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Melissa and Aaron Klein of Oregon, who were ordered by a state agency to pay two women \$135,000 after they refused to take part in their same-sex wedding plans, may now face seizure of their assets. An administrative judge fined the couple after they declined to bake a cake for the lesbian couple, citing their religious objections. The fine was ordered by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, which had accused the Klein couple of violating the Oregon Equality Act of 2007. According to reports, the agency is docketing the judgement and is exploring various options for collection.

Docketing the judgment would put it on the records of the court, making it the first step

towards seizing the Kleins' home, property, and other assets in place of their payment of the fine. When ordering the fine, the State of Oregon put a gag order on the Klein family, demanding that they "not to speak publicly about not wanting to bake cakes for same-sex weddings based on their Christian beliefs." Bureau Commissioner Brad Avakian said at the time of the finding, "The goal is to rehabilitate...For those who do violate the law, we want them to learn from that experience and have a good, successful business in Oregon."

The Kleins filed a petition for review with the Washington Court of Appeals in July, after Oregon's final order upheld the \$135,000 fine. Attorneys for the family asked for a stay, which would have put payment of the fine to the Bureau on hold until a ruling could be reached on their appeals. However, the Bureau declined. Attorneys for the Bureau told the Klein family to obtain a bond or an irrevocable line of credit.

Objecting to both options, the Kleins' declared that the former would equate to them handing the full fine amount over to Oregon, while the latter would mean a permanent loss of roughly \$7,000 even if they prevail in the end.

Melissa Klein said "There's legal reasons and there's also kind of personal reasons. If a civil

court or a circuit court judge had made this order, I would consider it legally binding. But when a bureaucracy does it and I didn't get due process, I don't call it legally binding."

The Klein family has received little sympathy from the State, despite popular fundraising campaigns on their behalf. "It's difficult to understand the Kleins' unwillingness to pay the debt when they have, very publicly, raised nearly a half million dollars," said Bureau spokesman Charlie Burr. He added that they do "not have the right to disregard a legally binding order."

Aaron Klein disputed Burr's estimate of the amount garnered in fundraising. "The number they've given out is bloated," he said. "It is not what we have available, it is not what we have on hand, and there are so many variables to where that money has to go, what has to happen with that money, that we're not touching that money for any purpose because I don't know what the future holds."

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Cloward Piven • 6 months ago

Homosexual supremacists are the worst kind of fascists because they don't think they're the fascists.

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ajkfidsjkaf • 6 months ago

Gay Mafia determined to destroy Christians who believe differently than they do. They are never happy and never will be.

Personally I would tell the state of Oregon to go straight to hell and move to a free state.

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Bill • 6 months ago

This is chilling! It should frighten any American. What we're seeing is nothing short of fascism. Next we'll have SS type soldiers beating down the doors of anyone that doesn't toe the line. This is nothing more than a freaking administrative office with no legal authority in spite of their

claims to the contrary. I hope the Klein's take this all the way to the Supreme Court and make a statement against this kind of repressive and illegal anti-American action. You people in Oregon better get this right fast or you'll be in the path of some major backlash. There's only so much honest people will take before they fight back. Whatever happened to "we reserve the right to refuse service?".

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Dean • 6 months ago

"an irrevocable line of credit." I'd rather go to jail than impoverish my family like this.

This not only should be illegal, but anyone who even suggests it should never have any place in any govt post. They're too vicious.

Shouldn't we have a right to bequeath our posterity a better country than we inherited?

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capnjack43 • 6 months ago

Oregon has become a cesspool of Liberals.

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jackets • 6 months ago

This story should send cold chills up every American's spine. They want them to have a successful business but we must rehabilitate them. Are you kidding me. This is horrible. Never thought I would see this in our great country. Where is the ACLU protecting this couple?

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → jackets • 6 months ago

They brought it on themselves by being biggots! I think it is hilarious!!

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jackets → H8STUPIDPEOPLE
• 6 months ago

So, if someone believes that God said He made them male and female and instituted marriage between a man and a woman , they are bigots. That is mean and intolerant.

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → jackets
• 5 months ago

Truth sometimes hurts!

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → jackets
• 5 months ago

Yes!

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Frank Smith → H8STUPIDPEOPLE
• 6 months ago

So you're bigoted against Christians. Oh how it would amuse me to see you deal with that.

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → Frank Smith
• 5 months ago

Screw you! Businesses are regulated by government. Government must follow the documents of the founding fathers, which includes an Establishment Clause that prohibits some cake maker from doing things like this one! If it weren't the case, I would've already started a business that would have forbade stupid people, such as yourself, from being able to enter! If you don't like it, pack your shit and leave the country!!

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jackets → H8STUPIDPEOPLE
• 5 months ago

The country would be much better off if you left than if Christians left. No one should be called names because of their religious beliefs. You are the sorriest of human beings. You are one mean, nasty, evil, demented liberal. The likes of

you will not silence us. Hard to believe people like you exist. God help us. BTW, did I say you were intolerant...the very thing you accuse others of being. No one is keeping you from believing or not believing. God gave you a free will to even be nasty.

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NormB • 6 months ago

"How is MY marriage to another [man, woman, dog, horse] going to affect YOU, christian?" simpered one homosexual apologist after another not too very long ago.

Thusly:

"You say you won't support homosexual unions [bestiality or pedophilia]? Off to the reeducation camp with YOU comrade refusenik! And we're taking all your property for the state!" - the courts.

And if you STILL refuse, you go to jail.

Isn't going to affect any of us any way at all, so long as we submit to their demands, no one gets hurt.

Homosexuality [soon, pedophilia, bestiality - believe it] trumps all other considerations.

Know it.

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Katie Sowell ➔ NormB • 6 months ago

Romans 14:11 "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Psalms 9:17

"The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God." Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Jude 1:7

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of

Oregon orders re-education and assets seizure for Christian couple
for an example, suffering the vengeance of
ETERNAL FIRE.

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → Katie Sowell
• 6 months ago

That book was written by the Roman Emperor Constantine and the panel, including “religious leaders” in an effort to create mindless puppets, such as yourself.

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John Gallion →
H8STUPIDPEOPLE
• 6 months ago

I'm sorry but your history knowledge is sorely lacking. The only mindless puppet is you - being fed a steady diet of historical falsehoods and propaganda from the government indoctrination system. Anyone who really knows the story of how the Holy Bible was created knows that Constantine did not write it. All he did was gather a collection of respected and well known bishops and others to counter the spreading heresies that were afloat in the Roman Empire at the time. One of these was Arianism. The other was Gnosticism. Using the documentation that was traceable to the original authors these bishops (guided by the Holy Spirit) assembled the Scriptures into a coherent whole which included not just the Torah but the writings of the Prophets, the letters of Paul and the other Apostles as well as the four Gospels. When one studies the Bible one realizes that it is indeed a coherent whole. Take one piece away and it is diminished. God clearly gave us a holographic documentation of his dealings with

mankind. The Bible says the things of God are foolishness to those that are perishing. But to those that have His Spirit within them, the Scriptures are an amazing, scientifically accurate, Spirit-filled love letter to lost mankind from a loving, patient and merciful Creator.

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → John Gallion • 5 months ago

That's what "panel" means, fucktard! And I notice that you stated, "others", besides the religious leaders, which is exactly what I stated! How do you disprove my argument by stating what I stated?!? If it's so complete, why is it that other books are being found in recent history? Some current religious leaders believe that the people whom were actually closest to Jesus had their testaments left out, such as Thomas, who's book was recently discovered. And where did Jesus go for all those years that are not chronicled. Get you a bible to thump on a cassette tape because you obviously have trouble interpreting texts! The Pope, Himself, just recently stated that the bible was outdated and did not represent advancements in civilization. Like others whom have tried to outsmart me, you, too, lose!!

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martinbarillas Mod → John Gallion • 6 months ago

Thanks for reading Spero!

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → NormB • 6 months ago



You're mentally ill and should seek treatment!

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BlackRipleyDog → H8STUPIDPEOPLE

• 6 months ago

No, you need the treatment and quickly. We now know that self-marginalized individuals like yourself have a predilection for mass shootings.

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jackets → H8STUPIDPEOPLE

• 5 months ago

I am beginning to believe that they threw away the baby and kept the after birth which turned out to be you. What a low life. Your parents must be ashamed of you.

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NormB → H8STUPIDPEOPLE

• 6 months ago

This WILL be difficult, but I will TRY and communicate clearly and effectively on your level. Here goes:

I know you are, but what am I?

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H8STUPIDPEOPLE → NormB

• 5 months ago

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