death, the cardinals gather to pick his successor.

Complicating matters for people of color, the College of Cardinals does not reflect church membership. Of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, approximately 46 percent live in Latin America, 26 percent in Europe, 13 percent in Africa and 10 percent in Asia. Only 5 percent of the world's Catholics live in Italy, yet Italians comprise 35 percent of the voting cardinals.

Although Latin America

has almost half of the Catholic population, it makes up less than 20 percent of the College of Cardinals, the body that will elect the next pope. The election process begins with an oath of secrecy. They discuss the candidates and then write their preference on a paper ballot. On the first day, votes are taken once in the morning and once in the afternoon. On following days, two votes are taken in the morning and one in the afternoon. If no one wins with a two-thirds majority on the first 30 ballots, then a simple majority can elect the next pope.

The cardinals, in selecting a new leader for the church, will weigh such factors as a candidate's age, evidently in an effort to not have the next pope serve 26 years as John Paul II did. His tenure was double the average term for popes in this century.

They must also consider

the direction of the church. Considering that practically all of the cardinals were chosen by John Paul II, regardless of who is selected, they are not likely to veer from the current pope's conservative teachings on abortion, the ordination of women, euthanasia, birth control and homosexuality.

Cardinal Arinze, the leading Black candidate, is one of the hard-line candidates.

In a 2003 commencement speech at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Arinze said: "In many parts of the world, the family is under siege, opposed by anti-life mentality, as seen in contraception, abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. It is scorned and banalized by pornography, desecrated by fornication and adultery, mocked by homosexuality, sabotaged by irregular unions, and cut in two by divorce."

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