

# Oberlin College Racism Hoax Will Cost the Liberal School \$11.2 Million

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Ohio: Oberlin College was hit with a \$11.2 million blow out verdict after its students and faculty falsely accused Gibson's Bakery of racial profiling following a 2016 incident involving three black Oberlin students who claimed they were victims of racism even though one was caught openly shoplifting and trying to use a fake ID to buy alcohol. Oberlin College faculty and students engaged in a series of protests against the bakery, urged people to boycott, and Oberlin's vice president and dean of students, Meredith Raimondo, made a flyer accusing the store of regularly racial profiling its customers.

Oberlin College was hit with a \$11.2 million verdict on Friday after its students and faculty falsely accused Gibson's Bakery of engaging in racial profiling.

The Lorain County, Ohio jury found that the notoriously liberal college and its vice president and dean of students, Meredith Raimondo, "interfered with business relationships and libeled" Gibson's, a family-owned bakery, as well as its owners, David Gibson and his son Allyn, according to the Chronicle-Telegram.

The college itself was found to have "inflicted emotional distress" on business owners. \$5.8 million went to David. Allyn received \$3 million, and the bakery itself received \$2.2 million.

The Chronicle-Telegram reported:

*The jury found in favor of David Gibson on both counts of libel against the college and Raimondo. The jurors blamed only the college for intentional infliction of emotional distress to David Gibson, clearing Raimondo on that count.*

*The jurors ruled in the same manner for the libel and infliction of emotional distress involving Allyn W. Gibson.*

*The jury also found for the bakery on counts of libel against both the college and Raimondo. Raimondo was held responsible for interference of business relationships while the college was cleared.*

“All

the Gibsons ever wanted was for the truth to come out,” said Gibson family attorney Lee Plakas. “All they ever asked from the beginning, from Oberlin College, was to use its power and influence and might to tell the truth, and that letter never came. But the jury sent the letter that was louder and more visible and more public. I think the Gibson family is grateful for that and grateful for the jury to have the courage to be able to send a letter that no one else would send for the last almost three years.” (RELATED: [The 11 Most Absurd Discoveries From The New Yorker's Oberlin College Expose](#))

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lawsuit stemmed from a 2016 incident involving three black Oberlin students who claimed they were victims of racial profiling even though one was caught openly shoplifting and trying to use a fake ID to buy alcohol. When Allyn Gibson followed the student out of the store and confronted him, “the two got into a physical altercation,” the Chronical-Telegram reported. When the two other students joined in, police said all three were hitting Allen Gibson, who was on the ground. All three students pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges and denied that Allyn’s actions were racially motivated in August 2017.

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