

Colorado Defies Supreme Court, Penalizes Baker Jack Phillips Again

Colorado baker Jack Phillips is being targeted for his faith yet again—this time for refusing to bake a cake to celebrate a gender transition. He is back in court for that “violation.”

In June, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of Phillips, saying that Phillips had been mistreated by Colorado’s Civil Rights Commission due to his Christian convictions.

“It is surprising,” Phillips told CBN News. “It all started the day that the United States Supreme Court announced that it was taking our case back in June of 2017. That very day an attorney here in Colorado called me up and asked if we could create a cake to celebrate gender transition—a pink and blue cake. It’s a cake that we couldn’t do—couldn’t create the cake because of its message—but we tried to make it clear that we’d sell this individual anything else in our shop or other custom work, but we couldn’t create that one because of my belief.”

The Colorado Civil Rights Division had previously ruled in favor of bakers’ rights in three other cases where customers ordered cakes that demeaned gay people or gay marriages and the bakers declined to make the cakes. It ruled against Phillips for refusing to bake a gay wedding cake.

Now, Phillips is filing a federal lawsuit after the state civil rights division determined in June that Phillips’ Masterpiece Cakeshop discriminated against a customer who wanted a cake to celebrate her coming out as transgender. The woman requested a birthday cake that was pink on the inside and blue on the outside.

The state civil rights division ordered Phillips and Autumn

Scardina to schedule a “compulsory mediation” with the agency.
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