

# Just one week after opening, first UK Chick-fil-A is set to close doors after LGBT pressure

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Thanks reportedly to activism from far-left anti-Christian zealots, the U.K.'s first-ever Chick-fil-A restaurant must shutter its doors at the conclusion of its six-month lease at The Oracle shopping center and mall in Reading, Berkshire, England.

In a statement issued this week to the media, a spokesperson for The Oracle said that the shopping mall's officials will not renew Chick-fil-A's lease beyond the current "six-month pilot period" because it's "the right thing to do."



Chick-Fil-A opened its first UK location last week.

Now, the shopping center it's in is kicking it out after protests over its donations to anti-LGBTQ organizations. The center told [@BBCWorld](#) it was "the right thing to do."



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“At the Oracle, we offer an inclusive space where everyone is welcome,” the spokesperson said in a statement chockablock with the ostensibly tolerant (but in reality divisive (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2018/06/10/how-could-a-salad-emoji-fail-cause-so-much-fuss-ask-google-they-were-going-for-inclusion-and-diversity-643291>) terminology frequently used by members of the radical left.

“We always look to introduce new concepts for our customers, however, we have decided on this occasion that the right thing to do is to only allow Chick-fil-A to trade with us for the initial six month pilot period, and not to extend the lease any further.”


While it appears no legitimate decision was offered for this abrupt decision, the media have linked it to activism from LGBT radicals concerned over the Christian values of Chick-fil-A's deceased founder, S. Truett Cathy, and its CEO, Cathy's son Dan.

“A US fast-food chain will cease trading at its first UK outlet amid a row over donations to anti-LGBT groups,” the BBC reported. “Gay rights campaigners called for a boycott of Chick-fil-A, which opened its first branch at The Oracle shopping centre in Reading on 10 October.”

As of Saturday, the protests were continuing, because apparently, Chick-fil-A being allowed to operate at the mall for only six months isn't good enough.

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Cluck off [@ChickfilA](#) you are not welcome! The protest is still happening from 11am tomorrow and Pride Organisers from across the UK will be there alongside [@Reading\\_Pride](#)  [bbc.co.uk/news/uk-englan...](https://bbc.co.uk/news/uk-englan...)

**First UK Chick-fil-A to close in LGBT rights row**

The Oracle shopping centre decides 'not to extend the lease' of the popular US fast-food chain.

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**Reading Pride UK**

@Reading\_Pride

This Saturday in #rdguk we will be peacefully protesting @ChickfilA outside the broad street @OracleReading entrance from 11am.

Meeting at 10am @theblagrove for debrief and breakfast.

Say NO to bigotry and hatred on your high street #GetTheChickOut #LoveUnites #ReadingPride



against our values, and that of the UK as we are a progressive country that has legalised same sex marriage for some years, and continues to strive towards equality.

Whilst the Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy's comments were from 2012 (Cathy was quoted as saying that he believes in the "biblical definition of the family unit"). They hired a PR company, and he has not been quoted since. There is no record that we can find to suggest his views have changed.

They have also set up a Chick-fil-A foundation that still funds anti-gay charities like the Marriage & Family Foundation, the Georgia Family Council, and Exodus International, a group that promotes conversion therapy. Source: <https://www.vox.com/the-goods/2019/3/21/18275850/chick-fil-a-anti-lgbtq-donations>

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- Chick-fil-A funded the National Christian Foundation, who then paid a preacher named Lou Engle to go to Uganda, where he talked to Ugandan lawmakers. At the time they were trying to pass the "kill the gays" bill. Lou Engle encouraged them and called them "righteous and courageous." Chick-fil-A also funded the Family Research Council, which tried to stop the US government from denouncing Uganda for the kill the gays bill. So Chick-fil-A literally funded efforts to enact mass executions of gay people, more than once, and now those efforts have come to fruition.

**Sources:**

- Chick-fil-A funded NCF and FRC: <https://www.businessinsider.com/heres-how>

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Concerns (or smears, rather) about Chick-fil-A have circulated since 2011 when the restaurant's founder was outed as a proud Christian who supported organizations that opposed same-sex marriage.

"In 1984, Cathy founded the WinShape Foundation, a Christian non-profit focused on providing foster homes and camps for children, scholarships for college students and marriage counseling for couples," the Journal & Courier noted in a recent profile (<https://www.jconline.com/story/news/2019/09/17/chickfla-starbucks-mcdonalds-boycott-lgbt-donations-fast-food-restaurant-purdue-university/2301619001/>) of the chain.

“The nonprofit has made its own donations to other Christian organizations, including those that opposed same-sex marriage and promoted gay conversion therapy. Chick-fil-A made its donation of \$8 million to WinShape in 2010.”

Upon learning of Cathy’s history, sleuths looked into Chick-fil-A’s finances and discovered it’s contributed money to Christian organizations that just happen to oppose homosexuality (given as the Christian Bible defines homosexuality as a sin).

One year later, Cathy’s son admitted the truth.

“Well, guilty as charged,” he said when reportedly asked during an interview (<https://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-mo-chick-fil-a-gay-20120718-story.html>) about the family’s support for traditional man/woman Christian families. “We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives.”

And thus the floodgates of smears flew wide open and attempts to “cancel” Chick-fil-A (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2019/03/31/chick-fil-a-pulled-from-another-airport-a-week-after-backlash-in-texas-fascist-abuse-of-power-starting-to-scare-people-739101>) sprung into existence across the country.

So far, these efforts have been mostly unsuccessful, with Chick-fil-A continuing to grow and profit wildly beyond its initial expectations.



**Herbert Reed**  
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**Chick-fil-A sales explode after whining, anti-gay accusations**

Chick-fil-A's profits have doubled ever since members of the far-left began boycotting it over its now-deceased founder's Christian views.

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"[T]he chain has more than doubled its annual sales and opened nearly 700 more locations, growing to be one of the most popular fast-food restaurants in the nation," the Journal & Courier's profile revealed.

As of June 2019, the chain was up to 2,363 restaurants located primarily in the United States, though some had reportedly begun to pop up in Canada as well.



Speaking of which, the opening of Toronto's first Chick-fil-A restaurant last month provoked the same sorts of outrage and protests (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2019/09/07/chick-fil-as-canada-opening-stormed-by-long-lines-protesters-820378>) being seen currently in Reading.

But instead of bending the knee, everyday Canadians made it clear that they were far more concerned with enjoying a tasty meal versus bullying a company for its Christian beliefs:



**Rebel News**

@RebelNewsOnline

Toronto just opened up a Chick-Fil-A and protesters swarmed.

One protester told us that consumers are both homophobic and racist.

Then [@TheRealKeean](#) talked to:

- A gay couple: "They represent foolishness"
- A Muslim: "No, I don't hate gays"
- Black women: "I'm not racist"



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Given how

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that the U.K. has become, what happened this week isn't all too surprising. Chick-fil-A for its part is taking the news in stride.

"We have been very pleased with what we've seen in the U.K. in terms of customer response to our food and our approach to customer service," a spokesperson said in a statement to Time magazine.

"We mutually agreed to a six-month lease with the Oracle Mall in Reading as part of a longer-term strategy for us as we look to expand our international presence."

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**HankFooMike** ★ Leader · 1d


let's start calling a spade a spade...a fag's a fag, plain and simple...deviants, one and all...

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**Sal Belardo** ★ Leader · 13m → HankFooMike 

If anyone has a problem with their gender I suggest that you look in your underwear! Problem solved!

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**Jeannette Rook** ★ Leader · 22h → HankFooMike 



Liberal left smell they been skipping bathing habits because of the harm to then enviroment


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**CleanLine** ★ Leader · 1d 

The UK is lost, and has been for a while. Dont know why chic fil a would even attempt it. They've never once not served to a gay person, or black person or whatever. But God forbid if you upset the alphabet people.. you will be burned at the stake, truth be damned. These people dont care about the truth, just affirmation of their own hateful beliefs.

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**Jon Bradfield** ★ Leader · 1d → CleanLine 

Hate-filled they are. They don't even like themselves (just ask their psychiatrist).  
Dill holes.

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**Joshua Hooker** ★ Leader · 1d 

I wonder how many of the same people who are protesting would happily eat from shops run by people of "the religion of peace" that actively throw homosexuals off rooftops.

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**Erich Von Glahn** ★ Leader · 19h → Joshua Hooker



I hope every single one gets thrown off a very tall building. They have perverted the earth with their sickening lifestyle, and if the rooftops dont get them, theres always the old fashioned way, that they themselves created, aids.

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**Trish Valley** ★ Leader · 1d



So the Winshape Foundation, the charitable arm of Chick Fil A supports traditional healthy lifestyles and pro traditional marriage. If you are pro these values, does it necessarily follow that you discriminate against those who you may disagree with? They have NO history of discrimination, just have a point of view. That is NOT OK in the left world of group think and destruction of anything THEY do not agree with.

What a world of crazy! The world the left insists on creating is now becoming increasing mean, EXclusive and hateful. Just exactly they way they love to characterize their "enemies".....so what ELSE is new with the nasty hypocrites on the left???

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**John Lieto** ★ Leader · 20h

They can boycott for their silly reason, but why must they keep others from exercising their free will and choice? Maybe we were better off when their deviant behavior was illegal and they stayed in their closets.

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**James A Bussell** ★ Leader · 22h

What exactly is the problem with LGBTQRS's and Chick-fil-A? It has to be the corporations Christian beliefs. But why? Has any Chick-fil- A establishment ever refused to serve anyone because of their sexual preference? NO! So just what the hell is it? I just can't figure it out. Can you?

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**Jon Bradfield** ★ Leader · 20h → James A Bussell



They hate Christianity and believe that a Christ-based business (as how Chick-fil-a was/is run) threatens their "lifestyle".

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**Eugene Levich** ★ Leader · 1d

Perverts on one hand and Muslims on the other have taken over the Western world. The remarkable perversion is the masochism of perverts in that they are in colusion with Muslims who will kill them all when the takeover is accomplished. This shows that both perverts and Muslims are ideology of death.

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**P G** · 20h

I wonder if they allow in the UK Muslim type restaurants, since that culture typically hates, stones and kills homosexuals?

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**Marilyn McCauley** ★ Leader · 18h → P G



And to boot, London's mayor is a Muslim...go figure!


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**Nick Benson Sr.** ★ Leader · 21h

Funny thing is, years ago I thought fags were sinning but I just didn't let it bother me one way or the other. Now however, after realizing that their ultimate goal is to bring down Christianity and harm businesses, I hate them! Before I could tolerate them and wish them no harm. Now I wish them harm and would actually donate to the defense of somebody who harmed them! I guess the fags showed me didn't they? FREAKS

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**Erich Von Glahn** ★ Leader · 19h → Nick Benson Sr. 



That makes two of us. I didnt care one bit about them several years ago, but I truly cant stand to even hear about their disgusting, filthy, selves. They are disgusting to God, I wonder why. And why do they want to be married, when they insist on sleeping with anything with a smelly butthole.

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**Truth1775** ★ Leader · 18h 

After all the sacrifices made by the Greatest Generation of both the United States and the United Kingdom to defeat the Nazi threat only to find that the Nazis have occupied the U.K. under the guise of the LGBT community. The tactics are the same as the Brown Shirts and the Nazis before World War II. Unfortunately, the media supports them and does not realized that they too will be eliminated by the authoritarian regimes the Left and the LGBT communities want to install. Just look at what happened to the media organizations that supported the Nazis, the Fascists in Italy, the Communist and Socialist regimes in Russia, China, North Vietnam, Cuba, Cambodia, North Korea, Nicaragua, Venezuela, etc. All of them were eliminated by the regimes they supported and replaced with Party stooges.

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