



Gibson Bakery Wins \$33 Million Jury Award from Oberlin College For Racist Hoax and Leftist Smear Campaign

Ohio: Gibson's Bakery was accused of racial profiling in 2016 after three black male Oberlin students assaulted the shopkeeper and were arrested for attempting to steal wine. The men pleaded guilty to attempted theft, aggravated trespassing, and admitted that the store had no racist intentions in their plea deal. The bakery was subject to Black Lives Matter protests, student boycotts, and demonstrations that were encouraged by faculty who suspended classes and helped to distribute flyers accusing the bakery of racism. Last week, the jury awarded \$11.2 million in damages to Gibson's Bakery, and on Thursday the jury awarded the plaintiffs an additional \$22 million in punitive damages, which is the maximum allowed. Gibson's attorney said that this case is a tipping point that will affect the policies of all colleges.

The jury just rendered its verdict on punitive damages in the Gibson's Bakery v. Oberlin College case.

Daniel McGraw, our reporter in the courtroom, reports that in addition to the \$11.2 million compensatory damages awarded last Friday, the jury awarded a total of \$33 million in punitive damages, which will probably be reduced by the court to \$22 million because of the state law cap at twice compensatory (it's not an absolute cap, but probably will apply here). That brings the total damages to \$33 million. We will have the breakdown soon. The jury also awarded attorney's fees, to be determined by the judge.

The breakdown was:

David Gibson – \$17.5 million punitive damages

Allyn W. Gibson – \$8.75 million punitive damages

Gibson Bros. Inc. (the Bakery) – \$6,973,500 punitive damages

MY STATEMENT about the verdict:

“Oberlin College tried to sacrifice a beloved 5th-generation bakery, its owners, and its employees, at the altar of political correctness in order to appease the campus ‘social justice warfare’ mob. The jury sent a clear message that the truth

*matters, and
so do the reputations and lives of people targeted by false
accusations,
particularly when those false accusations are spread by
powerful
institutions. Throughout the trial the Oberlin College
defense was
tone-deaf and demeaning towards the bakery and its owners,
calling the
bakery nearly worthless. The jury sent a message that all
lives matter,
including the lives of ordinary working people who did
nothing wrong
other than stop people from stealing.”*

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David Gibson reacted:

*I appreciate from the jury that they took care of this
Goliath. That took a lot of guts on their part. They made it
so that we have a chance and an opportunity to keep the
lights on. [overcome with emotion] Gives us an opportunity to
keep the lights on for another generation.”*

The Gibson family was visibly shocked by the amount, as most
in the
courtroom were thinking the jury's final punitive damages
verdict in the
case might top out at maybe \$10 million. The fact that it was

triple

that amount means in many ways that perhaps the jury understood that the whole country was watching.

“We never wanted any of this to go to court and have to spend all

this time in litigation,” David Gibson said exclusively to the Legal

Insurrection. David Gibson is the lead plaintiff in the case and is the principal owner of the business.

“People have no idea on how much stress this has had on our family

and business for almost three years. But from the beginning, we just

didn't understand why they were punishing us for something we had

nothing to do with.”

“We appreciate that the jury understood what we had gone through, and

I think they were saying to the entire country that we can't allow this

to happen to hard-working, small business people whose lives are

defined by their business, their family, and their community,” he said.”

What the college was doing was trying to take away all those things

from us, and we fought hard against that.”

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

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.” [\(RELATED: The 11 Most Absurd Discoveries From The New Yorker’s Oberlin College Expose\)](#)

The 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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