

Accounts Closed: Banks and Businesses Canceling Christians

Read Time: 2 Minutes 17 Seconds

When the National Committee for Religious Freedom, headed by former U.S. Senator and Religious Freedom Ambassador Sam Brownback, needed a bank account, they went to JPMorgan Chase. After only a few weeks they learned their account had been closed.

Multi-Faith Charity Has Its Account Closed. Why?

"I went in to make a deposit at a branch here in Kansas about three or four weeks after we'd opened up the account," Brownback told us, "And the teller there said 'That account's been closed.' And I go, 'What?' and they said, 'That account's been closed. Your funds will be sent to you in a couple of weeks.' And then later they came back and said, 'Well, if you'll disclose who gives more than 10% of your funds to you and your criteria for supporting candidates as a 501c4 we'll consider re-opening up the account.'"

Brownback says he received an apology letter but still doesn't know why the bank made the decision.

"We want some real answers as to why this happened," Brownback said, "And normally what I found is that most people just kind of slink away and say, 'Okay, I got de-banked or I got de-platformed, I'll go do something else or I'll find another way.' And we thought, that's the very reason we exist, The National Committee for Religious Freedom, so you can have a free exercise which includes public or private and should include your commercial transactions too."

JP Morgan Chase: This Was Not Religious or Political Discrimination

CBN News contacted JP Morgan Chase about the incident, and they assured us that, “We would never discontinue a relationship because of religious or political affiliation, and we didn’t with this ‘re not proud of how we handled communicating with this client about what we needed from them, and have apologized verbally and in writing.”

And while JP Morgan Chase didn’t give us a reason for the account closure either, they did say “We are required by anti-money laundering laws to conduct customer due diligence.”

Wondering whether it was discrimination, The National Committee for Religious Freedom has set up a website called “Chased Away.” The group is encouraging people of faith to come forward if they’ve been denied service by a company or bank.

Needed in ‘Woke’ Corporate Boardrooms: People of Faith

“It also tells me we need to get people of faith in the boardroom,” Brownback said. “I think we need to start campaigns to get a person of faith on every major corporate board in America.”

It used to be that companies only wanted your business. These days, they may not, if they think you believe in the wrong things.

Since the 2020 election, banks and corporations have denied service to some Trump supporters, and Christian employees continue to be fired for speaking out about their faith.

This year the Canadian government weaponized its financial system against citizens protesting COVID restrictions, freezing their bank accounts.

For the rest of this article, visit our content partners at

.{eoa}

Reprinted with permission from . Copyright © 2022 The Christian Broadcasting Network Inc. All rights reserved."

Bring *Charisma* magazine home with a subscription today!