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The Voice of Outrage

[The Grand Forks Herald](#) did a great job of promoting Senator Heidi Heitkamp as the voice of outrage over the abuses of the children on Spirit Lake Nation Reservation:

“Heitkamp’s was one of the loudest voices of outrage during the controversy over the deaths of several children at the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in recent years, and it’s an issue she continues to work on.”

Oh yes! Do tell! *Leans in to listen more*

As someone who has been closely monitoring both the horrific reports of abuse, rape and murder of children on SLN and the wishy washy responses by politicians and appointees, I am stunned to learn that the same woman who could not be bothered during her campaign to even look at the problem (despite people asking her to, and her former position as North Dakota Attorney General where she obvious had to have an inkling or two... mebbe not?), and whose press releases have never once expressed outrage over the indignities, abuses, rapes and murders of these children; and who only recently formed a \$4M ‘committee to ‘study’ the problem’ (and came up with the idea that more language classes, more cultural events might somehow be the solution)... the same woman who literally walked out of a meeting in her own office with Betty Jo Krenz: *“She smiled, shook my hand, thanked me for coming all the way to DC, patted me on the back and told me her staffer, Tracy Sutton, will be taking care of this,”* is in anyway a voice of outrage before ‘during’ or after the deaths of several children on the rez.

Interesting that they use the word “controversy”. Since when is it a ‘controversy’ when children are raped and murdered? Why can’t even the writers that work for Forum Communications use the word “Crime”? How is it a ‘controversy’? What exactly is in dispute here?

It’s a scandal. It’s not a controversy. It’s a scandal and it’s been going on for a very long time, the entire time that Heitkamp was ND AG and it is still going on as she feigns outrage and comes up with solutions that are so disconnected from reality they are laughable.

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Seriously? The same woman who walked out of the meeting with Betty Jo Krenz, who was, by the way, the one Tribal Social Services sent to the gruesome scene where Destiny and her younger brother, Travis DuBois, Jr, were mutilated and slaughtered... that is the woman that Heidi has yet to find time for in her busy schedule. She has found plenty of time for other things, and of course, Melissa Brady, and of course ops... she’s great at that. *smile!* *Flash!*

Do tell me about her being one of the ‘loudest voices of outrage’, one more time, I could use a good laugh.

Heitkamp has scheduled in another meeting with Betty Jo Krenz for the 28th ... but of course she will not be there personally, she has already decided that a staffer will do.

Yes, of course, when someone claims the moral high ground as one of the loudest voices of outrage, walking out on meetings, dismissing the key players who are pushing for there to be criminal investigations (which still have not happened, btw, as no one in Heitkamp's office thinks they are necessary. If they were necessary, I am certain that a woman who was Attorney General of ND would have by now argued and fought for them, right? Language classes and cultural events...?) when one can get the media to print any favorable image despite the evidence to the contrary, there is no need to actually meet with the people who are key to pushing this into the public view.

Marginalizing Betty Jo Krenz, not even talking to Thomas Sullivan, but spending time with Melissa Brady, (How was brunch by the way, ladies? Good?), is hardly how one earns the creds of being any kind of a voice of 'outrage'.

The real voices of outrage are still, three years and more into this, demanding criminal investigations and Justice for the children who have been robbed, raped, abused, tortured and murdered. That is what the voice of Outrage demands. Not Language classes. Not more cultural events. Not 'studying' the 'issue'.

These children are not bugs under a microscope that can be studied for the next 3 years while they continue to be raped, robbed, tormented, tortured and murdered. These are flesh and blood babies and children and frankly, they deserve so much better than Heitkamp and her faux mantle of outrage, which frankly I have yet to hear so much as a whisper from her, much less one of the 'loudest voices'.

So, if the Forum Communications Group wants to interview the real voices of outrage, they know where to find Betty Jo Krenz.

If you want to see real outrage over this criminal scandal, you can read the New York Times series (Google: "NYT: Spirit Lake" and several articles will show up), or they can watch Chris Berg's show where the topic comes up. He was outraged.

Heitkamp really barely has this on her radar except as a way to exploit for personal and political gain and I am not in the least impressed, and neither should anyone else be.

She knows how to ask for and how to demand a criminal investigation. She just hasn't gotten around to it yet. Maybe in 3 years or so, depending on whether or not her 'study' shows child rape, torture, trafficking, exploitation and murder to be 'criminal' or not.

Why has no reporter asked her why she has not pushed for a criminal investigation?

Why are the media so lazy or inept that they merely take dictation from press releases without even looking to see if such claims as being 'one of the loudest

voices of outrage' even makes sense given the lack of anything concrete to base it on, and given how the facts of Heitkamp's actions towards those who genuinely ARE the voices of outrage on this, prove she really cannot be bothered?

The woman is not a 'voice of outrage'. She is not even a whisper. She's a fraud and she's hoping you all see her wrapped in an Indian Blanket as the savior of children she continues to ignore, *Flash!* as she stands with and at the side of those who have been the abusers, the obstructionists and the exploiters.

I can hardly wait for her next softball interview. Who will be the stenographer then? Doesn't matter. Heidi will tell them what to write and they will write it. No one need bother looking to see if any of the claims she makes are true.

After all, they are worshiping at the feet of a woman who thinks language classes are the thing that stops child rape.

I'll say it again: Nothing changes until there is Justice. That means criminal investigations on not only the rapists and the thieves, but of those who have all this time, protected them and refused to treat their actions as crimes nor those children as victims.

Yes, things have gotten worse in the 12 years since she was ND AG. That's because she did nothing then. What do you think we get 12 years from now? Or are we to believe this problem is only 'recent'? *Give me a break!*

It won't be long before we have to bury another one, or some horrific story of child torture hits the air again. Let's be very firm about this, let's give them language classes!

"one of the loudest voices of outrage...." my ass.

You know where to find me.

~Cat