

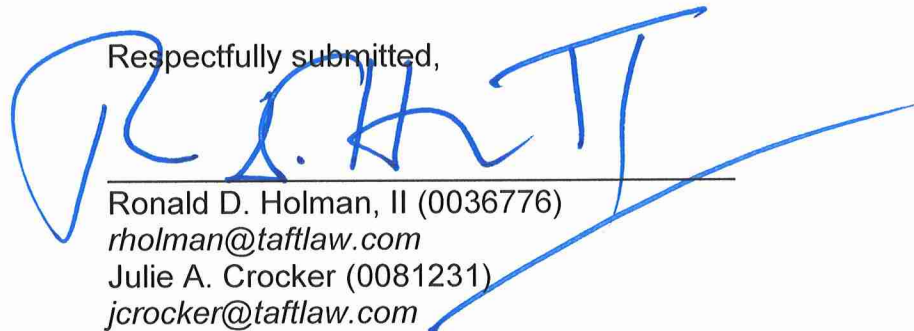
**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO**

GIBSON BROS., INC., et al.,)	CASE NO. 17CV193761
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Plaintiffs,)	JUDGE JOHN R. MIRALDI
)	
v.)	
)	<u>DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO</u>
OBERLIN COLLEGE, et al.,)	<u>TRANSFER VENUE</u>
)	
Defendants.)	(ORAL HEARING REQUESTED)
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Defendants Oberlin College and Dr. Meredith Raimondo, by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully move this Court, pursuant to Rule 3(C)(4) of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, for an Order transferring this case to Cuyahoga County, which is a proper and more appropriate venue for this action. Due to the extensive and pervasive news coverage of this case and the incidents and events giving rise to this action, as well as the accusations and negative comments from the public at-large regarding Defendants, Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo cannot receive a fair and impartial trial in Lorain County. Thus, Defendants respectfully request in the interests of justice that this case be immediately transferred to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and that an oral hearing be held so that Defendants can present additional evidence in support of their request to transfer venue.

A Memorandum in Support of this Motion to Transfer Venue is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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INTRODUCTION

This lawsuit stems from a divisive and highly charged event that has impacted the City of Oberlin, Oberlin College, and residents throughout all of Lorain County. On November 9, 2016, an Oberlin College student attempted to shoplift wine and purchase alcohol with a fake ID from Gibson's Bakery. Allyn D. Gibson, a Gibson's Bakery employee who was working at the time, confronted the student and ran after him when he exited the store. Allyn D. Gibson, a white male, then proceeded to initiate a physical bout with the accused shoplifter, a black male, on Oberlin College's campus, as a crowd of students and community members watched. Many who witnessed or later heard about this incident believed that the physical altercation was racially motivated. From their vantage point, a white man chased and assaulted a black man without provocation

and then two female black students intervened to protect the male student. These concerns were heightened when only the black students involved were arrested by the Oberlin Police Department officer who arrived on the scene in response to 911 calls from some of those same witnesses who reported Allyn D. Gibson as the aggressor. In response, students protested outside of Gibson's Bakery in the days following the incident and refused to patronize the store.

Plaintiffs now allege that they have suffered a loss of business as a result of the protests that occurred. They also assert that Oberlin College spearheaded the protests and defamed them by creating and distributing an allegedly defamatory flyer – all of which caused purported financial harm to Gibson's Bakery. Indeed, Plaintiffs' Complaint is fraught with allegations designed to portray themselves as victims wrongfully targeted by Defendants and the protestors when, in fact, many Oberlin students and community members were protesting the physical assault by Allyn D. Gibson on unarmed Oberlin students who did not initiate the physical struggle.

Defendants never acted wrongfully or unlawfully. Indeed, they did not organize or sanction the protests or distribute flyers, and they never targeted or caused any harm to Plaintiffs. Defendants' sole concern was and has at all times been for the safety and well-being of students and the community as the students exercised their right to peaceably protest a perceived wrong. Despite Defendants' lack of involvement in the protests, and their concern for Oberlin College and the Lorain County community, the media coverage within Lorain County of this case and the events giving rise to it has been sensationalized and has not been accurate or impartial.

As a result, the jury pool has been poisoned and Defendants Oberlin College and

Dr. Meredith Raimondo cannot receive a fair and impartial trial in Lorain County, Ohio. Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request that this case be transferred without delay to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. They also request an oral hearing in order to present additional evidence in support of their request for a venue transfer.

BACKGROUND

Two daily newspapers circulate within Lorain County: *The (Lorain) Morning Journal* and *The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram*. In addition, Lorain County is served by a handful of weekly newspapers, including the *Oberlin News-Tribune*. Each of these newspapers has extensively covered this lawsuit and the surrounding events. In fact, *The Chronicle-Telegram* ranked this lawsuit and the events giving rise to it as the fifth-most impactful news story in Lorain County in 2017.¹ The consequential nature of this lawsuit and related incidents is highlighted by the fact that the top two most critical news stories included national issues such as deportations and the opioid crisis.

The reporting on the events that preceded this lawsuit has also been marred by admitted inaccuracies – inaccuracies that readers have viewed and that Plaintiffs have even wrongfully incorporated into their Complaint. On November 10, 2016, the *Oberlin News-Tribune* reported that Dr. Raimondo circulated literature describing Gibson's Bakery as a "racial establishment" while she "stood with the crowd."² Plaintiffs then

¹ The Chronicle-Telegram, *2017 in review*, THE CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM, Dec. 31, 2017, <http://www.chroniclet.com/Local-News/2017/12/31/2017-in-review.html>; see also Jodi Weinberger, *5. Gibson's suspects plead guilty; store sues Oberlin College*, THE CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM, Dec. 31, 2017, <http://www.chroniclet.com/Local-News/2017/12/31/5-Gibson-s-suspects-plead-guilty-store-sues-Oberlin-College.html> (attached collectively as Exhibit A).

² Jason Hawk, *'End racial profiling' shouts OC crowd after arrests*, OBERLIN NEWS-TRIBUNE, Nov. 10, 2016, <http://www.theoberlinnewstribune.com/news/6057/end-racial-profiling-shouts-oc-crowd-after-arrests> (attached as Exhibit B).

adopted this narrative by repeatedly alleging in their Complaint that “Defendants were involved in the preparation, review, copying, dissemination, and publication of the defamatory flyer” and that Dr. Raimondo, in particular, “distributed the flyer to Oberlin College students, faculty, the public and even the media.” Compl. ¶¶ 40, 42. After Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit, the newspapers within Lorain County regurgitated the allegations in the Complaint – allegations which are not supported by the facts or evidence. For example, *The Chronicle-Telegram* reported that the “lawsuit alleges Raimondo and other college professors were present and took part in the protests and the dissemination of flyers as well.”³ This is patently false. *The Chronicle-Telegram* even posted a copy of the Complaint on its website, thereby further disseminating to the Lorain County community the inaccurate and unsupported allegations to the public.⁴

The initial reporting of the lawsuit swiftly turned the tide of public opinion within Lorain County against Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo. Readers of local newspapers forcefully declared how they would rule in any trial. For example, the two daily Lorain County newspapers included these disturbing comments:

- “I hope Gibsons wins this lawsuit”;
- “The college, by their breach of contract, has punished Gibsons, . . . have, they punished any of the students involved, or did they just give them a hug?”;
- “Gotta go with a Jury Trial. . . Juries can multiply damages”;

³ Jodi Weinberger, *Gibson’s sues Oberlin College*, THE CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM, Nov. 10, 2017, <http://www.chroniclet.com/cops-and-courts/2017/11/10/Gibson-39-s-sues-Oberlin-College.html> (attached as Exhibit C); see also Keith Reynolds, *Oberlin College sued by business over protests*, THE MORNING JOURNAL, Nov. 9, 2017, <http://www.morningjournal.com/article/MJ/20171109/NEWS/171109413> (attached as Exhibit D).

⁴ See *id.*

- “They [Plaintiffs] should have asked for a LOT more”;
- “Good!! I hope the owners of the store win and win big-time”;
- “Hope they win. . . Take down the Clown College”; and
- “Hey Oberlin open up your wallet and dig deep.”

Lost among the rush-to-judgment of these potential jurors was the “revised” article that the *Oberlin News-Tribune* published on November 14, 2016, four days after the initial protest at Gibson’s Bakery. In that revision, the *Oberlin News-Tribune* clarified that *students* wrote the literature distributed at the November 10, 2016 protest and that Dr. Raimondo merely provided the flyer to the newspaper in response to an inquiry by a reporter.⁵ In addition, the *Oberlin News-Tribune* made clear that, rather than serving as active participants, Dr. Raimondo “and other college administrators stood by to monitor the protest,” according to Scott Wargo, Oberlin’s Director of Media Relations.⁶ Despite these corrections, the damage to Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo was done. Just as bad, the inaccurate and misleading November 10, 2016 *Oberlin News-Tribune* article remains publicly available, with its resulting and on-going prejudice to Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo.

The initial blast of negative news coverage after the start of the lawsuit has continued to fuel anti-Oberlin rhetoric among the public. On November 16, 2017, *The Chronicle-Telegram* quoted a member of a Lorain County advocacy group as saying

⁵ Jason Hawk, ‘End racial profiling’ shouts OC crowd after arrests, OBERLIN NEWS-TRIBUNE, Nov. 14, 2016, <http://www.theoberlinnewstribune.com/news/6072/end-racial-profiling-shouts-oc-crowd-after-arrests-2> (attached as Exhibit E).

⁶ *Id.*

that, based on the news coverage she had read, Oberlin College “is being a bully[.]”⁷ This article – which quoted Plaintiff David Gibson extensively in regard to the current state of his business – led to another flurry of hostile comments about Oberlin College from readers of this local publication.

The concern is not the amount of media coverage or community interest, but rather the lack of balanced views represented in posted comments in the local newspapers that undeniably reflect this conclusion: the jury pool has been biased by initial reporting and opinions expressed upon inaccurate information. Among the 94 comments on this article, most placed all the blame for the Gibsons’ predicament squarely on Defendants. Some examples illustrate this point:

- “[T]he college and its administration . . . alone are responsible for this mess. They ‘went low’ from the beginning.”
- “They should be suing for 10 times that amount. Somewhere this type of liberal crap needs to stop.”
- “I think the college should be held responsible financially for their behavior in this situation. I really hope this guy takes them to the cleaners.”
- “I hope Oberlin College loses everything it has.”

In addition, Oberlin College received numerous voicemail messages that further evidence that the jury pool has become tainted. Specifically, the messages revealed that many citizens had improperly determined that Oberlin College was already liable for Plaintiffs’ claims:

- “You guys should be ashamed of yourselves. You liberal, radical, disgusting human beings. I’m going to do everything in [my] power to

⁷ Jodi Weinberger, *Gibson’s Bakery struggling after loss of Oberlin College business, owner says*, THE CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM, Nov. 16, 2017, <http://www.chroniclet.com/news/2017/11/16/Gibson-struggling-after-loss-of-Oberlin-College-business-owner-says.html> (attached as Exhibit F).

gather as many people as I can to protest against you. You, you talk about racist. You guys are disgusting. You're despicable. And I'm gonna gather as many people as I can to go out and boycott against you and your campus. You're evil, evil, evil people. You should be ashamed of yourself." (Message received on 12/9/2017)

- "I was figuring I'd get a recording and not an actual human. Not sure if there are any of those there at this college. But I'm calling concerning what was on the internet the other day. You need to get a paycheck but there are other students that have a little higher quality than apparently some of your students that you have now are. The thugs that attempted to do the stealing is [sic] in the wrong and for adult to be leader [sic] of a higher learning institution needs to realize what common sense is and not the black thugs. Thugs are thugs. Get'em out of your college and let students that have some common sense and have some morals and won't make America great can enter your school. It's just ridiculous you backing thugs. I mean there's just no reason why you should do that. They are clearly in the wrong." (Message received on 12/9/2017)
- "I'm calling perhaps hopefully with many other people to express and actually a bit of sadness but certainly dissatisfaction the way Oberlin's administration, faculty and students have treated a business who wanted some justice for theft. I can't imagine any reason the college would support boycotting because someone was called on [sic] for theft of a store." (Message received on 12/9/2017)

These jaded comments are not indicative of a fair and impartial jury pool. Instead, they reflect a populace predisposed to enter a verdict against Defendants without regard to the evidence.

Even today, Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo remain subject to intense negative media and public scrutiny from among those who would serve as potential jurors at trial. Defendants are unable to receive a fair and impartial trial in Lorain County. As a result, Defendants respectfully request that this action be transferred to Cuyahoga County and that an oral hearing be held so that they can present additional evidence in support of their request for transfer.

LAW AND ARGUMENT

Oberlin College moves for transfer of this action to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas pursuant to Civ.R. 3(C)(4), which states:

Upon motion of any party or upon its own motion the court may transfer any action to an adjoining county within this state when it appears that a fair and impartial trial cannot be had in the county in which the suit is pending.

Ohio case law has routinely applied Civ.R. 3(C)(4) when a fair and impartial trial cannot be had in the county in which a suit is pending. *See, e.g., State ex rel. Lyons v. Zaleski*, 75 Ohio St.3d 623, 665 N.E.2d 212 (1996) (affirming the trial court did not abuse its discretion in granting motion for change of venue); *State ex. rel Dunbar v. Ham*, 45 Ohio St.2d 112, 341 N.E.2d 594 (1976) (affirming the trial court was permitted by rule to transfer the venue to an adjoining county when it appears that a fair and impartial trial cannot be had in the county in which the suit is pending); *see also State v. Potter*, 64 Ohio App.3d 549, 583 N.E.2d 30 (3rd Dist. 1989) (affirming trial court was not required to make good faith effort to empanel a jury before granting a motion for change of venue); Ohio Const., Art. 1, § 5 (guaranteeing every individual the right to a fair and impartial trial).

Appellate courts have recognized the trial court's broad discretion to transfer cases to appropriate venues pursuant to Civ.R. 3(C). *See McCoy v. Lawther*, 17 Ohio St.3d 37, 38, 476 N.E.2d 1048 (1985) (a trial court's decision to change venue is reviewed on an abuse of discretion basis); *Tracy v. Merrell–Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 58 Ohio St.3d 147, 152, 569 N.E.2d 875 (1991) (an abuse of discretion connotes more than an error of law or judgment; it implies that the trial court's attitude was unreasonable, arbitrary, or unconscionable).

The community of Lorain County has been inundated with news articles concerning this lawsuit and the events on which it is based. The extensive media coverage influences and expands the depth and breadth of the prospective jurors' knowledge of what they perceive to be the truth. Undoubtedly, many of these prospective jurors hold opinions about Defendants' purported involvement based solely on media coverage. In fact, the *Oberlin News-Tribune* revised its initial coverage of the November 10, 2016 protests outside Gibson's Bakery to clarify that the "literature" circulated during that protest was written by some students, and not by Oberlin administrators, faculty, or staff. But the false allegation that Oberlin's administrators, faculty or staff led the protests and created the flyer distributed at the demonstrations still serves as the cornerstone of Plaintiffs' Complaint. See e.g., Compl. ¶¶ 34, 35, 40-43, 101-103, 111-112.

When the news media has to run a correction of a widely-reported, inaccurate account of key facts that are at the core in this pending case, ultimately, the damage to Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo is irreparable. The result: the deprivation of Defendants' right to receive a fair and impartial trial in Lorain County. In contrast, a transfer of venue to adjoining Cuyahoga County will provide a larger pool of potential jurors who have little or no connection to the events giving rise to this suit and who have not already been swayed by news coverage. This will ensure that Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo are given the opportunity to defend themselves in a jury trial that is free from unfairness and partiality.

In addition, the extensive public comments made following these news stories have likely further tainted the potential jury pool in Lorain County to the point that

Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo will likely not receive their constitutional right to a fair and impartial trial. A presumption of prejudice is well-established by the community's comments posted in response to these news stories, which represent the beliefs of potential jurors in Lorain County. Commentators went so far as to describe Oberlin College as "an institutional bully to the city and the businesses" and expressed their hope that Oberlin College gets "taken to the cleaners."⁸ Further, Dr. Raimondo is accused in comments to these same news articles of "egging on" the protesters, and using school resources to do so, with Oberlin College doing nothing about it.⁹

Finally, Defendants are sensitive to the long-standing, complex, and at times strained, relationship between the City of Oberlin and the College. Indeed, residents, former students, and current faculty members have commented on the tense feelings that at times exist between the City and the College – a factor separate and apart from this lawsuit and the events that spawned it – which favors Defendants' requested transfer.

This Court has broad discretion in transferring a case to an adjoining county. Thus, in an effort to alleviate any additional strain between the City and the College, and to avoid further prejudice to Defendants in this action, this case should be transferred to Cuyahoga County.

CONCLUSION

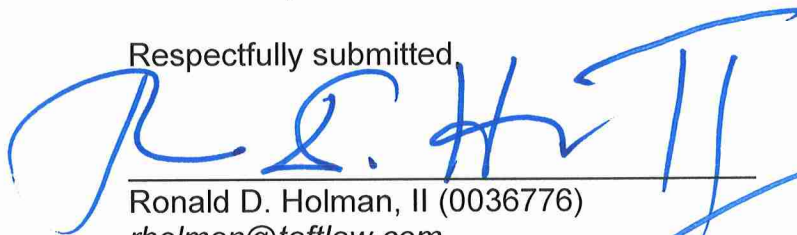
Under Civ. R. 3(C)(4), Defendants Oberlin College and Dr. Meredith Raimondo

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⁹ *Id.*

respectfully request that this Court immediately transfer this action to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Granting the foregoing Motion will ensure that Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo receive the fair and impartial trial to which they are entitled and further ensure that they will avoid the severe prejudice of an unfair and partial trial if this suit proceeds in Lorain County. Defendants urge this Court to conduct an oral hearing so that they can present additional supporting evidence on the necessity of granting this Motion. The interests of justice and due process require no less than the requested relief under the exceptional circumstances presented.

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2017 in review

The Chronicle-Telegram

Published on Dec. 31, 2017



Pedro Hernandez-Ramirez sits on the steps of the house that he has called home in Elyria on Wednesday. He is scheduled to be deported to Mexico this afternoon.

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Every year brings its own twists and turns, some are tragic, while others offer hope for the future. For good or ill, our duty as a newspaper is to keep people informed about what's going on in their community. These are the stories that the editorial staff of The Chronicle-Telegram believed had the most impact on Lorain County in 2017.

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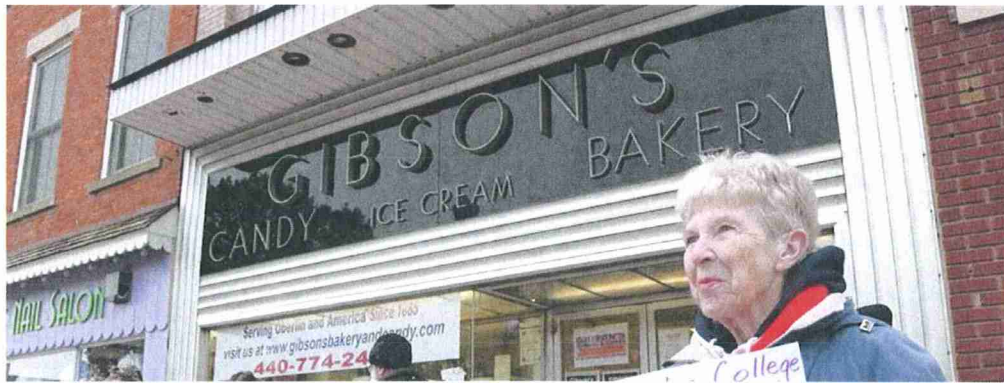
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5. Gibson's suspects plead guilty; store sues Oberlin College

By [Jodi Weinberger](#) | The Chronicle-Telegram

Published on Dec. 31, 2017



Ethlyn Kennedy shows her support outside Gibson's Bakery. A group called Totally Engaged Americans of Lorain County gathered at the Oberlin business Wednesday morning.

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Although Jonathan Aladin's arrest for trying to steal wine from Gibson's Bakery in Oberlin and the resulting protests happened in November 2016, the fallout from the incident continued to reverberate this year.

A struggle ensued when Aladin was confronted by Allyn Gibson, a son of the store's owner. Gibson chased the student outside and across the street to Tappan Square where two

other students began kicking and punching Gibson on the ground.

Days of protests outside the bakery followed with some at Oberlin College calling the bakery racist because the students are black and Allyn Gibson is white.

In August the students pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges and read statements saying Gibson's actions were not racially motivated, but the owners of the bakery said by that point the damage to its reputation had already hurt its sales.

The bakery has since sued the college, which responded by challenging how Gibson's handled the incident and suspending its business relationship with the store.

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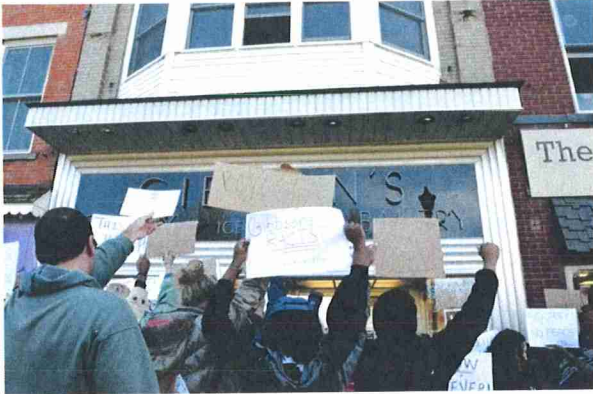
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'End racial profiling' shouts OC crowd after arrests

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By Jason Hawk - jhawk@civitasmedia.com

Jason Hawk | Oberlin News-Tribune Fists and signs are raised by Oberlin College students outside Gibson's Bakery on West College Street. Protesters were angry at owner Allyn Gibson after an Oct. 9 incident they say turned violent.

"Hold Gibson's accountable" and "Gibson's is racist," chanted a throng of about 150 Thursday outside the West College Street bakery.

Oberlin College students, bearing signs saying "No justice, no peace" and "End racial profiling," protested for hours and called for a boycott of the 131-year-old business. While they took care not to block the entrance, they did hurl expletives at the few customers who entered.

"This is a racist establishment with a long account of racial profiling and discrimination," said literature provided by OC dean of students Meredith Raimondo, who stood with the crowd.

It alleges bakery owner Allyn Gibson choked a 19-year-old man until others forced him to let go. The account claims Gibson chased the man across College Street and onto Tappan Square, tackling and restraining him until police arrived.

It says the alleged victim and two friends were racially profiled at the scene but does not explain how. Police arrested the three but did not read them their rights, students claimed.

Organizers said the 19-year-old was charged with robbery and his friends were charged with assault. No Oberlin police report had been filed at the time of the protest.

Trey James, a worker at Gibson's, said the 19-year-old was actually 17 and had attempted to shoplift alcohol. He denied the choking allegation, saying he was an eye-witness to the Tappan Square portion of the incident.

"When you shoplift you get arrested. It doesn't matter what your sexual orientation is or your religion or your ethnicity. If you shoplift, you get busted," he said.

While protesters were outside, James said he received many calls of support from longstanding customers.

Police drove slowly past the college students' protest several times but did not stop. Around 1 p.m., scanner traffic indicated they were taking a watchful stance and were prepared to respond if the event proved anything but peaceful.

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Barzini a year ago

I'm genuinely petrified that students from this school will soon be in the real world and may be left in charge of something important

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Steven a year ago

"End the Protest! Hey don't show my face!" Social media fanned this fire

The Constitution says "innocent until proven guilty in a court of law", not "innocent because you are black and social media and protests will dictate if you are found guilty or not".

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Jona Jacobson a year ago

It is my opinion based on what has been shown and said that Allyn Gibson choked the kid at least- as reported by this paper (of course Allyn denies, that doesn't make it false) --- I heard he also beat him up. Shoplifting aside- that is illegal. And is Allyn racist? Why else would he have physically hurt this kid? They should have arrested Allyn too for assault, and the fact that the police didn't also arrest Allyn makes the police look racist as well. I hope the college students boycott Gibsons for good and they go out of business

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Larry Crnobrnja → Jona Jacobson a year ago

It is my opinion, based on what you've posted, that you aren't the sharpest knife in the drawer. Accusing anyone of being racist without knowing them or the facts is ignorant at best. You should be protesting the schools you attended, because they obviously did a poor job of educating you.

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Squiddy_la_femme · a year ago

I watched the live video of this and was stunned. A someone who participated with Occupy the students were horrible to the press member that arrived. Instead of giving him the bird and being hostile, it was your chance to scream at the camera that the world was watching and celebrate that. You blew the chance to send a clear message by acting like the things you're protesting against... jerks. Nice work.

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Austin Simon → Squiddy_la_femme · a year ago

As far as the world is watching, it wasn't even on Fox 8 news. Not on national news, because the college probably doesn't want the publicity of the little darlings that cost mommy and daddy 60k per year for school; that dress in shabby clothes immediately purchased from Ratsy's on their arrival being exposed as protesters. Embarrassing for all their Republican friends back home, where they will return and work for in white bread America.

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Squiddy_la_femme → Austin Simon · a year ago

When Occupy happened, nobody could tell how big it would get. They, similarly, didn't know and I don't think any reasonable station would consider airing this. They're playing lip service to protecting allies, yet were as hostile as humanly possible to something that could only further their message. That's not being inclusive or accepting, that's not bringing in potential allies. That's no better than suppression of the media most people who stand up for this stuff are against. I'm vastly disappointed.

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Austin Simon → Squiddy_la_femme · a year ago

No surprise, punks generally have no manners...

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Austin Simon · a year ago

Maybe college students should stick to studies. Gibson's is not racist. If you steal you get busted, they are equal opportunity. Quit blaming everything on someone's race. By the way, that is racist. I'm sure their well heeled Republican parents will be very proud. Why not PUBLISH the names of those arrested? I am friends with many African Americans in Oberlin that don't steal by the way. Clean up community and raise your children right. Get over it, it's 2016 and there is prejudice in Oberlin as it is everywhere, but this wasn't about color, it was about an honest business man trying to keep his inventory. I go in Gibson's all the time and people of all colors and all orientations are treated the same way. If you spend time with your children and get them involved working at the community center, join the NAACP, music class and get off your arse's they will have something to do other than steal from Gibson's! But it's easier to lay around. Oberlin has such wonderful things to offer to all people of any color, orientation etc. But whatever color you are, parenthood now a days is a lot of work, and you tend to get out of it, what you put into it. It's time to accept everyone regardless of color, sexual orientation and quit using it to make it into an excuse for BAD CHARACTER. Bad character is equal opportunity too, because anyone can have one! Save the comments about color for a situation that calls for that. I am not saying that there is never situations like that, but this is not one of them. So if you cry wolf all the time, when something does happen no one will LISTEN!!

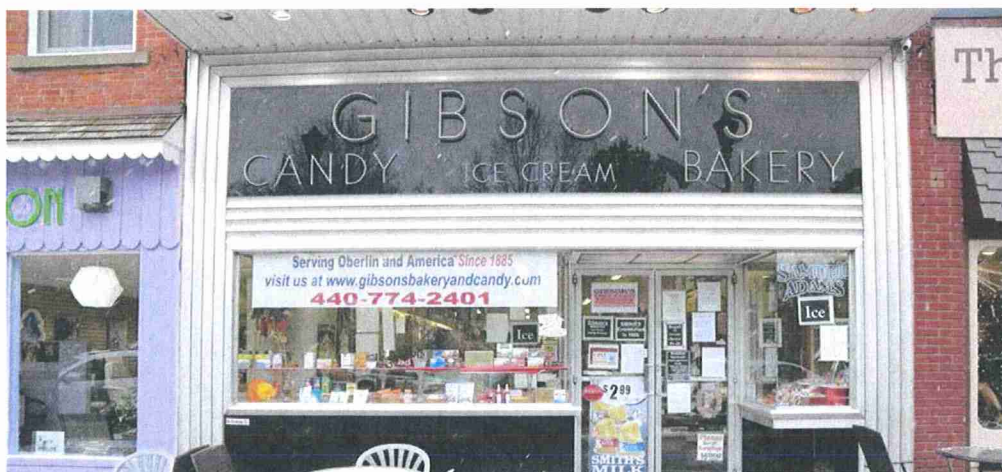
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EXHIBIT C

Gibson's sues Oberlin College

By [Jodi Weinberger](#) | The Chronicle-Telegram

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Gibson's bakery is shown on Friday, Nov. 10.

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OBERLIN — Gibson's Bakery has filed a lawsuit against Oberlin College, prompting the college to once again sever business ties with the downtown bakery.

The lawsuit lays out a narrative in which Oberlin College — trying to recover its image of being supportive of the African-American community after firing a professor who is black, and with business interests in wanting to buy the Gibson property and adjacent parking lot — latched on to a shoplifting incident to promote Gibson's as a racist establishment to bolster its own image and interests.

It was filed Tuesday in Lorain County Common Pleas Court and names the college and Meredith Raimondo, vice president and dean of students, as defendants.

The complaint accuses the college of libel, slander, interference with business relationships, interference with contracts, deceptive trade practices, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent hiring and trespass and asks for more than \$200,000 in damages.

In a statement from the college, the college and Raimondo "deny and reject" all claims in the complaint and said the allegations "are untrue and we will vigorously defend against them."

"The college values its long relationship with the town of Oberlin and its businesses, including Gibson's bakery," the statement reads. "We are saddened that the Gibson family has chosen to pursue litigation. As this is now a legal matter, the college will suspend, effective immediately, its business relationship with Gibson's Bakery until such time as a mutually productive relationship may be re-established."

The lawsuit details when the college in November 2016 fired Joy Karega, an assistant professor of rhetoric and composition, for posting what the college considered to be anti-Semitic rhetoric.

In defense of Karega, students sent a 14-page list of demands, the complaint states, with one of those being that Karega, who is black, get "guaranteed tenure."

Full statement from Oberlin College

Oberlin College and Dr. Raimondo deny and reject all claims asserted in the lawsuit filed by Gibson Bros., Inc. in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas. The allegations are untrue and we will vigorously defend against them.

The College values its long relationship with the town of Oberlin and its businesses, including Gibson's Bakery. We are saddened that the Gibson family has chosen to pursue litigation. As this is now a legal matter, the College will suspend, effective immediately, its business relationships with Gibson's Bakery until such time as a mutually productive relationship may be re-established.

We will have no further public comment on this matter.

Raimondo, who was special assistant to the president for diversity, equity and inclusion, was brought on to be vice president and dean of students "in an effort (for the college) to better market itself as a strong advocate for and a strong supporter of African-American students and racial minorities," the complaint states.

The firing of Karega and response from students, the complaint states, served as a backdrop for the incident on Nov. 9, 2016, wherein three college students who are black — Jonathan Aladin, Endia Lawrence and Cecelia Whettstone — were arrested after Aladin attempted to buy wine with a fake ID while also concealing two bottles of wine under his shirt.

When Allyn Gibson, who is white, confronted Aladin about the fake identification and attempted theft, Aladin ran out of the bakery, dropping the bottles of wine. Allyn Gibson pursued Aladin out of the store, and when police arrived, Allyn Gibson was on the ground with all three students punching and kicking him.

Days of protests followed the arrests, with chants and flyers spread around the community calling Gibson's "a racial establishment with a long account of racial profiling and discrimination."

Flyers were hung in college halls and urged students and staff to take business elsewhere.

The lawsuit alleges Raimondo and other college professors were present and took part in the protests and the dissemination of flyers as well.

In response to the accusations of racism, Oberlin police conducted an investigation into arrests at Gibson's and found "a complete lack of evidence of racism," the complaint states. In a five-year period, according to police, 40 adults were arrested for shoplifting and only six were African-American.

"The defendants consciously ignored the facts and findings of the Oberlin Police Department because such ignorance

allowed them to continue their agenda against Gibson's bakery and the Gibsons," the complaint states.

According to the complaint, this agenda also includes wanting to buy the Gibson's building and the adjacent parking lot, owned by Allyn Gibson's father, David Gibson.

The complaint states the college encouraged staff and outside contractors to park in the lot, knowing it was meant to serve customers of surrounding business, including Gibson's Bakery.

Following the protests, Oberlin College canceled its long-standing order with Gibson's Bakery. At that time, David Gibson met with then-President Marvin Krislov and Tita Reed, assistant to the president of Oberlin College, during which time the college asked Gibson's not to push criminal charges against first-time shoplifters, according to the complaint.

The Gibson family, according to the lawsuit, said that would be "unworkable and unacceptable" and would only exacerbate the problem.

"Gibson's loses thousands of dollars a year due to stolen merchandise and such losses would certainly multiply if students learned they could steal without repercussion," the lawsuit states. "David Gibson believes the policy would be inconsistent with his core belief that an educational institution of higher learning should be teaching its students not to commit robbery and theft, instead of sheltering and excusing that criminal activity."

In August, Aladin, Lawrence and Whettstone pleaded guilty to amended misdemeanor charges in county Common Pleas Court. The deal called for them to receive no jail time and to pay restitution. Included in the deal was an admission by the three students that Allyn Gibson was within his right to detain Aladin and that his actions were not racially motivated.

Gibson's said in the lawsuit that the statement and guilty pleas did not stop the college from continuing to allege racial profiling.

The complaint states that Gibson's Bakery employees have been threatened and have had their tires punctured, the Gibsons' homes have been damaged and students who shop at the bakery have been threatened.

"The overall campus environment has resulted in a substantially reduced patronage by students, professors, administrators and other college constituents, as well as created a chilling effect upon persons that would normally support and patronize Gibson's Bakery," the complaint states.

Contact Jodi Weinberger at 329-7245 or jweinberger@chroniclet.com. Follow her on Twitter [@Jodi_Weinberger](https://twitter.com/Jodi_Weinberger).

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ken · 4 months ago

I hope Gibsons wins this lawsuit

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Sis Delish Redux → ken · 4 months ago

Gotta go with a Jury Trial... Juries can multiply damages.

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Pablo Jones → Sis Delish Redux · 4 months ago

The college will say that their only peers in Oberlin are students of OC. They would probably find Gibsons and the city of Oberlin guilty of soiling the reputation of the college and their future "earnings" and award millions to the OC endowment, plus 5 years of wages to each graduate.

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Sis Delish Redux → Pablo Jones · 4 months ago

Gibson's can argue the same about their delicious Cupcakes.

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Pablo Jones → Guest · 3 months ago

I'm easy to manipulate? You are the one believing in an alternative story line with no facts and no evidence. You are the one that hears a story that you want to believe and therefor it most be true.

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago



Pablo Jones wrote:

"You are the one believing in an alternative story line with no facts and no evidence."

There were 911 calls to the Oberlin Police Dispatcher made from INSIDE THE STORE ...Ohio Open Records Request means they are evidence.

Prosecutor Dennis Will spoke of video of Lawrence & Whetstone inside the store prior to Aladin

Therefore, there presumably is UNDELETED cash register video (evidence)

Does the cash register video MATCH UP/DOVETAIL perfectly with what the 911 callers INSIDE THE STORE say what was happening....

...a line of customers waiting queued up at the cash register...who then followed the two outside and tried to intervene with the police

From the Police Report;

"It should be noted that as the reporting officer was interviewing all three subjects several other individuals who were also on scene at the time of the incident and who were initially interfering with officers attempting to gain control of the situation, began stating that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong "

"that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. "

...except stand in line with a bottle of wine and an underage ID.... I want to know why they pled guilty to underage sales and not shoplifting

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago



You know you can request the 911 call records. You can request the police records. You don't need to have the newspaper do it for you.

Right now you have absolutely nothing supporting your alternative story.

Yes people out side the store would say the owner started it. They are saying that because they missed the whole part of the story starting out in the store. They didn't recognize the fact that the owner was stopping a thief. If they missed 90% of what happened doesn't mean the 10% they saw is the whole story.

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6t6red → Guest · 4 months ago

Well isn't that special.. ridgeville flood must have learned a new word today.
Manipulated. Lmao.
Let me guess, you are one of the perps, correct. How was that limo ride?

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Sis Delish Redux → Guest · 3 months ago

"who were initially interfering with officers attempting to gain control of the situation".

Sounds like criminal interference with a Police Investigation. Got that on 911 tapes, too?

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Mike → Guest · 3 months ago

One sees a lot of Uptown Muckraker Sinclair in you. How about those apple pickers that are here without green cards?

Anyway the person that seems to be yelling black the most is you. It is so nice to have you mention me. I hope I give your night mares in your dreams at night.

How many protesters are out front on the street? I forget there is no classes today so why shut the college down. Remember last year that none of the snowflakes wanted anyone to take their picture? Didn't want Mommy and Daddy to see what they are paying big bucks for. Plus many years from now if they do get a job would the protesting come back to haunt them?

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

So now the guy who talked about "relevance" meanders aimlessly off into "illegal immigrants"

Okay.. I'll bite

Mexico's former president, Vincente Fox said on CNN to ban all the illegals and let one year's crop in the fields and orchards spoil and that that would take care of the immigration debate henceforth..

Again, you're being manipulated on this like everything else.... Denver's illegal migrant population are not living in affluent neighborhoods... they are living in 3 poor neighborhoods; easy enough to round them all up if the INS wanted to.

Go to the Industrial Laundry Services in Denver and just arrest them as they clock in and out of their shifts of work.

In Greeley, Colorado ...ConAgra has tons of illegals working at their facility that is there...Google ConAgra and see what products they make that you buy regularly.

You don't need to build a wall at the Mexican border; as stated by another, build a much less expensive wall around ConAgra.

You're being manipulated.

Now back to the 911 transcripts of calls made from INSIDE THE STORE that are of relevance and the cash register video

From the Police Report;

"It should be noted that as the reporting officer was interviewing all three subjects several other individuals who were also on scene at the time of the incident and who were initially interfering with officers attempting to gain control of the situation, began stating that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. "

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Mike → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago



I knew you were Uptown Muckraker Sinclair. I take it they banned that handle and I suspect that this one will be gone soon when the moderator comes to work in the morning. Your still hurting from Hillary losing the election. To be honest now that I proved who you are I will let you rant and rave to your hearts content. Maybe you can fool some poor unsuspecting person into commenting to whatever things you say.

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Mike → Guest · 3 months ago



Are you a cousin of Uptown Muckraker Sinclair?

perp

perp/Submit

nounNORTH AMERICANinformal

the perpetrator of a crime.

I know, I know, see my reply to Ken at the top of the discussion.

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Mike → Guest · 3 months ago



You can't charge them for the same crime twice. They are not complaining so why should you. Are there not enough people currently on trial you could be ranting about? Your like the fans talking about the how the Browns played come Monday after the game.

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Pablo Jones → Guest 3 months ago

How about you tell us what is on those 911 recordings?

You do know that people are horrible at accurately describing a situation they witness. The police did go through all the feedback from "witnesses", videos, and calls. They disregard all comments that conflict with the facts of the case. Just because you choose to believe comments that conflict with the actual facts doesn't make them true.

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Mike → Guest 3 months ago

Yep! Full blown Uptown Muckraker Sinclair mode. Shame we can't do you like a dog that pees on the carpet. Smack you on the nose with a rolled up newspaper and say 'Bad! Bad Doggie'

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

A story about Oberlin College and Protesting Blacks brings you Fox News Junkies climbing out of the woodwork....

...and now that the Oberlin Police report is also linked to NONE OF YOU from the TV News Network of "fair, balanced and ...cough... unafraidddd" want to hear the 911 calls made from INSIDE THE STORE by other citizens of Oberlin and who called the cops....

...so let's see the cash register video to see if what these people standing in line said to the Police Dispatcher was true....

You want to sing out "troll" to protect a lie you've all told yourself about these blacks.

Okay... then the 911 calls to the Police will confirm the news account, correct?

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From the Police Report;

"It should be noted that as the reporting officer was interviewing all three subjects several other individuals who were also on scene at the time of the incident and who were initially interfering with officers attempting to gain control of the situation, began stating that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. "

"Several other individuals".....

"several other individuals from where?"

"Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. "

The several other individuals called 911 from INSIDE the store.... they were lined up at the cash register as was Aladin.

Dennis Will spoke of video of Lawrence & Whetstone so let's see the UNDELETED cash register video and see if it matches up with what the 911 callers were telling the police dispatcher.

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Pablo Jones → Guest · 3 months ago

Really, save yourself some time from typing. I'm not going to bother reading anything you type that isn't related to this story.

How exactly were they overcharged? They were charged with the crimes they acknowledge to have done.

1. Did they attempt to purchase alcohol while underage? Yes. Fact they were underage and were trying to buy wine.
2. Did they attempt to use a fake id to buy it? Yes. Fact they had the fake ID.
3. Did he have 2 additional bottles hidden in his pants? Yes. Fact multiple witnesses did see and confirm the wine hidden in his pants and him pulling them out and dropping and breaking them, and he admitted to that.
4. Did he cause the bottles to break while fleeing? Yes. Fact there were the broken bottles he pulled out from his pants.
5. Did he smash the owners phone to the ground while he was attempting to call 911? Yes, this is a felony. Fact, he said he was calling 911, he started to dial 911, the phone was knocked from his hand and broken.
6. Did he flee from the crime scene. Yes. Fact he did run from the store which is why he wasn't in the store when police arrived.
7. Did he assault the owner? Yes. Fact him and the 2 girls were scene assaulting the guy by witnesses and the police.

It isn't over charging them when they were charged with the crimes they committed. Videos and phone calls aren't going to change the facts of the scene that have been corroborated, especially when they were part of that corroboration process.

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago



8 . Were their 911 calls made from INSIDE THE STORE?

9. Has the CASH REGISTER video been deleted because if what was being reported to the Police Dispatcher from INSIDE THE STORE by customers standing in line with Aladin, then Allyn Gibson would have been charged with assault.

Detaining someone for shoplifting has its limits

So, what would an Ohio Open Records Request for the recordings made to Police Dispatch from INSIDE THE STORE reveal and would an UNDELETED VIDEO match what was on the telephone recordings?

Because when the customers standing in line with Aladin at the cash register came outside the store and talked to the Police...

From the Police Report;

"It should be noted that as the reporting officer was interviewing all three subjects several other individuals who were also on scene at the time of the incident and who were initially interfering with officers attempting to gain control of the situation, began stating that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. "

"Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. "

"Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. "

...and if it doesn't change anything , then you should have no objection to seeing the video unless it makes Allyn Gibson subject to assault charges

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood 3 months ago

You have this wealth of knowledge. You tell me how many phone calls to 911 were made regarding that incidence. I wouldn't be surprised there were multiple 911 calls made, including the one that was cut off when Aladin knocked the phone out of his hand and broke it.

What evidence do you have supporting anything you are saying? Do you have evidence that police did not listen to every 911 call that came in? Do you have evidence that police did not review whatever security videos existed?

You know you have horrible communication skills, repeating the same thing over and over doesn't make your point any clear. But I think I managed to decipher what you are trying to say.

You think Alladin was in the store, tried to buy wine with a fake ID, got caught trying to use the fake ID and left. At which point the owner chased after him and attacked him? And when you keep copying and pasting "Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong. " You think that was from a witness that was in line behind Alladin? Which the security video would show that.

Is that the point you are trying to make?

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

Pablo wrote:

"Really, save yourself some time from typing. I'm not going to bother reading anything you type that isn't related to this story."

..but he then IMMEDIATELY responds to something outside the lawsuit story.

I understand completely, Pablo; in the 1980s I deprogrammed Moonies for a good couple of years.

I have seen what you are experiencing and the angst that you are going through.

The 911 calls from INSIDE THE STORE were made at the cash register.

Where has anyone talked about the cash register video.

No one wants to say that Gibson's deleted it (destruction of evidence)

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Again do you have evidence there was a cash register video? Do you have evidence it was deleted? Do you have evidence the police didn't review it if it did exist?

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

..but he then IMMEDIATELY responds to something outside the lawsuit story.

Here is what I said.

"Really, save yourself some time from typing. I'm not going to bother reading anything you type that isn't related to this story."

Gibson's, the lawsuit, the charges, etc. are all related to this story. I am not going to comment on the stories around cleveland or the rest of the country that have nothing to do with this story.

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

How come you aren't arguing any of the points 1-7 above? Did they or did they not happen? If they happened, which they have been corroborated, then he did commit a felony and was not over charged. So what is wrong with it?

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Mike → Guest · 3 months ago

You mean the Chronicle only gave you a 4 day time out? You hit the floor running with the same thing. Why don't you put in a request for the missing 911 tapes and the cash register video.

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

No suspension.... went from mandatory ten-hour shifts 6 days per week to mandatory 12-hour shifts to maintain par levels of components one particular customer purchases for use in their product

So... the Chronicle just posted a video and earlier at the Fairfield Inn at Avon, OH with the phony ISIS hoax they posted the 911 police calls

Do you think the Chronicle is going to have egg on their face and post the 911 calls made from inside the store as well as state what happened to the cash register video(deleted?)

You can go to the Oberlin Police yourself and file the Ohio Open Records Request.

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Mike → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Targeted harassment — posted or encouraged others to post harassing comments or hate speech targeting me, other individuals, or groups - This might be what you could be considered of doing.

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

By that "warped standard" of "targeted harassment"...anyone who replies to another in disagreement could be considered in violation.

Also, I'll have the CT Moderator note that I was replying to Pablo Jones who queried me specifically.... you yourself interjected your presence into a discussion saying the combative and antagonistic, "What? Only a four-day suspension?"

This CT Moderator is relatively new to the CT but has extensive social media background so she's witnessed your type many times before to wit, folk who cannot back up their points and who therefore think they're clever enough to get someone banned.

I still owe the CT Moderator a discussion on what constitutes "spam" when the CT does not completely publish both sides of the debate but that will come later.

Again, I was replying to Pablo and you followed me around... one if your earlier comments was "please don't feed the trolls along with a definition of troll... so by posting that definition, you feel you have successfully pigeonholed someone into something they're not.

You're the one who is following people around and targeting them.. I was replying to Pablo who was seeking input from me.

One has to state with sufficient clarity (in order for the other person to be able to fashion a response) just what the hate speech was.

You're disappointed that my absence was not due to some form of "suspension."

Also, "harassment" would mean I persisted in harassing you after you yourself had stopped replying.

What YOU ARE indeed thinking is that you are clever enough to manipulate the CT Moderator into a suspension and since no harassment was involved, it means you do not like what I have to say AS OPPOSED TO being victimized.

Now, it is your mission to see me banned from the forum and to accomplish that endeavor, the "values voter" of the news network that proclaims to be "fair, balanced & unafraid" resorts to attempts at manipulation which dishonestly configures what in fact has actually transpired.

You're not smarter than the CT Moderator and it is now just dawning on you that you are not smarter than me either.

In an earlier post, you dishonestly stated that you were "clearing up some old posts" and ran into some by Upton Sinclair, Muckraker

"Clearing up some old posts"???

ROTFLMAO!

I've never done anything like "cleaning up old posts" in my life and I don't think the CT Moderator has either; just what is entailed in "clearing up some old posts"? LOL!

Instead of being "clever", you're being "obvious"

You're not the brilliant General Zod from the Planet Krypton in Superman III if you think you can manipulate someone into banning another...

...more likely, you're the other super villain in that movie whose heat-ray vision couldn't even warm up a cup of cold coffee.

Therefore this mission to get me banned comes down to "low self esteem" on your part and you've thrown every manipulative trick (including the "kitchen sink" and now the "targeted harassment" because you're more clever than the CT Moderator.

I'd say that Andy MOUS's calling the 3 blacks the "didndonuffins" and Sis Delish Redux stating in the MJ comments that Aladin "gotsta get the limo ride" was "racist" and "hate speech"

What NONE OF YOU LIKED HEARING is that you yourselves have been the ones manipulated AN JUST HOW EASY it is to be manipulated.

Americans & Britons in the early 1960s didn't like finding out that THEY TOO blindly followed authority yet Yale Psychologist Stanley Milgram's experiments on "obedience to authority" proved how easy most of us could be turned into Nazis capable of inflicting human suffering upon another.

British novelist, Doris Lessing spoke of Milgram's experiments as the human race finding out a little dirty secret about ourselves.

Copper Bill, who presumably works in the Oberlin Police Department quickly withdrew from commenting in the Chief Warfield articles when I mentioned how the Gibson's Police Report was fashioned

Let's not forget... Oberlin City Prosecutor, Frank Carlson heard the 911 calls from INSIDE THE STORE and when he asked to see the cash register video and was given some lame excuse as to why it did not exist...that is why the Oberlin City Prosecutor gave such a sweetheart deal; Gibson's story stinks.

When Police Patrolman Lachner's drunk driving arrest was brought back to Oberlin after being criminally taken to Vermilion where Magistrate Zolyk would not forward Lachner's BAC Test refusal to the Ohio BMV and Zolyk made himself an accessory to the crimes of Trooper Soto and Sheriff's Sergeant Josh Croston...

...did the great Judge Januzzi get all moralistic then and forward the BAC test refusal to the Ohio BMV and make himself an accessory to the crimes off the others???

Nope....

... yet he nixes a deal by the Oberlin City Prosecutor for these 3 when Aladin was attacked by Allyn Gibson yelled out shoplifter from a distance, ran at him and tackled him and then began choking him to hwere the onlookers inside the store called up 911 to have Aladin protected...

...kind of makes the "self defense" argument viable outside the store and the Police report mentions these people telling the cops that Allyn Gibson himself was the aggressor .

So that makes any video dispositive as to what actually occurred inside the store.

Doris Lessing has been referred to by some as the greatest novelist of the last half of the 20th-century.

Just as the human race learned a dirty little secret about itself in Milgram's experiments it only stood apart in its academic setting.

From the jingoism of the British aristocracy advocating sending their youths to death in the Boer Wars to the jingoistic rantings against so-called "radical islamists" who Ron Paul said we ourselves created... the main theme is "manipulation"

...and some subset of individuals like you are the most easily manipulated of all...

... you can go to the YouTube "sudden impact -coffee cafe scene" and see how they manipulate you against blacks...

...but you, Mike they manipulate YOU TOO into thinking that you're Dirty Harry which is why the CT generates 40+ comments any time a story about blacks or Oberlin College surfaces...

..yeah, Mike... you're manipulated into thinking you're Dirty Harry... "I just came back to [cafe waitress],Loretta to complain about too much coffee in my sugar just like Clint Eastwood is doing.... too much sugar, Loretta....hey, what is this?... some blacks robbing a cafe and getting ready to rape a white woman... I'll take care of this for you, Clint Eastwood because my name is Mike"

No, Mike... you're not Clint Eastwood.. you're one of the trembling whites in the diner and you won't do one blessed thing to stop that pretty white woman from getting raped by the jungle instincts of the black criminal except maybe post something online such as "please don't feed the trolls" or "targeted harassment"

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

GUILTY was the plea by the defendants.

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Ridgeville Flood → Butch Davis · 3 months ago

...and they would have gone to trial against misdemeanor charges.

Again, YET ANOTHER avoidance of discussion of the Police Report where the witnesses said Allyn Gibson was the physical aggressor and avoiding discussion of the cash register video and other video from inside the store as well as the 911 calls to Police Dispatch

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Mike → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Sounds like the outgoing President of the College supplied them with sub par legal representation. Where do you find all this that no other human can come forward and back you up? This is starting to sound like the other shooter on the grassy knoll. Are you hoping that 'Life Time' will make this the story of the week? Since no one needs to post on topic anymore does the City of Oberlin recognize Thanksgiving Day or did it go the way of Columbus Day?

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

You are still following me around...this time I was replying to Butch Davis

You still need to say with sufficient clarity for me to fashion a cogent reply how you were a victim of targeted harassment by me when you yourself are the one following me around as I reply to others

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

I wouldn't call your incoherent and lengthy comment a reply.

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Ridgeville Flood → Butch Davis · 3 months ago

Butch Davis wrote:

"I wouldn't call your incoherent and lengthy comment a reply"

Then let's have the CT post the 911 calls to the Police Dispatch made from Gibson's and have the CT ascertain the disposition of the video showing the altercation between Aladin & Allyn Gibson

That is succinct enough for anyone

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Let's have the defense request and present the 911 calls and video during the trial. Wait you mean that crack defense team didn't do that, wait the trial is over, and what was the verdict? Oh yeah, GUILTY

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Ridgeville Flood → Butch Davis · 3 months ago

Someone other than me finally mentions the video after 130+ posts

The Oberlin City Prosecutor knows what the disposition of the video was as well as the 911 calls and he offered a sweetheart deal to avoid trial.

The video should support the version of events you mentioned and there is NOTHING that should prevent the Chronicle from posting the 911 calls like they did with the Fairfield Inn SWAT Team in Avvon drawing down weapons on a poor chap from the UAE with a heart condition

This is the Oberlin Police Department's embarrassment
This is the Chronicle Telegram's embarrassment

The 911 calls to Police Dispatch exists and that is why the video was deleted from people playing "victim" like the Gibson's.

That is what Fox News talks about the blacks "culture of victimhood"

With a mob protest and then a CASH MOB counter protest with the Lorain Prosecutor loading up on charges... no one wants the Chronicle to post those 911 calls

Everyone should have let Oberlin City Prosecutor Frank Carlson do his job

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

GUILTY, case closed

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

GUILTY, case closed

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Mike → Ridgeville Flood 3 months ago

It's the weekend and you more or less can post all the stuff you want. Come Monday they will cut you off for a bit hoping you can add to the conversation in the future. You act like you have the answers but get pleasure in bringing up the same old same old. Me I believe you are fishing because if you had something you would bring it out and show it.

I have a folder of the conversations that come from the Chronicle. After a while the trash works its way to the bottom and it needs to be cleaned out. Unfortunately very little of what you bring forward is anything but trash. I would love to see how you 'School' the moderator of the forum. I would think you or me or anyone could be removed by a simple mouse click. Enjoy running wild.

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike 3 months ago

Mike wrote:

"I have a folder of the conversations that come from the Chronicle. After a while the trash works its way to the bottom and it needs to be cleaned out"

..Bwahaaaa! LOL!

No you don't and no you never have

You still have claimed "targeted harassment" when you are the one following me around and antagonistically baiting with the "four-day suspension" comment when I was replying to Pablo.

Again, you imagine yourself to be Clint Eastwood .talking tough to the black punks inside the cafe in YouTube's "Sudden Impact - Coffee cafe scene" when in fact you're one of the terrified white diners.

("My coffee has too much sugar in it too, Loretta just like you put too much sugar in Clint Eastwood's coffee..... I'm here to complain just like Clint unless your trying to send me some kind of message like "don't feed the trolls" or that maybe you're getting robbed at gunpoint....you're targeting my coffee for sugar, Loretta and I'm here to complain")

"By the way, Loretta...is there a cash register video in this store?"

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Mike → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Must cold wet and rainy up in NR also.

Dirty Harry wouldn't have lasted long with body cameras. Shame the shoplifter didn't wear one.

Shame none of the other people in line that took cell phone movies didn't post it on social media so your claims could be backed up. I would have watched it on YouTube.

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

Shame that we have not seen the Gibson's store video which the three of you who are still replying to have all REPEATEDLY avoided mentioning.....and you're still following me around when supposedly you were the victim of targeted harassment

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Pablo Jones → Guest · 3 months ago

None of the points are being disputed by anyone, including the 3 that were arrested. You are trying to create an alternative narrative that can't exist because there is no way it could work with the undisputed facts of what happened.

The witnesses inside the store were not the ones saying Allyn was the aggressor. There are no 911 calls from inside the store that say he was the aggressor.

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

Yes, there WERE INDEED 911 calls made tot he Police Dispatcher from INSIDE THE STORE and the people were calling because Aladin was tackled from Allyn Gibson who had a running start.

The 3 would have fought a misdemeanor charge and gone to trial; the risk/reward of a felony conviction made their attorneys think twice

Pablo Jones re-writes history by stating:

"The witnesses inside the store were not the ones saying Allyn was the aggressor. "

EXCEPT FOR GIBSON'S EMPLOYEES... yes, they were ---and they went outside the store and told that to the cop

Andy Goelzer

Andres Gonzales

"There are no 911 calls from inside the store that say he was the aggressor."
Andy Goelzer and others made the call because they feared for Aladin's safety

So, let's see the cash register video as well as all the store video

Dennis Will spoke of video showing Whetstone & Lawrence inside the store prior to Aladin

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Ok we can make this very simple. Provide the source for your information that says the Gibson employees that were in the store and called 911 stating Allyn was the aggressor and they feared for Aladin's safety.

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

Simple.. I love simple

Pablo Jones wrote:

"Provide the source for your information that says the Gibson employees that were in the store and called 911 stating Allyn was the aggressor and they feared for Aladin's safety."

It's right next to the same source where you stated there were no phone calls made from inside the store

..and it would be "Gibson's Patrons" and not "Gibson's employees"

...and you're avoiding talking about the cash register video just as you now have been provided the names of two witnesses from inside the store

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

I made it simple above. 7 points, from the police report and lawyer statements on both sides. Verified facts of what happened. Facts that neither of the parties involved are disputing.

You keep talking about whether a video exists or not and witness 911 calls from in the store. Calls and videos you haven't seen. Calls and videos that you have no sources for that state what is on them.

And what you are failing to grasp is, those 911 calls and videos can't tell another story because that would mean all the other witnesses and facts in the case would have to be wrong. And everything that BOTH PARTIES AGREED TO THAT HAPPENED would be wrong.

NO ONE THAT IS DIRECTLY TIED TO THESE EVENTS IS SAYING IT HAPPENED ANY OTHER WAY. Only those that aren't involved are saying it happened differently.

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

You stated that no 911 calls originated from inside the store without sourcing it.

We know Dennis Will spoke of video of Lawrence & Whetstone in the store prior to Aladin.

I have provided you with the names of the witnesses inside the store
Let's see the video of the altercation

The FUNNY THING is going to be THE SPIN on why this video was deleted

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago



What don't you get? You are the only one saying it happened differently.

You can't prove a negative. You say there are 911 calls originating inside the store that say Alladin was doing nothing wrong. Until there is evidence that shows it is true it doesn't exist.

If the police, prosecutors, and lawyers reviewed the tape and the case against them is over there is no legal reason to keep the recordings. Security recordings aren't kept indefinitely. They are reviewed, the events captured on it are noted. All parties had access to the recordings. If the recordings showed something different the party charged would have brought it up and said "look at this recording that we all have watched, as you can clearly see nothing like what is stated has occurred." That that isn't what happened. EVERYONE ADMITS AND AGREES WITH WHAT HAPPENED.

Here is what Gonzales' statement says.

""They could've been in his shirt," College junior Andres Gonzalez said. "They could've just as easily been from the aisle. A lot of the merchandise was knocked over in him pushing this guy into the aisle.""

Not a very clear statement. Essentially saying, he didn't see what happened so he is guessing what could have happened. Note that the him pushing the guy into the aisle was Alladin pushing Gibson into the aisles. Hardly sounds like he wasn't doing anything.

Here is another credible witness.

"“They kind of rolled together — you couldn't tell who was who,” College first-year Yue Yu ”

Here is Goelzer statement.

"But according to Goelzer, Whettstone and Lawrence were trying to free Aladin, not injure Gibson."

Except the majority of the witnesses disagreed with that. The majority stated they were hitting and kicking. When everyone is in disagreement with 1 witness, that witness most likely isn't credible.

Was Gibson's in the wrong? Here is what the Ohio Revised code says.

"The Ohio Revised Code does allow store proprietors or employees of those stores to detain and arrest shoplifters."

"“If he had been shoplifting, that's not a reason to chase him and throw him into the ground and beat him up,” Gonzalez said."

Except according to the ORC he had every right to detain him. Gonzalez then went on to make political statements. Between his statements that conflicted with others and his political statements it is more likely he had an ulterior motive for the statements given that differed from just giving a factual statement.

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

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You omitted the account from what went on inside the store .. the attack on Aladin and the 811 phone call

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Mike → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

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Maybe Aladin should have stolen a magic lamp and not the wine. Is a 811 call not as important as a 911 call?

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

You're the one bellyaching about "targeted harassment" yet you are following me around and interjecting yourself into my conversations with others

You initially posted "don't feed the trolls" in admonishing others YET HERE YOU ARE feeding the alleged troll

What you get when you play that game is a seat on the bench...goodbye

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Show me any evidence of that

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

It precedes what you just copied & pasted ... immediately above it in the news article.

...and again, we know there was video from inside the store because Dennis Will talked of Lawrence & Whetstone being observed on video.

So was it deleted by Gibson's before the police looked at it?

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

The police report clearly states they were in the store with him. Witnesses say they were in the store with him. The prosecutor is not a detective he is not going out finding evidence. He is looking at all the evidence police show him. And everything he sees the defense lawyers see as well. Just because you haven't seen it doesn't mean the people that would have needed to see haven't seen it. If it showed anything different their lawyers would have brought it up.

Again for about the 8th time BOTH PARTIES AGREE WITH HOW THE EVENTS OCCURRED. THEY AREN'T DISPUTING THEM AND SAYING THEY HAPPENED DIFFERENTLY.

What is your point you are trying to make? That everyone including the defendants are lying?

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

No...the game is over, Pablo

You just omitted copying & pasting the details of the assault from the witnesses in the news article.... you skipped over it

Details which would be caught on a store tape

Some posts earlier you talked about eyewitness testimony not being reliable but now you grasp onto it.

You & Mike and the others have hung your hats on Oberlin College & the blacks lacking the values shared by society as a whole.

You Fox News Junkies even call yourselves "value voters"

You just showed your values ...

....and if the Gibsons did indeed delete the video then they showed their values also

...allowing others to protest as a CASH MOB and playing upon the public's sympathy when they themselves would have destroyed evidence

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Pablo Jones → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

I copied the relevant information that showed your key witnesses, had conflicting information in their statements. Just because they are vocal doesn't mean their version of the story is correct. Especially when their stories differ from every other witness including THE PEOPLE THAT WERE CHARGED.

You are a biased bigot and can not face reality. You are the one living in an alternative world where you believe something therefore it must be true. You have no evidence to support anything you are saying except "2 witnesses" that can't even keep their stories straight and have admitted they didn't see exactly what happened. You say video and 911 evidence tells a different story except that evidence of a different story doesn't exist. You are so willing to accept your alternative view you can't even see the holes in your own story. Your version makes as much sense as saying the invisible man was responsible and that the government is hiding the evidence of it.

The only people holding back those 3 criminals and the rest of the Oberlin college students are themselves.

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Ridgeville Flood → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

No, you omitted the details of the assault in that article.

These are your values... you have shown them to us all but mainly to that CT Moderator lady who I will be messaging to have a laugh at your expense

You asked for the witnesses and then you were provided with their names

You asked for evidence that you omitted details of the assault /...
...you were told it was immediately above what you copied & pasted

...and now you're spinning matters faster than Sarah Huckabee Sanders the day after a Donald Trump tweet storm.(i'm a racist bigot)

The cash register video and store video, if not deleted, would have matched the 911 calls to Police Dispatch

Go in the corner and lick your wounds while seething in anger at anyone but yourself for the embarrassment you just caught yourself in

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

GUILTY on many accounts which are 1. you are a tard, 2. me becoming a tard like you for spending time trying to comprehend your frivolous rants, 3. The pleas of trio of thugs, 4. The moron students that protested the business based on false pretenses which included the race card that is used when there is no defense for their acts

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Ridgeville Flood → Butch Davis · 3 months ago

5. You were "manipulated" and you didn't mind one bit

This now becomes a story that has taken a life all its own not unlike Melville's "Billy Budd" where the Police, Prosecutor and Chronicle Telegram can never admit to the truth that the DETENTION of Aladin was in the nature of an assault and that Aladin was getting beaten and choked by Allyn Gibson and that the 911 calls originating from INSIDE THE STORE were made to get the police there to protect Aladin from further assault....

...neither Gibson's (during the discovery phase of the suit, to wit, pretrial deposition subsequent to request for admission and requests for production) nor the Police are going to want to talk about that cash register video being deleted. Oberlin City Prosecutor, Frank Carlson is also going to testify in pretrial deposition that the sweetheart deal he offered was to dispose of the case without any more publicity and that he did not buy Gibson's explanation regarding the unavailability of the video

The protests and CASH MOB counterprotests were TOTALLY UNEXPECTED EVENTS by the Keystone Cops of Oberlin and now, like Melville's "Billy Budd" the system has to be protected OVER THE INTERESTS of the truth of what actually happened being told

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

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Ridgeville Flood → Guest · 3 months ago

The "breathtakingly stupid" appellation is anathematic to the standard I adhered to regarding 911 calls made to the Oberlin Police Dispatch, the cash register video and OPD's own police report.

The cop apparently skewed the report and when the students & administration talked to the eyewitnesses in line at the cash register and how the CT based their news coverage based off the flawed report decided to protest.

The citation that only 6 of the 40 arrested for shoplifting was a specious argument REFRAMING WHAT had actually been raised as an issue... Blacks are watched from the minute they enter the store to the minute they leave

...and now regarding the CT's Ongoing Inadequate News Coverage of stories we see in the Councilman Marcus Madison DUI case that no breath test was performed by the Bay Village Police... CT Reporter Scott Mahoney would have been smart enough to ask why... so where is the explanation to the CT Readership?

Like I stated, this is like Melville's "Billy Budd" where the CT is protecting the system instead of reporting what needs to be reported

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

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HDCTX → Guest · 3 months ago

Does any of that have squat to do with the actions of the college itself? No, it doesn't.

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HDCTX → Guest · 3 months ago

The people involved pleaded guilty. That kinda blows a hole in your assertion that witnesses backed the shoplifter who assaulted the business owner who tried to detain him for police. When police arrived, the bakery clerk was on the ground and three people were beating and kicking him in full view of the police. Sounds like a pretty cut and dried case. Oberlin wants the property and has a vested interest in the failure of the business. Based on numerous articles, the college is most likely going to lose many millions for their actions

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Ridgeville Flood → HDCTX · 3 months ago

This is tough for many Fox News Junkies; I understand.

Blacks have been villified in the news media and entertainment media way back to 1915

What is being discussed is the Ohio Open Records Requests for the 911 phone calls that ORIGINATED FROM INSIDE THE STORE. The people standing in line at the cash register cam outside and told the police that Ailyn Gibson had been the physical aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong

Great!

Let's have a look at the Cash Register video

Eventually, someone is going to say it was deleted

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Mike → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Upton Sinclair Muckraker - I was cleaning up all the old posts and found your correct handle

Not wanting to get you banned for spamming but you are on a fishing trip. Like a drowning man grasping at anything to keep your rants afloat. If this is open to anyone to ask why don't you do it instead of demanding the the newspaper do it for you. You post that link and I'm sure everyone would love to read it.

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Ridgeville Flood → Mike · 3 months ago

The CT Moderator is on duty

First, I was a cousin of Upton Sinclair

Then you state that I am Upton Sinclair.

Did you Fox News Junkies get confronted with SOMETHING OUTSIDE of the gobbledygook that regularly gets fed from there and evaded then as you have evaded now...

...you're the guy who has been posting, "don't feed the trolls" yet you keep replying... Textbook case of "cognitive dissonance"... a state of tension created in the mind when it is forced to reconcile two mutually-inconsistent beliefs

You can't STOP posting to me PRECISELY because the human mind still needs to make sense of the disconnect it is presently experiencing.

Same with Pablo:

Pablo wrote:

"Really, save yourself some time from typing. I'm not going to bother reading anything you type that isn't related to this story."

...and then he KEEPS ON REPLYING

You don't however talk about that cash register video and has it been deleted (destruction of evidence)

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HDCTX → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Ridgeville, you may very well be right, but aggressively detaining a thief is NOT illegal. Next, there were several witnesses that he had the bottles under his coat, that he knocked the phone out of the owner's hand to prevent him calling the police, that he fled the premises, and once caught, beat and stomped the store clerk/owner right in front of police. Your focus on whether the owner was "nice" to the criminal while inside the bakery is entirely beside the point. Lastly, this article has nothing to do with the shoplifting, but the actions of the university that interfered with the man's business, plus the fact that the school has a keen interest in the property and stands to gain quite a bit should the bakery close.

Now if you want to argue that the school is "reasonable" to threaten to withhold all its business unless the bakery stops prosecuting students for shoplifting, assault, or robbery, let's have that argument. The shoplifting case is over, the guy and his friends pled guilty, and got away with felony robbery and assault. I think they got off easy, and you think they were railroaded. Can we at least agree that the guy tried to steal, destroyed someone else's property, and committed assault? BTW, grabbing someone and detaining them for police for theft is perfectly legal.

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Jayne Dell → Ken · 4 months ago

They should have asked for a LOT more - that college rakes in a fortune in donations/bequeaths, government aid, and other appropriated funds, scholarships, grants. They are a monster. Back when Nancy Dye was here as president, she alone was making about \$1.5 million every year (I can't imagine what it is now), while there are tons of professors each averaging \$160,000 / year. The amount Gibson's is asking for is a drop in the bucket and the College can afford to drag out a lawsuit until it breaks a smaller business who can't afford long-term legal expenses.

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Littleone → Jayne Dell · 4 months ago

It sounds like they have turned into a training ground for future Democratic presidents and politicians.

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Mike → Guest · 4 months ago

To be honest isn't the trial of the Oberlin Three over? Where was all this second guessing after the fact before the trial. Do you really think the outgoing President of the College would hire a Lawyer that wouldn't bring all this up during the trial.

Isn't this now just the Store is looking for compensation for damages done buy the college suspending classes so the students could protest for the week and then not buying from the store the baked goods because they had to prove their innocence?

I dare say people bad mouth the Chronicle when they put out a free online edition and have a forum where people can talk and discuss. The Morning Journal you get zip unless you buy it.

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HDCTX → Jayne Dell · 3 months ago

They have an 800 million dollar endowment. At least they did until they took sides in an off campus criminal matter, and threatened to withhold business until the business agreed not to press shoplifting charges against college students. That's illegal

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HDCTX → Guest · 3 months ago

you're stuck on a closed case. The people pleaded guilty this is about the school going after the bakery

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jokeboo1949 → ken · 3 months ago

Punitive damages may be appropriate if the college acted as claimed

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Butch Davis · 4 months ago

Sad that a minority group of students who are only associated 9 months of the year for 4 years could cost a small business owner who's been there for years to possibly to shut down their business based on perception

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Butch Davis → Guest · 3 months ago

"Easily manipulated" is a weak comeback but, I'll bite. Lets see how this unfolded again: theft, arrest, race card, false perception used, protest, boycott, found guilty, and now lawsuit. I miss anything, didn't think so. What was the reason for the protesting on the FIRST DAY? I'll answer, some so-call intelligent students protesting something that didn't happen and now these morons are looking for more excuses to blame others for someone's bad decision. Meanwhile, I'll go back to my original statement, that it's sad a minority group of students are causing this grief for a small business who has been here for years.

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Butch Davis → Guest · 3 months ago

Last time I checked the verdict was GUILTY. But I guess your thinking is Gibson, The Oberlin Police, Witnesses, the guy in the grassy knoll, the makers of New Coke, John Wilkes Booth, and the CT are all in collusion to get 3 students arrested for doing nothing. Because of this, I deem you irrational and a moron so I will cease further communications on this topic with you. Still haven't heard your response on why people were protesting on the 1st day?

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Ridgeville Flood → Butch Davis · 3 months ago

Actually, you're trying to attach "conspiracy" tags to something that the Chronicle Telegram began looking at themselves subsequent to my comments in the Chief Warfield news articles.

This is why the Chronicle is trying to waffle on their journalistic obligations by thinking that posting the police report will suffice

Not the "New Coke nor John Wilkes Booth;" its the 911 phone calls to the Police Dispatcher that originated from INSIDE THE STORE and which undoubtedly DOVETAIL with the cash register video....

...these people INSIDE THE STORE came outside and began confronting the police that "the black man didn't do anything wrong" and that "Allyn Gibson was the physical aggressor"

So let's get those 911 calls and cash register video to see the nature of Allyn Gibson's physical aggression against the black man who didn't do anything wrong.

I swear... a good portion of you Fox News Junkies are textbook cases of "cognitive dissonance"... not a whole lot unlike one of Jehovah's Witnesses standing around in 1976 trying to explain why the world did not meet its predicted end in 1975.

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TheChronicleTelegram Moderator → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Dear Ridgeville Flood, you are fast approaching spam status. Repeating the same thing over and over and cluttering the conversation with the same thing over and over is not enhancing the conversation. Take this as your warning.

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Ridgeville Flood → TheChronicleTelegram · 3 months ago

Good to see the Chronicle Moderator has arrived

You yourself have seen people keep replying... some of it racist. Andy MOUS at the trial resolution calling the black "didndonuffins"... Sis Delish Redux at the Morning Journal saying "gotsta get the limo ride"

Yet all have avoided talking about the HARD EVIDENCE of what occurred at the cash register as has the CT.

Aladin was standing in line at the cash register and Allyn Gibson was some distance off and hollered out, "Shoplifterrrrrrrr!!!" and ran up and tackled Aladin and there was a real donneybrook going on on the floor for quite some time which presaged the 911 calls from INSIDE THE STORE.

This is why the Gibson's Cash Register video has been deleted

Tackling someone from a running start while hollering, "shoplifterrrrrrrr!" is a good reason to delete the video... it is assault and the people calling 911 saw Aladin taking a beating.

This is why they approached the officer forcefully outside the store

SPAM Status is for when questions have been "answered" and not repeatedly "evaded" which is what occurred here and has evidently occurred in the past.

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TheChronicleTelegram Moderator → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Again, you've said it -- ad nauseum. Stop repeating yourself and responding "see my response" on every single comment. That, dear sir, qualifies as spam. Since you made a comeback from a prior banning for the same reason, I'll expect you to check yourself or we unfortunately will have to do it for you. That is on you which way that goes.

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Ridgeville Flood → TheChronicleTelegram · 3 months ago

Well, that's GREAT because you yourself are who I'd want to talk to TEN TIMES more than anyone else

We'll start with Steve Fogarty's Pulitzer-Prize winning coverage of the bench trial of the guy who stabbed someone 8 times and the CT didn't mention the prosecutor nor get comments from the victim nor his family... see you tomorrow

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Ridgeville Flood → TheChronicleTelegram · 3 months ago

Good to see you here though, impressive bio of yours

Now we can talk about stuff the Chronicle has been avoiding reporting... I'll use this reply box as a portal to other articles where I post so that you do not miss a chance to defend your paper's journalistic standards

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Let me guess your going to respond to the CT about the video and 911 call. I don't know who the bigger moron is, you for providing useless points or me and others responding to your comments. I'll take a vote and I bet you know who will be "The Biggest Moron " Congrats on winning this award

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Butch Davis → Ridgeville Flood · 3 months ago

Trio pleaded GUILTY, what part of this don't you understand? Where's the summons for the people INSIDE THE STORE at the trial who witness this? Where's the summons for the cash register video? Where's the testimony of the police office at the scene? During the trial these could have all been requested by the defense. Keep reaching, waiting for you to throw in the race card.

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Quest · 4 months ago

I've never been to Gibson's but will be there tomorrow to buy and show my support. Congratulations to Gibson's and wish them best of luck Bullying at a educational institute at its highest level, now that is hypocritical in every sense

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Pablo Jones · 4 months ago

And Oberlin College has no idea why attendance is dropping. The college administrators are just as wacky as the students. Apparently they all have mommy and daddy issues and struggle with authority

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THE CITY OF ANGELS · 4 months ago

DANG. Gibson's lawsuit has more charges than the drunk driver the other day that crash into the street light, through people's yard and did not stop. Sad to see this happen, but it is needed. Do hope that Gibson's wins and everything works out. I am wondering if Gibson can financially survive without the snowflakes money. Even though I live out here in Calif and I'm Black, the original owners knew my late father and mother. And my parents had nothing but high praises for them

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Americaschild · 4 months ago

It was so wrong when those oberlin college stole wine and beat up the employee and more when the college stopped buying the bakery from Gibson's and college students demonstrated and scared customers away. so so glad that this business is standing for justice that they well deserve. Oberlin college and the students who beat up the employee need consequences!

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Sis Delish Redux → Americaschild · 4 months ago

A set-aside of a tiny mere \$3 million of the College's massive Endowment Fund would provide an annual funding of the amount requested in the lawsuit for at least three years. one year per guilty party

The College would suffer absolutely no harm and Gibson's would be close to being made "whole".

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Ridgeville Flood → Americaschild · 4 months ago

But you'll believe anything Fox News or Donald Trump tells you

"Thanks for keeping our troops safe" was what you commented to Donald Trump when he said transgender people posed a threat to the military

see my reply to Ken at the top of the comments section

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Buster Dudley · 4 months ago

Hope the College gets theres

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BuckSnorts Rush · 4 months ago

Good.. and good luck.. I hope Gibson's win.. You'll likely have to appeal out of Lorain County to get a fair hearing, but I hope you see it through...

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Otter · 4 months ago

Wishing the Gibson's the best of luck.

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Pat Holland → Otter · 3 months ago

This kind of statement shows your partiality. I'm quite surprised your old friend Muckraker hasn't started on a tirade of your commentary

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Otter → Pat Holland · 3 months ago

Muck is now using the name Ridgeville flood. Same crap, new name (s)

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Pat Holland → Otter · 3 months ago

Yeah. I noticed how he's 'flooded' us with 'crap'.

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tim · 4 months ago

Im writing a letter to the [CRYBABY COLLEGE] 1) SCREW YOU!!!! I'll jus leave the rest to anyone who would like to add their own personal thoughts

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Littleone → tim · 4 months ago

Where are the parents who are paying outrageous amounts of tuition to send these 3 students to this college to get a piece of paper that they can use to wipe their axx or murder their parents and grandparents and the rest of them that wasted school time protesting something so ludicrous. This would not have been at all acceptable behavior to MY parents if that was me. No wonder they call it a LIBERAL arts college. Anything goes in Oberlin.

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SJ82 · 4 months ago

Way to totally ignore the fact that Aladin was underage while trying to use his fake ID. CT Well done.

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Mike → Guest · 4 months ago

Are you planning on replying to everyone with the same 'See my reply to Ken at the top of the comments'? Or do you plan on saying anything relevant?

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Sis Delish Redux · 4 months ago

... a flock of Little Birds also whispered something interesting about the outgoing President at OC... seems he may have been a sugar daddy to the three defendants with respect to their legal expenses ...

Co-Defendant/Conspirator?

Let's Hope So

Little Birdies don't lie, do they Dean Raimondo?

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6t6red → Sis Delish Redux · 4 months ago

The other local news site mentioned that same thing in their article, along with some other interesting revelations. I hope Gibsons win this lawsuit if all this is true

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Sis Delish Redux → 6t6red · 4 months ago

Just read it... AND, a Limo Ride? LOL

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THE CITY OF ANGELS · 4 months ago

To Jayne Dell Thank you for the history lesson. Allow me to introduce myself. I was born there. My parent was married there. I have relatives who are buried in Oberlin cemetery, but I live in Calif (The reason for my screen name). I'm planning on moving back there when I retire, providing I can find a nice home to live in. I haven't got in touch with a realtor there yet, but I will soon. Need to find out how much of a down payment, a 66 year old person needs to make to get a mortgage back there. Anyway back to your comments. I disagree with some of your comments. Allyn did have the right to detain them. Those idiots stole out of his store. Now that I have read what the college snowflakes have done to Obie, it pisses me off. I now know why one of my cousins there can't stand the students of OC. He told me that they are ruining the town. And by the way, my relative and I are Black. These students are nothing more than a bunch of spoiled nappy headed ignorant "time out" raised monkeys that need a good whooping. I do hope that this complete issue is taking care quietly. But I know better. The snowflakes will be out tomorrow causing problems and the White Knight MC will no doubt make another visit to Gibson to show their support. I pray that this incident does not turn into a riot.

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Mike → THE CITY OF ANGELS · 4 months ago

It is going to be cold. You aren't going to have them protesting long in the cold unless they have solar heaters. Doubt anyone will give them electric to run electric heaters and it is the Steel Workers that would stand around a 55 gallon drum burning wood. The way the students are they might protest in favor of Gibson's against the College. Biting the hand that feeds them. I figure the amount of the lawsuit is small enough that the College's lawyers will say settle out of court and make it go away.

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → Mike · 4 months ago

I do hope that you are right Mike... I'm headed home (currently at work) I will continue this under my other screen name (Byron Mcdowell... take care)

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Scout → THE CITY OF ANGELS · 4 months ago

City of Angels. I live in Lorain County and I would not move to Oberlin even if the house was free (well ok free because then I would sell it and pocket the money). That town is outrageous and you can't even drive through it anymore for fear of hitting some dumb kid who thinks that he or she can walk in front of a car on a whim whilst listening and looking at the phones. No, I think you should find another place to live.

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BYRON MCDOWELL → Scout · 4 months ago

Scout... It's been over 30 years since I was last there in Oberlin. I didn't really get to visit Lorain that much. I know that they has some beautiful homes there, but my problem would be making sure I picked the "Right" neighborhood, where my wife and I could rest peacefully and be safe. I do know that living in Lorain is much better than in Elyria right?

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MrBill → Scout · 4 months ago

I wouldn't move to Lorain County, it is just a over taxed, under serviced county, much like the city of Elyria. There are much nicer neighboring county's

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Ridgeville Flood → MrBill 4 months ago

see my reply to Ken at the top of the comments section MB

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jakeboo1949 → Ridgeville Flood 3 months ago

Time for you to go back on your medication. You are repeating yourself.

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Ridgeville Flood → jakeboo1949 3 months ago

Well we are about at 7 or 8 Fox News Junkies who don't seem to want to hear the 911 calls to the Oberlin Police Dispatcher nor the video of the arrest with Ohio's Open Records Request

We had Oberlin City Prosecutor, Frank Carlson wanting to quickly bury this smelly old turkey by offering the 3 a sweetheart deal.

From the Police Report,

"It should be noted that as the reporting officer was interviewing all three subjects several other individuals who were also on scene at the time of the incident and who were initially interfering with officers attempting to gain control of the situation, began stating that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong."

"that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong."

The 911 call recordings should match up with the cash register video

You Fox News Junkies are now experiencing "cognitive dissonance" in realizing the blacks you racially despise were overcharged with felonies to take the fight out of them and avoid trial.

You're like the Jehovah's Witnesses standing around in 1976 trying to explain why the world did not meet its predicted end in 1975 due to Armageddon

If that cash register video was intentionally deleted it was destruction of evidence.

I wonder how many Fox News Junkies we'll have to plow through before we run into one who OPENLY ASKS the CT Editors to obtain the 911 calls made from INSIDE THE STORE as well as report to us what happened to the cash register video.

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Jeff 4 months ago

Oberlin College your finally going to get yours!!!!!!Go Gibson's bring the ugly monster down!!!!!!

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Jeff → Guest · 3 months ago

Last time I looked stealing is against the law!!!!Hence that is why the kid got arrested .

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Ridgeville Flood → Jeff · 3 months ago

But they did not plead guilty to shoplifting and it was underage sales...

Now to the nature of the "detention"

Did the police cover up for Allyn Gibson and did Dennis Will cover up for the Police?

Oberlin City Prosecutor, Frank Carlson offered a sweetheart plea to bury this and save face ...

Carlson had the 911 calls made from INSIDE THE STORE and the Police Report mention the customers standing in line saying Allyn Gibson was the [physical] aggressor.

Then did Gibson's say oh, we have the video of Whetstone & Lawrence but the CASH REGISTER VIDEO was accidentally deleted????

Frank Carlson wanted this case to go away in the worst way and he was not going to prosecute the blacks with the 911 phone calls from inside the store and Gibson's possibly saying the cash register video was accidentally deleted

So let's JOIN FORCES and ask the Chronicle to file an Ohio Open Records Request for the recordings of the 911 calls and the cash register video

Fox News talks about being "fair & balanced"... let's find out the disposition of that cash register video

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ZAK6214 · 4 months ago

Are you for real the students were caught stealing and then were beating up Allyn Gibson when police arrived and somehow it's Gibson's fault because they're white? Enough already quit this poor pitiful me stuff, the students were thugs with no regard for someone else's property

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Mike → Guest · 4 months ago

I guess you are not going to contribute anything meaningful to the conversation. I take it your working the night shift somewhere and are a lonely person. Not every person is racist and some of us do tire of being called that. Would wonder if you would say this type of stuff in front of a real live person

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Joe Smith 4 months ago

LOL!...I have tears in my eyes! Go get them Gibsons, I wish you all the luck in the world!

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me101 4 months ago

Go, Gibsons! This whole thing wasn't about racism, but about a crime. Shame on the protesters and the accusers.

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Scout 4 months ago

Education terrorism is what is going on at the Oberlin College. Unbelievable that students can steal, beat up a proprietor and be considered victims. I hope Gibson's wins the lawsuit. Enough already with the 'victim entitlement' mentality that has taken hold of that campus and this country.

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Chessey Lynn Kristoff 4 months ago

The college values its long relationship with the town of Oberlin and its businesses, including Gibson's bakery," the statement reads. If this statement were true, the college would use the local Oberlin businesses. They would use Oberlin automotive repair shops, contractors, etc. If they don't have a 44074 zip code then they should be replaced. The college should be held accountable. After all it is the residents of Oberlin that deal with oc students jaywalking, even though there plenty of cross walks. Stores, like Gibson's, all take major inventory loss from shop lifters. a lot of them are college students.

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Ridgeville Flood → Chessey Lynn Kristoff 4 months ago

see my reply to Ken at the top of the comments section

I too bought into the manipulation until I read about the attorney for Gibson's at the sentencing hearing and then speaking up while allocation was taking place.

Sounded kind of fishy and then I began to investigate

We've been lied to big time

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Christine Camarillo 4 months ago

Thank you, Chronicle Telegram, for including the filed complaint within your story, as it allows the public to read in detail the Plaintiffs' claims. It would be great to continue providing your readership with subsequent pleadings and motions as this case moves forward.

What would be a great follow-up is to provide us with the Defendant's answer to the complaint!

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Jayne Dell 4 months ago

{COMMENT #1}Wow, what do I comment on first? Doesn't surprise me what Oberlin College will do to get what they want, nor am I surprised at their hypocrisy claiming someone else is racist. They did it with the theater where they destroyed its historic interior and then jacked up the price to exclude certain people, they bar people (mostly minorities) from walking through the town (much of which they own) and if they do go where they don't want them they put them on a "trespass list" and get them charged criminally - then those people can't get a job, they forced low-income seniors out of their apartment complex behind the library because they wanted it, then there's the Oberlin Inn and apartments where Rax used to be that were supposed to match the rest of the historic town, retain the long-time restaurant staff, and be turned into mixed housing, yet they lied once they got the money and properties and ended up tearing down buildings and doing exactly the opposite of what the residents wanted - hiring new people, laying off, and turning the buildings into expensive glass/metal monstrosities (again, that covertly exclude certain people) that clash with the rest of the town's mostly brick downtown buildings, which they would like to get their hands on and destroy as well. They don't live here, they don't care.{CONT'D...}

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**Jayne Dell** · 4 months ago

[COMMENT 2 CONTD] ... Now getting back to Gibsons - I don't think Allyn had a right, nor was it smart, to detain them - I didn't know that they didn't even get the product out the door, but I don't think Gibson's (or at least Allyn) is necessarily racist either. They treat EVERYONE like that - especially the older woman. She will follow on your heels and watch you constantly while you shop and make you feel like a thief. It's very offensive and makes you not want to shop there. They're not friendly either. Also, even though the college requested it, Gibson's normally can't say whether they want to press charges or not - it's actually up to the prosecutor - and they love to choose to prosecute minorities more than non-minorities, but of course they're in bed with the college (and many of the former Oberlin police officers also work for campus security). I wish there was a way to truly stop the theft without offensive tactics. People I know don't like some of the owners or workers at Gibson's, and if students and others did, some might feel more guilty about stealing. Theft is what drove lower-priced Missler's grocery out of business several years ago, and then locals who wanted to buy groceries around town were forced to pay the higher prices at IGA or Gibson's (and now Walmart which is further out south of town) BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT THE COLLEGE TO GET GIBSON'S BUILDING AND PARKING LOT BECAUSE THEY WILL TAKE OVER THAT ENTIRE BLOCK AND DESTROY THE CORE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC TOWN, SO PEOPLE PLEASE GO BACK TO SHOPPING AT GIBSON'S!!!!

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**DJ** · 4 months ago

Good luck Gibson's, you should have sued for more

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**Ridgeville Flood** → DJ · 4 months ago

see my reply to Ken at the top of the comments section

...they'll need more money for the Orkin man to arrive because they just opened a big old can of worms when they should have just shut up and allowed you to believe they were the victims

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**Sis Delish Redux** · 4 months ago

Having Now Read The Complaint posted online, all 38 Pages, I encourage any and all other residents of Lorain County who have been harmed by this "event", to consult with their legal advisors to determine if they can either Join in the Complaint, or simply file their own against this educational conglomeration

The Assets of the College are well positioned to be shared with the community it abhors, In My Opinion.

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**Jake** · 3 months ago

As a former Oberlin resident, I can assert that very few of us actually shop at Gibson's and you can't sue people into buying your overpriced and expired goods. This is an attempt to get a buy-out from the college.

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**Sis Delish Redux** → Jake · 3 months ago

Can you sue people into Shoplifting those overprice and expired goods?

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**Joe Smith** → Jake · 3 months ago

They have been there since 1885 so somebody is shopping there.

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**David Schramm** · 3 months ago

This is GREAT... School never did apologize, or maybe Chronical just didn't report it? Gibson family trying to pay their bills and put food on their table with local store front for decades, gets blasted by the liberal biased college who immediately thinks their students can do no wrong and "the world is out to get them". Punks obviously stealing wine gets caught, assaults white store owner and claims he "was pissed at elections" ???, and that store owner is just racist ??? Fellow thugs outside the store beat up store owner for protecting his property and livelihood, and college condemns the owner as racist and supports false liberal narrative & lies by allowing students to hang posters in school calling store racist, skip classes, and publicly protest the store? College WRONG, students WRONG, liberal media WRONG, "Social Justice Warriors" WRONG... store owner RIGHT.

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Ridgeville Flood → David Schramm · 3 months ago

From the Police Report:

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"that Allyn was the aggressor and the black man didn't do anything wrong."

You need to hear the 911 calls made to the Police Dispatcher from the customers standing alongside Aladin

Then see what happened to the cash register video

Did Gibson's delete it (destruction of evidence).

It's entirely possible that Gibson's is not the victim

You need to investigate THE PARTICULARS of what conduct Allyn Gibson engaged in when he detained Aladin... the 911 calls made from INSIDE THE STORE were not attempting to PROTECT Allyn Gibson... they were meant to BUST Allyn Gibson

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HDCTX · 3 months ago

I hope they win millions.

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THE CITY OF ANGELS · 3 months ago

Oh well my comment was too harsh. Had a feeling it would get pulled. I might re word it and then again maybe not

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Mike → THE CITY OF ANGELS · 3 months ago

It did seem a bit out of place to what you usually post. To be honest glad the police were only down the street or this could have been real bad. Last time I was at the store was when the students were out front protesting. They moved out of the way so I could get an ice cream. I had to go to Wellington to by some tractor parts and I usually go around the town because of the jaywalking and general let's complain and protest. It seems every day you see someone with a cardboard sign.

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → Mike · 3 months ago

Sorry about that. Just had a bad weekend. And was letting out some steam

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Sis Delish Redux · 3 months ago

The Oberlin Review's take on the Lawsuit

<https://oberlinreview.org/1>

The Final Paragraph is telling

"Gibson's stands to benefit if negative national media attention twists and distorts elements of their lawsuit. Oberlin students have been framed as irrational before, and we will be again. We should, therefore, refuse to engage with Gibson's and avoid expanding the scope of the conflict. Let them raise a fuss — we should want no part of it. We have already spoken our piece in defense of the members of our community, and we encourage you to continue voicing your opinions through choosing to spend your money intentionally, supporting your community members and loved ones, and enacting Michelle Obama's words and spirit."

"We have already spoke our piece"??

Oh boy.

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Otter → Sis Delish Redux · 3 months ago

See R F's (or what ever name he is using now) reply to Ken.

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Pat Holland → Otter · 3 months ago

RF is precariously close to being banished from the commentary--until he creates a new logon. But, I don't think it will take us too long to figure out who the new Muck is.

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Sis Delish Redux · 3 months ago

Even more detailed stuff on the Story...

<https://legalinsurrection.c...>

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Mike → Sis Delish Redux · 3 months ago

An interesting read. I plan on going down there tomorrow after the turkey shoot.

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Mike · 3 months ago

In response to the accusations of racism, Oberlin police conducted an investigation into arrests at Gibson's and found "a complete lack of evidence of racism," the complaint states. In a five-year period, according to police, 40 adults were arrested for shoplifting and only six were African-American.

Forgive me for doing a cut and paste but is this a lot or normal for shoplifting in this type of convenience store?

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Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Meredith Raimondo, "served as special assistant to the president for equity, inclusion, and diversity and Title IX coordinator." What did they expect from a mouth breathing intellectual and academic lightweight incapable of objectivity and honesty. She's a liar. With a "doctorate" in Philosophy. What a useless and utterly irredeemable "degree". Why don't they have someone with a real academic background in science, math, engineering, MBA or law? I hope Gibson eviscerates them in court.

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Sis Delish Redux → Father Nelson · 2 months ago

Here's the latest on the Court Filings

12/06/2017 Motion Deft Oberlin College and Dr. Meredith Raimondo's Partial Motion to Dismiss Pltf's Complaint Filed

12/06/2017 Filing Answer and Affirmative Defenses of Defts Oberlin Collage and Dr. Meredity Raimondo Filed

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Father Nelson → Sis Delish Redux · 2 months ago

Thank you. The bad press alone, along with the relevant and salient facts, make the college look very bad indeed. They're losing the war in the court of public opinion.

<https://www.washingtontimes...>

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earl hickey · 3 months ago

I am taking sides in this case by ordering some stuff on line from Gibsons. Don't live in Oberlin and never been there but it sounds like Gibsons is the victim of a huge injustice and a massive hate campaign.

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John Kennedy · 3 months ago

These Blacks were stealing. They ran from the scene then tried to beat the store owner while the police were in route. You left wing Democrat liberal deserve this. These spoiled criminal students really believe they can take and do whatever they want...

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Anne Lee-Smith · 3 months ago

Welcome to Little Africa

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Berecca · 3 months ago

I hope Gibson's Bakery beats Oberlin in court, and I hope they win a helluva lot more than a lousy \$200,000!

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rr_nyc · 3 months ago

Liberalism is MENTAL ILLNESS

If every student and teacher at Oberlin self purged to lower our carbon footprint, the world would be a much better place.

Please Oberlin, self purge and help the planet

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The Masked Avatar · 3 months ago

I like their guitars.

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Joe Smith → The Masked Avatar · 3 months ago

LOL

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IAinHappy → The Masked Avatar · 3 months ago

The world needs more Stratocasters and Les Pauls

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IAinHappy · 3 months ago

Lemme get this straight? It is the point of view of a dean at Oberlin College that if one is white and robbed and assaulted by a group of blacks and then calls the police, then the robbery victim is racist? So, what other crimes does the Oberlin dean believe that black people are entitled to commit? Rape? ... Murder? I just want to know where the "racism" line is in regards to objecting to crimes committed by blacks against whites

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David Bach 3 months ago

Three African Americans shoplift a store and beat the owner. And the Gibson's is guilty. I hope Gibson's OWNS Oberlin when this is over.

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GvH 3 months ago

I think it's time I delete my Oberlin BA from my resume.

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Yip Yap 2 months ago

It's past time to pull local, state and federal funding from any institution that promotes racism and anti-America, anti-Constitutional sentiments.

... Congress peeps are counting on us to say nothing and do nothing coz we DO NOTHING ...

If you are happy with this, you'll continue to be happy till the end.

If you are not happy.. what are you doing?

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

<http://www.contactsenators.com>

<http://www.house.gov/repres...>

<https://www.usa.gov/state-g...>

<https://www.congress.gov/st...>

Midnight's not creeping, it's at a gallop ...

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JDSKULL 2 months ago

I would love to be on that jury

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The Morning Journal (<http://www.morningjournal.com>)

Oberlin College sued by business over protests

By Keith Reynolds, The Morning Journal

Thursday, November 9, 2017



An Oberlin business is suing [Oberlin College](#) and a vice president at the institution over student protests in 2016.

The suit was filed Nov. 7 in Lorain County Common Pleas Court on behalf of Gibson Bros. Inc., David R. Gibson and Allen W. Gibson.

Along with Oberlin College, Meredith Raimondo, vice president and dean of students, are named as defendants.

Oberlin College, however, denies any wrong doing.

The complaint arises from [protests some Oberlin College students held](#) in front of [Gibson's Food Mart and Bakery, 23 W. College St.](#), in November 2016 as a response to three of their classmates being arrested and charged with attempting to steal from the store.

Jonathan Aladin, 20, Cecelia Whettston, 19, and Endia Lawrence, 20, pleaded guilty in August to charges of attempted theft and aggravated trespassing. Aladin also pleaded guilty to underage purchase of alcohol.

Lorain County Common Pleas Judge James L. Miraldi placed the trio on one year of community control and ordered them to pay restitution to the store.

As part of the plea deal, they were required to read statements explicitly stating the incident was not racially motivated.

The suit alleges, despite the [Oberlin Police Department](#) releasing the incident report refuting the racial narrative, the college persisted in assisting students in protesting the store to bolster an attempt to brand the college as having a "legacy of being a strong advocate for and a strong supporter of African American students and racial minorities."

Aladin offered prosecutors to plead guilty to the charge of theft and Oberlin College was aware of that when a member of the board of trustees paid a retainer for an attorney to fight the charges and the college allegedly paid for a limo to take Aladin to Columbus and meet with the lawyer, the complaint says.

David Gibson felt pressure to approve a plea agreement in the case, the suit says.

However, Oberlin Municipal Court Judge Thomas A. Januzzi denied the agreement citing the seriousness of a second-degree felony robbery charge that was intended to be dropped in the deal, and the loss of money the bakery was undergoing due to protests by Oberlin College students, according to the suit.

The protests involved hundreds of students, deans, professors and college staff filling the sidewalks in front of the business and disseminating a flyer the suit identifies as libelous, the complaint says.

The flyer claims the business “is a racist establishment with a long account of racial profiling and discrimination,” and urging customers to shop elsewhere, the suit says.

The flyer also identified 10 of the bakery’s competitors again urging consumers to not patronize Gibson’s, according to the suit.

The Oberlin Police Department investigated the claims of racism against the bakery and found that “of the 40 adults arrested for shoplifting at Gibson’s Bakery in the past five years, only six were African American,” the suits says.

According to the filing, the college publicly announced it would end any purchases from the bakery on Nov. 14, 2016. The colleges’ director of dining services took a leave of absence and then early retirement after being ordered by Raimondo to cancel the contract.

According to the suit, Oberlin College has an interest in the bakery failing because it wants control of a parking lot adjacent to the business and owned by Off Street Parking Inc., of which David Gibson maintains the controlling interest in.

In a meeting between David Gibson and former Oberlin College President Marvin Krislov and another employee, Gibson shared the negative effect the college’s and its students’ actions were having on the business and the Gibson family, according to the suit.

Oberlin College represented it was open to re-initiating the contracts if the bakery would agree to “not push criminal charges against first-time shoplifters,” the complaint says.

The college also insisted when a student is caught shoplifting, that the bakery call Raimondo rather than the police, the suit says.

Gibson refused, the filing says.

Contracts between the bakery and Oberlin College were reinstated in February 2017, but the school has refused to retract the defamatory statements and continues to defame the business, the suit claims.

As well as the economic sanctions against the business, the suit alleges David Gibson and Allyn Gibson have suffered “a severe emotional and physical toll.”

According to the filing, the Gibsons are alleging Raimondo and Oberlin College committed libel, slander, tortious interference with business relationships, tortious interference with contracts, deceptive trade practices, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent hiring retention and supervision and trespass.

The suit requests an amount in excess of \$50,000.

In a Nov. 8 statement emailed to The Morning Journal, the college denies the claims.

“The allegations are untrue and we will vigorously defend against them,” the statement read. “The College values its long relationship with the town of Oberlin and its businesses, including Gibson’s Bakery.

“We are saddened that the Gibson family has chosen to pursue litigation. As this is now a legal matter, the College will suspend, effective immediately, its business relationships with Gibson’s Bakery until such time as a mutually productive relationship may be re-established.”

Editor’s note: This story was changed at 8:46 p.m. Nov. 9 to correct the month of the protests.

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bpbatista 4 months ago

As a wise man once said, punch back twice as hard.

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Flash22 4 months ago

Good!! I hope the owners of the store win and win big-time. The liberals have done enough pushing and bullying. Time to stand up to them. Black student goes into store and steals stuff and the black student is the victim??? Give me a break. I guess black lives matter even when they commit a crime, and when they get caught the accusers are racists. These idiots need to stop trying to make the rest of us feel guilty due to their stupidity. The real racism is born and bred at Oberlin College, where if you're black, you can do anything you want.

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robertloggia 4 months ago

Hope they win... Take down the Clown College

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SalmonDaze 4 months ago

Just another leftist cabal colluding to enrich themselves in the name of their social justice warrior constituency.

Oberlin college, rot in h377

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NJB → SalmonDaze 4 months ago

h377? Is that some sort of code? Hell if I know what it means.

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Sis Delish Redux 4 months ago

"Aladin offered prosecutors to plead guilty to the charge of theft and Oberlin College was aware of that when a member of the board of trustees paid a retainer for an attorney to fight the charges and the college allegedly paid for a limo to take Aladin to Columbus and meet with the lawyer, the complaint says."

Gotta gets the Limo ride...

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jakeboo1949 → Sis Delish Redux 3 months ago

Hey Oberlin open up your wallet and dig deep

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EXHIBIT E

POSTED ON [NOVEMBER 14, 2016](#) BY [OBERLIN NEWS TRIBUNE](#)

'End racial profiling' shouts OC crowd after arrests

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By Jason Hawk - jhawk@civitasmedia.com

Note: This story has been updated to reflect more information from a police report, court documents, and further developments.

Jason Hawk | Oberlin News-Tribune Fists and signs are raised by Oberlin College students outside Gibson's Bakery on West College Street. Protesters were angry at owner Allyn Gibson after an Oct. 9 incident they say turned violent.

"Hold Gibson's accountable" and "Gibson's is racist," chanted a throng of about 150 last Thursday outside the West College Street bakery.

Oberlin College students, bearing signs saying "No justice, no peace" and "End racial profiling," protested for hours and called for a boycott of the 131-year-old business.

the few customers who entered.

While they took care not to block the entrance, they did hurl expletives at

"This is a racist establishment with a long account of racial profiling and discrimination," said literature written by students and provided to the News-Tribune by dean of students Meredith Raimondo.

She and other college administrators stood by to monitor the protest, said Scott Wargo, OC director of media relations.

The single-page leaflet alleged bakery owner Allyn Gibson choked a 19-year-old man until others forced him to let go. The account claimed Gibson chased the man across College Street and onto Tappan Square, tackling and restraining him until police arrived.

It said the alleged victim and two friends were racially profiled at the scene but did not explain how. Police arrested the three but did not read them their rights, students claimed.

Jonathan Aladin, 19, was charged with robbery, a second-degree felony. He was arraigned in Oberlin Municipal Court but did not enter a plea, and was released on \$5,000 bond.

An Oberlin police report gives a much different version of events than the students' leaflet.

Two reporting officers said they arrived to find Gibson "lying on his back with several individuals kneeling over him," punching and kicking him.

When those officers tried to intervene, they were met with resistance from several people, the report said.

Store employees said Jonathan Aladin attempted to conceal bottles of wine under his shirt. When Gibson tried to take a picture of Aladin, the latter slapped Gibson's hand and phone, which struck the store owner in the face, according to the report.

This account says Aladin ran to the back of the store and threw the wine on the floor, and when cornered he grabbed and hit Gibson, finally fleeing the bakery with two women. Gibson pursued.

Across the street, Gibson said he was again attacked and the women joined in. At one point, Aladin threatened to kill him, Gibson told police.

Officers noted Gibson had a swollen lip, abrasions to his arms and wrists, and a small cut on his neck.

The women allegedly involved in the attack were identified by police as Endia Lawrence, 19, and Cecelia Whettstone, 18. They were both charged with assault and pleaded not guilty in their initial court appearances.

The report also said Gibson turned over a fake South Carolina ID card and credit card in Aladin's name.

"When you shoplift you get arrested. It doesn't matter what your sexual orientation is or your religion or your ethnicity. If you shoplift, you get busted," said Trey James, a worker at Gibson's.

Thefts from the store have been on the increase lately, according to James.

While protesters were outside, James said he received many calls of support from longstanding customers.

Police drove slowly past the college students' protest several times but did not stop. Around 1 p.m. Thursday, scanner traffic indicated they were taking a watchful stance and were prepared to respond if the event proved anything but peaceful.

Protesters returned Friday, their numbers growing and shrinking throughout the day and moving first away from Gibson's doors and finally across the street.

A counter-protest rolled out Saturday as supporters of the bakery rallied. A "cash mob" flooded the area with cars and motorcycles, lining up to spend money on coffee and doughnuts.

A Facebook page also briefly sprang up to support Gibson's but just as quickly disappeared. It called on people to exercise their Second Amendment rights to "protect" the bakery.

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EXHIBIT F

Gibson's Bakery struggling after loss of Oberlin College business, owner says

By [Jodi Weinberger](#) | The Chronicle-Telegram

Published on Nov. 16, 2017 | Updated 2:24 a. m.



OBERLIN — David Gibson says he hasn't been able to pay himself since the shoplifting incident last year prompted Oberlin College to stop buying from the eponymously named bakery.

When asked if the bakery could continue to maintain its same hours, Gibson said he's not sure.

"We've got a lot of decisions to make and we're going to have to see how this goes," Gibson said. "I can tell you that I haven't taken a paycheck since this has happened. I've been working on just trying to keep the business alive."

Gibson sued the college this week, asking for more than \$200,000 in damages and accusing the college and its vice president, Meredith Raimondo, of libel and slander and interfering with the bakery's business contracts.

The lawsuit reignites a rift between the bakery and the college that began last year when a student tried to buy alcohol with a fake ID while also concealing two bottles of wine under his shirt from Allyn Gibson, David Gibson's son.

The incident became racially charged because Allyn Gibson is white while the student and two others also charged in the incident are black. All three students pleaded guilty in August to misdemeanor charges and read statements into the record acknowledging that Allyn Gibson was within his right to detain the shoplifter and that his actions were not racially motivated.

By that time, however, the damage had been done, Gibson said.

According to the lawsuit, flyers advising students and residents not to shop at Gibson's were handed out during protests in front of the bakery and pinned to announcement boards in college buildings.

On Wednesday, a group called Totally Engaged Americans of Lorain County gathered at the business in support. Some held signs saying "Oberlin College Supported Criminals" and "I support Gibson's."

"We're here to support Gibson's bakery ... because it seems like Oberlin College is not interested in supporting Gibson's," said Kirsten Penton Hill, the director of Totally Engaged Americans.

"From the articles it seems like Oberlin College is being a bully and are suggesting Gibson's report thieves to them before they report them to the Police Department. Well how is Gibson's going to determine who's a college student and who's not?"

Don Killinger, a Lorain resident and a member of the group, said it was his first time at Gibson's. He said he came to support the bakery's effort to stay open.

"They have a right to stand for what is right and not allow shoplifting to occur in their store," Killinger said.

David Gibson said any support helps, but losing the college's business has been a severe blow.

"I've always been proud of Oberlin, my community, and we've worked our lives — my father and myself — to try to make Oberlin a good place to live and to do business," David Gibson said. "Has it been stressful? It's extremely stressful on my family and my employees."

The number of employees "is down considerably" David Gibson said, and the bakery is making significantly fewer products.

David Gibson would not comment as to whether other businesses surrounding the bakery are affected.

"It just got to the point where we didn't feel like we'd gotten our name back and that we just didn't want to have us as individuals and our business and the community afraid to live and work here," David Gibson said.

"We just do our best to be positive. I would hope eventually we could get through this and bring the community together. It's been a very difficult time."

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Steven 3 months ago

Appears the students were innocent until proven guilty IN A COURT OF LAW yet Gibsons was found guilty until proven... Well that doesn't matter in the end.

I don't think they are suing for enough. And the college needs to learn a lesson about how much authority it does and doesn't have. I mean is it Oberlin "City" or Oberlin College?

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Jeff → Steven 3 months ago

Well put Steven standing O!!!!

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Gwynedd → Steven 3 months ago

Correct. And you are so right. not suing enough. The business, if it fails due to their appalling actions, virtue signaling weaponized, is worth way more. I hope he wins and the jury awards a much bigger award. And I'd petition to move the venue away from Oberlin's fizzy environs

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Otter 3 months ago

The students had the right to protest, no matter how misguided they were, but the college and its administration should have remained neutral until after the conclusion of the court case. They alone are responsible for this mess. They "went low" from the beginning

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Melanie Ann Bellamy → Otter 3 months ago

Stop it. No. Just no!

Quit giving these obnoxious brats a pass for their stupidity and pinning it on the school. None of this would even be an issue if they had been raised properly

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Chase Miller → Otter 2 months ago

Why? Why is protesting a right? Who really ought to own the streets and sidewalks, and why are violent protesters allowed to protest on the sidewalks right next to businesses and yet the businesses are prohibited from defending their property? Do we have to wait until thousands of people destroy dozens or even hundreds of storefronts until they aren't allowed to protest?

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Otter → Chase Miller 2 months ago

<https://www.loc.gov/law/hel...>

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Chase Miller → Otter 2 months ago

<http://faculty.msb.edu/hasn...>

<https://www.colorado.edu/st...>

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Otter → Chase Miller · 2 months ago

You asked the question.

I gave you the part of the constitution that gives you, me, or anyone else the right to peaceful assembly. In this particular case there was no violence, there were protesters, as well as people supporting Gibson's. I clearly stated I think the protesters were misguided. I don't agree with what they did, nor do I support them, that doesn't mean they don't have the right to express their opinion.

Your links are fiction, that have zero to do with this story. But I will support your right to believe them, and agree to disagree.

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Chase Miller → Otter · 2 months ago

You gave me a random document that needs support otherwise as it does not give any ethical justifications in and of itself. Would you agree with the constitution of a Soviet? Why not, it too would be a document with zero ethical justification in and of itself, mere pronouncements. If you aren't curious enough to seek out a logically coherent moral justification for what it written in the constitution, or even show me how it is a norm, which it obviously is not given the radically different judicial decisions, in the same way that science needs logically coherent rules for observation and statistical inference, what else can be said? I will say one more thing, many of the founders thought the rules of the constitution could be logically found from God, but why those rules and not another? How could they think that democratic republicanism would be better than monarchy when it wasn't at that point and every time it has been tried, it has turned out badly in exactly the way many 18th century theorists said it would? Just be glad you haven't been on the end US funded follies in Afghanistan or East Timor, or any of the other missions for democracy.

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Sis Delish Redux · 3 months ago

Gibson's should write to that female-on-a-bike who flipped-off the Trump motorcade, then was fired and a GoFundMe Account was set up resulting in over \$85k being raised by ... oh well, it was a thought.

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Buzzardfeet · 3 months ago

They should be suing for 10 times that amount. Somewhere this type of liberal crap needs to stop. Hit them where it hurts!!!! The students were wrong. They pleaded guilty. They admitted guilt. Obviously this is a racial issue according to Oberlin. Maybe Oberlin College should put a huge fence around the entire campus so their students can be protected from the reality of the cruel world that exists that allows guilty individuals to be found guilty.

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Pat Holland → Buzzardfeet 3 months ago

It doesn't matter how much Gibson's is suing for. Remember, this case is going to be heard in a Lorain county court and one of the liberal judges is going to decide Gibson's fate. Gibson's can't possibly win.

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BYRON MCDOWELL 3 months ago

I hate to hell that I agree with her (SDR), but someone should start a Go Fund Me Page for Gibson...I would but I don't live there. Plus I'm not on Face book. ...It hurts me to read this story. I used to go to Gibson's in the 70's & 80's. It's a shame that the Gibson family has to suffer like this. The hell with those Damn College "Time Out" disrespectful ingrates.

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Steven → BYRON MCDOWELL 3 months ago

They come, they take the pay as staff or get some education as students, they do their harm, they leave...

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Americaschild 3 months ago

Why does any business stay in oberlin?

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RoseColored 3 months ago

In the last few years Oberlin College has become an institutional bully to the city and the businesses. It is obvious that this is not working well for them with declining enrollment and donations. They need to clean house and take back authority from the students. Oberlin College also needs to teach their students how theft negatively affects the shop owners. This should be part of freshman orientation along with a code of conduct. As a parent I would never send my child to an institution that does not teach accountability.

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Bill Pfeiffer → RoseColored 3 months ago

AMEN to that! -- Bill Pfeiffer, Oberlin College class of 1974.

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Melanie Ann Bellamy → RoseColored 3 months ago

"Oberlin College also needs to teach their students how theft negatively affects the shop owners. This should be part of freshman orientation along with a code of conduct. As a parent I would never send my child to an institution that does not teach accountability."

How it negatively affects the shop owners? Um, no. How about JUST DON'T TAKE WHAT ISN'T YOURS? Don't steal, don't lie and don't be an insufferable, entitled little jerk! No one needs to explain the financial and social repercussions to these little brats, you JUST DONT. DO IT.

Funny, all the previous generations understood this before they were 18. Why are these snowflakes exempt?

& it's not Oberlin or anyone else's job to teach accountability, it's the parents. The school should REINFORCE these concepts to be sure, but if at 18, you didn't already instill this in them, for the love of God, don't unleash them on society as "adults."

Tuition has never included teaching young adults how to be adults

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ladychurchillusa 3 months ago

Reading these comments, it is clear that you people are not up on the latest laws. Blacks are permitted to shoplift, it is part of the reparations we all owe them for slavery, so move on, nothing to see here. Shoplifting is no big deal ask those UCLA boys.

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Sis Delish Redux → ladychurchillusa 3 months ago

UCLA. University of Colored Lads Abroad?

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → Sis Delish Redux 3 months ago

SDR..that was not nice.....

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → ladychurchillusa · 3 months ago

Both of you lady church & SDR also needs to kiss it you would not say this if the suspects were white Don't Start It IIIII

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BBsmith → THE CITY OF ANGELS · 3 months ago

Hey hey ... My kids are the white Minority and I'd be the first one to stand with Gibson's ... I can tell you're probably raising criminals ... Good Job please send Them to Berkley CA then it won't matter in Ohio ... 😏 ... Oh. City of Angeles you must be Mr Ball the proud father of a criminal that just lost His college scholarship at UCLA ... haha 😂

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → BBsmith · 2 months ago

BBsmithWhat you were reading was my reply to SDR (Sis Delish Redux) & Ladychurchillusa, making a racist comment that was removed by the Chronicle. Remember the story on the 3 blacks that robbed Dick' Sporting Goods? Well for some reason SDR decided to relate those three with the UCLA students. She had the nerve to call UCLA , with the word Colored" (As a matter if fact , my reply to you was removed because I used the same phrase to try to explain why I wrote what I did..... She replaced the C with the word "Colored) Nobody uses the word "Colored" too describe a black person except racist from the Deep south. And as a Black Man , I was not going to let those two get away with it, without a response. Sorry if my comment insulted you and your children And by the way. My daughter is 38 graduated from Spelman with a Master degree in child psychology . My wife's son pass away in 2008 with CP. Sorry know thugs raised here. And I can't stand Mr. Ball. he is making us look very bad.... He needs to shut up and disappear. . Happy Holidays try to stay warm It's in the 80's here

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BBsmith → ladychurchillusa · 3 months ago

Let all of Them serve Their Prison Time in China along with the UCLA kid and His Dad...if My kids did this They will wish They were in China... Some Peoples Parents... what's this Country coming to 😞

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Dee Win · 3 months ago

Leftists of the world untie (everything of value that you touch in your quest for nirvana).

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Ruckweiler · 3 months ago

Ah, lefties. So shoplifting is ok with the snowflakes at Oberlin?

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Pablo Jones → Ruckweiler · 3 months ago

Well they come from privileged backgrounds. In order to try and hide that fact they spend 4-8 years in Oberlin slumming so they can get in touch with how they think the rest of Americans live. Besides they think their parents got rich from stealing so what is wrong with them doing it.

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Funkmaster5000 · 3 months ago

Higher education in this country has devolved into some kind of perverted sickness.

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cheeflo → Funkmaster5000 · 3 months ago

My uncle, a genuine scholar, went to Oberlin when it actually was an institution of higher learning. He must be rolling in his grave.

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Hugh Jazz · 3 months ago

Did the shoplifters transfer to UCLA to play basketball?

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NDforever · 3 months ago

Terrible article. It fails to give the basic facts of what the two Oberlin College Administrators did or said that had a bad impact on the business. What's the factual basis for the libel and interference with business claims against the College. This is so basic.

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Pat Holland → NDforever · 3 months ago

I didn't realize that you need a reason to sue somebody. Hence, a couple million frivolous lawsuits filed every year.

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John Keressi · 3 months ago

The Gibson's are limited by Ohio law from stating their actual claim for damages. Instead, parties are required to plead damages in the amount of \$25,000.00 or more for each separate cause of action. Since Gibson's complaint had 8 separate causes of action, the Chronicle reported that the Gibson's are claiming \$200,000.00 in damages. Gibson's are not limited to that amount. I hope that they recover millions against the College!

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jakeboo1949 → John Keressi · 3 months ago

Plus there are possible punitive damages which are capped in Ohio at 350,000. But I do not know if that cap is on each offense. More negative publicity and the charming college will be opening its wallet.

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itsy_bitsy · 3 months ago

I think the college should be held responsible financially for their behavior in this situation. I hope this guy takes them to the cleaners. This racial mantra of the left is becoming an insane situation. Criminal behavior is criminal behavior whether the perp is white, black or purple! That the school authorities attempted to destroy him and his business is such a misuse of their power that it should disgust us all.

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thelittlequeen → itsy_bitsy · 3 months ago

Not all Libs and Independents are like that.

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Floswartz · 3 months ago

Break the law, reward the law breaker. Says a lot about Oberlin College. Shame on them. Hope Gibson wins!! Are we suppose to forgive, and look the other way, because of color? I thought we were thriving for equality. Oh wait, it only works one way. Shame on you. Nobody ever teach you right from wrong ??

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THE CITY OF ANGELS · 3 months ago

Will somebody please tell SDR to stop being a racist. nobody uses the word "colored" to describe Blacks anymore except ...
...I get offended when I hear it or see it. this is 2017 dam it

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Sis Delish Redux → **THE CITY OF ANGELS** · 3 months ago

Can you tell us what NAACP stands for?

I'll help. The 'C' is for the word Colored, correct?

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tickmeoff → **THE CITY OF ANGELS** · 2 months ago

You live in California. What would you know about how we talk? Colored is not racist. It describes black people. Black is beautiful! It is idiocy to have to use African American. It just causes more division and problems. Now don't get upset when people start referring to themselves as Scottish Americans, french Americans, Polish Americans. Instead of respecting the laws of a country, we have to hear about racism. Breaking the law has consequences and crying I am African american doesn't give you a free pass to steal and rob

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → **tickmeoff** · 2 months ago

Dude...this is 2017...If you were to Google it you would know that the word colored when describing a black person is only done by those old time red necks who live in the Deep South. Unless you find a person that used it to insult another person which is what she did. Her commit was removed by The chronicle...so I'm not the only person that believes this. and by the way in case you didn't know,I was born in Oberlin and spent a lot of time there during the 70's & 80's ...SDR & I are NOT friends.....OK. You caught the tale end of a dispute...you don't need to join it ok? Happy holidays

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Mike → **THE CITY OF ANGELS** · 2 months ago

City

I never thought I was a racist but I'm really getting tired of being called one every time someone don't agree with what I say or do. I'm old enough when the word colored was the accepted word over a heck of a lot worst. NAACP still has it in it's title. You want Black what about all the lighter skinned people out there? I'm thinking any person can find something offensive if they want to. I really don't care what color anyone's skin is on these forums but they should where it a bit thicker.

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → **Mike** · 2 months ago

mike mike mike.....first of all I was answering a question by tickmeoff...But since you made your comment, all I have to say is that yes the NAACP doe still use it in their title. It would probably cost to much money and time to go to court and change that name across the county ...I do believe this is why the BIG 10 is still called the Big 10 even though it contain 14 team. Plus when SDR used it,,she was insulting me by replacing the C in UCLA. If you go back to where it shows all the comments about The Gibson story you will see SDR asking me about what the C word stands forThat's a lame excused.....but you know what you have given me an idea..As a Blackman I'm going to contact the LA area NAACP and ask them why haven't you people modernize that title and change it to the NAABP.....Would that change stop certain people to stop using the word colored? I doubt it ... Why. Because some of you know that it's an insult toward Blacks, without using the "N"Word, but has the same hurt impact.....I'm on vacation until Jan 2.....Until then my blogs will be under my other screen name aka Byron McDowellTake Care & Happy holidays

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Don Miller · 3 months ago

About 10 or so years ago, I visited the Oberlin campus to use materials at their library. When I walked across the campus, I was taken aback by an evil vibe all around me. I'll never forget that

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Pat Holland → **Don Miller** · 3 months ago

Evil Vibe

Now there's a unique way to put it.

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Melanie Ann Bellamy · 3 months ago

Why is everyone blaming the college for the poor raising of these CHILDREN? Yes, the college should have sided with the business, but they too are a business and one that is apparently too beholden to the parents paying the bill to exercise rational judgement.

You can blame them only so far, but ultimately, the problem stemmed from the PARENTS who unleashed their idiot offspring on the world without teaching them basic decency and respect.

If you neglect to train your dog and he becomes a vicious mongrel, getting loose and biting someone, do you blame the dog's owner or do you blame the warden for not doing his job and picking him up before it happened?

It's not the school's job to teach these children how to adult.

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thelittlequeen · Melanie Ann Bellamy · 3 months ago

... they too are a business and one that is apparently too beholden to the parents paying the bill to exercise rational judgement "

You just negated your argument

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Barphid5719 · Melanie Ann Bellamy · 3 months ago

idiot

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Pinko of the Grange · Melanie Ann Bellamy · 3 months ago

Because an administrator egged on the protestors, used uni resources, and the school hasn't done anything. Also, it has been reported that the prospective students are told, during their tours, that the bakery is racist.

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tripletna · Pinko of the Grange · 3 months ago

The administrator did not "egg" on the students. Part of her job is to make sure that students are "safe" and that's the only reason that she was at the protest. She did not protest, nor did she hand out flyers.

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Robert Slugg · 3 months ago

One of my better lessons at Oberlin came during an introductory poetry course being taught by a sabbatical replacement who had attended Oberlin in the late 60's. One of my classmates complained that they were disappointed in the lack of activism compared to the previous decade. The Prof then lectured said student on how the activism of the 60's was based on students being taken from class and sent to Vietnam, and if a lack of activism was the only price that particular student had to pay, then he should be seriously grateful. That event was my introduction to the concept that some people exist simply to protest. The town where I currently reside has a core group of individuals like that, about 50 people in their late 60s who are always present at the protest du jour. If you told them it was important to reunite Pangaea (old Oberlin joke), by God, they'd have a placard in their yard the next day. It is as if their life peaked in the late 1960's, and like an addict, they keep chasing that elusive magical high from their first protest march, regardless of the cost. When I look at the students in front of Gibson's, I see a group of people who seem to be protesting just for the sake of protesting, a group acting like a mob who never bothered asking why they were there, seeing importance only in their being there, perhaps believing that they were finally part of an event that would go down in history. And yes, it will, but sadly not for the reasons they likely thought. While it is true that many important events in history involved people being on "the wrong side," one must also remember that sometimes being on the wrong side is in fact being on the wrong side. This, I believe, was one of those. I fully understand why some at the college want this settled out of court, and quickly. In life we have the choice of learning through either humility or humiliation. Oberlin is going to get a big dose of the latter.

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Howard Metzenberg → Robert Slugg · 2 months ago

Hi Robert - I lived across the hall from you in Burton in 1975-76. Students have bigger things in the world that they should be focusing on. Back in 1975, we had a sharp economic downturn, the first bad one since the 1950s, and stagflation (a word nobody even knows today).

But we had just come through a national crisis about about the rule of law (Watergate), and the rule of law won. Today, we have a much more serious challenge to democracy, and it's not clear we are going to win. Are Oberlin students doing anything effective to counter it? Today, we really need for Oberlin students to be activists, but this isn't where their activism is needed.

I am disappointed that Oberlin College hasn't resolved things with Gibson's. It's clear that Gibson's caught these students redhanded. I am sure there is another side of this story, and that many students have felt unwelcome as customers, perhaps for racial reasons, but do they have any idea what it's like to be a small store owner in competition with Amazon and Walmart? I am sure it hurts to feel like you are being watched, but nobody is stopping you from paying full price for what you purchase and following the rules that everybody is supposed to follow. The college needs to pay some tribute to patch things up with Gibson's, and then students should move on. This dispute is really petty.

I think I introduced you to Mahler. If you're in Seattle, stop by and we can listen to some music.

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Barphid5719 · 3 months ago

oberlin "college" IS A DISGRACE as are all its so called student. Rotten people operating under the banner of "liberalism"

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Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Gibson's Bakery is right and the college and students are legally and morally wrong. They're logically, factually and intellectually challenged and, as a business owner who employs over 160 people in 3 industries, I would automatically disqualify any person from Oberlin. Good luck getting a job.

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Sis Delish Redux → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Perhaps legislation which would Ban said students from benefitting from Trust Funds would be appropriate punishment... in addition to be banned from employment?

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Father Nelson → Sis Delish Redux · 3 months ago

Just don't hire these entitled idiots. They're disgusting.

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tripletma → Sis Delish Redux · 3 months ago

If only she had a trust fund.

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tripletma → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Nice. It's such a short hop from saying you'd ban Oberlin students to banning, say women or minorities or disabled. I'd hope my daughter would never want to work for any of your companies if that's your attitude.

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Father Nelson → tripletma · 3 months ago

The ONLY "students" who have the time to make such fallacious claims of "racism" are those imbeciles in humanities. No one who is in STEM, Law or getting and MBA has any time for this ridiculous, unfounded, slanderous, ridiculous, irrational, histrionic nonsense. I stand by my comment.

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tripletma → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

I can assure you that my triplets - all juniors in liberal arts colleges - have no shortage of skills that will make them highly marketable. I highly doubt, that as a successful business owner, you have become so by making sweeping statements, which you KNOW are untrue - surely you don't talk like that in real life? All Oberlin students are not "logically, factually and intellectually challenged," nor are all students in humanities "imbeciles." If you're going to comment about the events at Gibson's, that's fine - there's plenty of blame to go around, but making overarching statements does nothing to advance the conversation.

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Father Nelson → tripletma · 3 months ago

Honey, I'll gladly compare my CV. Educational background (BS in Chem. E., MS in Physics and MBA in Finance all from Top 10 Universities), balance sheet (residences and rental properties in 2 states and 2 countries and license my own IP to Fortune 200 companies) and accomplishments with unaccomplished rubes (like you) and your spawn, anytime. Gibson's is right and the special snowflakes are wrong. They invented something that never happened to justify their theft and terrible actions.

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tripletma → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments! I went to school with Chem. E. and Physics majors at Purdue (is that top 10?), so I know how hard you had to work to get those degrees. Those kids were wrong and eventually they fessed up to it. The Gibson's event was/is a cluster and as I said, there's plenty of blame to go around - just read the actual lawsuit complaint if you want to see some really stupid allegations. I was more offended by your stereotypes of Oberlin and liberal arts colleges. I would love to know if someone of your accomplishments would, in a face-to-face, 1) address me as "honey" until you've known me or 2) call me an "unaccomplished rube" or 3) call my children "spawn" after you've met them. I think not. Oh well, I've got to get back to planning the week ahead, to continue to pay tuition for three 21-yr olds. Carry on, brave keyboard warrior!

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Father Nelson → tripletma · 3 months ago

But you don't have those degrees. When you "go to school" with Chem. E. and Physics majors you don't learn through osmosis because you're around them or date them. Your humanities degree is useless.

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Father Nelson → tripletma · 3 months ago

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tripletma → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Funny, I never told you what I do. How do you know? My humanities degree allowed me to be an expert in many things - technology, facilities operations, history... multi-talented. Why? Because it allowed me to learn, to write, to reason, to explore - not be afraid to think outside of the box or step outside my "lane." I stayed away from engineers and physics majors because I preferred men with social skills, which I'm pretty sure you've been told before :-).

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tripletma → tripletma · 3 months ago

And...my kids will do just fine in the future...<http://www.businessinsider.com/mar...>

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Father Nelson → tripletma · 3 months ago

<https://oberlinreview.org/1...>

Honey, you're a useless SAHM. A know nothing.

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tripletma → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Haha. Father Nelson.....

Yeah, never stayed at home except for the 5 months on bed rest and post triplet birth... Also - thanks for using my daughter's article to prove a point.....

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Father Nelson → tripletma · 3 months ago

Sure. Right. OK.

<https://www.washingtontimes...>

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 **tripletma** → Father Nelson · 3 months ago


yeah, she also wrote the Oberlin article they refer to... <https://oberlinreview.org/14052/new...>

and broke the story about that disgusting writing professor... <https://oberlinreview.org/15077/new...>

So, despite her "useless" humanities education, what you want from any college education is the ability to think critically, write persuasively and not be afraid to tackle difficult subjects...and I got two more just like her!

Have a wonderful day, Father Nelson.

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 **Father Nelson** → tripletma · 3 months ago

You and your spawn are clowns. Gibson's Bakery was right and the student body and administrators are wrong. They will settle. I love how their enrollment is being affected negatively.

<https://www.insidehighered...>

Particularly, when they hire/retain intellectual lightweights wearing tinfoil hats like Ms. Karega. This is the kind of place your loser children are attending.

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 **tripletma** → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

Ok, Father Nelson (do you do that are did it happen to you?). Your ability to conduct any sort of logical discussion is clearly inferior. Enjoy your lonely and vapid life.

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 **Father Nelson** → tripletma · 3 months ago


Ironical comment from someone with a humanities degree and no money.

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 **tripletma** → Father Nelson · 3 months ago

You have no idea :-)

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 **Father Nelson** → tripletma · 3 months ago


I have every idea, honey.

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 **tripletma** → Father Nelson · 3 months ago


Nice looking family. At least we have that in common....it's been fun.

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 **Pablo Jones** → tripletma · 3 months ago

Actually it isn't a very short hop. Not even close. There are many colleges and many possible hires out there. Banning Oberlin, which is a very small school that produces students with a relatively narrow set of majors, will hardly hurt a company.

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 **tripletma** → Pablo Jones · 3 months ago

That's fine. It wouldn't take a thinking person long to figure out they wouldn't want to work for that guy, regardless.

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Gwynedd 3 months ago

I'd pack up and leave. These students don't deserve a good bakery and the owner doesn't deserve to be held hostage by opinion after theft. These are the same students who bitched that the school dining hall's sushi and Vietnamese banh mi sandwiches were "cultural appropriation." No, it's called cultural appreciation, something you all are supposed to celebrate this days in the multi-culti new world order. Get it right. The college should pay damages to the owner for turning the students into ignorant idiots who bullied him into a loss when he was the victim of theft

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Sis Delish Redux → Gwynedd 3 months ago

When Gibson's Lawyers have finished with their Discovery in the lawsuit .
 .. there may be other Citizens who may become Co-Plaintiffs against the College, IMO

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Gwynedd → Sis Delish Redux 3 months ago

Your words in God's ears. It's just as likely these days (shhh Steinle) that a countersuit will win instead and he'll be paying damages to the poor, put-upon students who were just trying to window shop at the bakery and admire the iced sugar cookies.

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → Gwynedd 3 months ago

Oh good a Proud Trumpster....Hi there!! How are you today?...cold
 yeah well you are in Ohio...Listen I have a question that for some reason or
 another you Republicans can't seem to answer During Donnie campaign he kept
 repeated this million dollar slogan over and over 'Let's Make America Great
 AGAIN'!!!!

Now the word again means that in Donnie's mind this period
 of time DID in fact exist. Care to let us know when this was? I asked this
 question in the Vegas sun and the answer cause the blog to be shut down do to
 threats between Demos & you guys. So if you can be so kind to lets us know
 when this Great period of time existed. ..Thank you so much ..Happy holidays

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Tired of WashingtonBS 81 → THE CITY OF ANGELS 2 months ago

Could meet 1990s the usa was boom during them days it was before nfla manufacturing jobs was still big and we disnt import as much stuff

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THE CITY OF ANGELS → Tired of WashingtonBS 81 2 months ago

I'm confused.....After 25 days all of a sudden this story is getting comment again? What happen back there that is not post on this site?

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Tired of WashingtonBS 81 → THE CITY OF ANGELS 2 months ago

They posted another story In cleveland plain dealer about the racial tensions that this store has caused in Oberlin even though the poor guy did nothing wrong and how it's strange because how liberal Oberlin is

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Mike  THE CITY OF ANGELS · 2 months ago

I wondered the same thing but have not seen anything new posted on this paper or the morning journal or on local news. I drove through Oberlin on the way to Wellington. That's one of the reasons I have not chimed in.

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StanUlam · 3 months ago

Al Franken used to get coffee at Gibson's.
Guilty

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SemperFiGuy · 3 months ago

This proves two long-standing observations:

1. Don't let facts get in the way of a good story; and
2. As Dr. Michael Savage aptly puts it, "Liberalism is a mental disorder."

I hope Oberlin College loses everything it has.

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Flyingfish42 · 2 months ago

Not even a little ok. Thieves should be in prison and the store should be suing for millions. Colleges need to be held responsible for the actions of their little special snow flakes they are inflicting on the rest of us.

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