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On Monday, the <u>Supreme Court ruled in favor</u> of a Christian baker, Jack Phillips, who refused to bake a custom cake for same sex couple Charlie Craig and Dave Mullins.

The vote was 7-2 and according to the ruling written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, the court found the Colorado Civil Rights Commission had violated Phillips' rights by showing hostility towards his religious beliefs.

After refusing to bake a cake for Craig and Mullins back in 2012, the commission ordered Phillips to undergo anti-discrimination training as well as "cease and desist" refusing custom cakes for same sex couples.

"The commission's hostility was inconsistent with the First Amendment's guarantee that our laws be applied in a manner that is neutral toward religion," Kennedy wrote.



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As a private business, they have the right to refuse service to anyone for any reason. While I don't agree with their moral stance about LGBT, I do agree with their right to refuse service for any reason. They can refuse me because I wear blue shoes. You get the point.

The main issue people found with the ruling is its broad nature. The justice's narrow ruling hinged on the treatment of Phillips from the civil rights commission, and didn't really address the first amendment issues related to the case.