

# Liberal Tolerance Extended Only to the Like-Minded

☒ Oregon baker, Aaron Klein, owner of Sweets Cakes by Melissa, recently said he was living in accordance with his religious beliefs when he declined to make a lesbian couple their wedding cake. As you can imagine, so-called liberal tolerance doesn't extend to Mr. Klein.

I've read numerous articles so far and all have discussed the potential violation of Oregon state law vs. U.S. Constitutional law, and on and on and on. I don't practice that kind of law so I'm not going to express an opinion about the legalities of their actions, but I didn't read anything that said Mr. Klein refused to serve this couple. They could buy anything he sold; he just wasn't selling same-sex wedding cakes.

But, I'm more interested in the "people" part of the story.

I first heard about this situation on my local radio station and all four hosts of the show talked about the bakery owner's "hatred" of gays. Well, I watched the video of the baker, and I heard nothing "hateful" in his speech. Like myself, he doesn't agree with "gay marriage," so why is that hateful? I'm not a homophobe and I don't fear or hate homosexuals. I don't wish them harm; I don't think they should be banished from society. I believe in traditional marriage that has been in place for thousands of years and I have not seen, read or heard one argument that has changed my mind. It's that simple. There's nothing hateful about it.

Mr. Klein is a Christian and the video of him in his bakery and the store's décor support that fact. Obviously, the man lives his faith. So, I have to wonder if his was the only bakery in Oregon or did the couple set their sights on him

anticipating his refusal and an opportunity for publicity. I have no idea if these two women are activists or not. But I believe that most people wake up in the morning and say, "I wish I didn't have to go to work today" but there are others who wake up with a purpose and say, "I've got a cause to fight for." I have to question the women's motivation since gay marriage is not legal in Oregon. So why aren't they buying their cake in the state where they're getting married? I don't get why they would want to buy a cake in Oregon and get married somewhere else? I've never heard of such a thing.

I've known dozens of brides-to-be in my life and not one of them, while preparing for their weddings, had the time to do anything other than make preparations for their upcoming weddings. Yet, it seems like the fiancée of the person who was refused the cake, had the time to write to the Oregon State officials to complain about Mr. Klein's refusal to bake the cake for their wedding.

What's most alarming to me from a "people" perspective is the hatred of Mr. Klein by those that don't agree with him. Unfortunately, the hypocrisy is as predictable as my being called a racist because I disagree with President Obama's policies.

Here's a perfect example. Yelp is a website for people to post their own reviews of restaurants, bakeries, service providers, etc. I've posted reviews on Yelp and I've also checked the website before trying out a restaurant. I find it very helpful. Just check out some of the one-star comments recently posted on Yelp in response to this story. Clearly, the people posting the one-star comments have never been in the store but are now punishing these owners for their beliefs.

So, as I've concluded in numerous articles, liberals will allow people to have their beliefs so long as those beliefs agree with their own.

I actually get this – that’s the only way the liberal agenda has been able to progress as far left as it has. Most people with a “cause” will get the most traction because they’re willing to be the proverbial “squeaky wheel” while the rest of us just want to live our lives. When we do speak up – and not enough of us do – we’re shot down by being called racist, homophobic, hater, sexist, biased, close-minded, old-fashioned, and/or ignorant. Yeah, so much for liberal tolerance.