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Boycott of Chick-fil-A as American as apple pie

Your publication is certainly correct to criticize the mayors of Boston and Chicago for saying they will use the force of law to interfere with Chick-fil-A's right to do business. That is clearly wrong, and their bravado will likely be short-lived.

But let's be real. The outcry against Chick-fil-A is not simply because of the outspoken views of its anti-gay CEO. It's because the company has spent millions of dollars actively opposing equal rights for gays and lesbians. That is why the firm is now facing a boycott, something as American as apple pie.

Customers have every right to boycott a company actively opposed to their political beliefs or legal rights. Just in the past year, for example, Target, Google, and Starbucks have all been targeted by anti-gay organizations because of their support for gay rights. Did you write editorials opposing those boycotts? Did you lament the lack of a "live-and-let-live" philosophy by all the Religious Right groups fighting to bring back "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" or state sodomy laws and other legal restrictions on gays and lesbians?

All your huffing and puffing about freedom would be a lot more believable if you applied it to Nanny States both left and the right.

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