



Luis Reynoso • You

University Professor

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Apples and bananas....

This is a Banana.



If you see an Apple, you're
a Right Wing Extremist.



Kyle Johnson (He/Him) • 2nd

4mo ...

Political Science Major at UC Davis | Director of External and Governme...

Hi. I would like to note that this picture is commonly used as an Anti-Transgender joke. I am hoping that as a trustee for the Chabot Las Positas Community college school district, that you are not posting this type of content in a harmful anti-LGBTQ+ way.

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Luis Reynoso **Author**

4mo ...

University Professor

It's only harmful to common sense if you think the apple is a banana.

Like · 1 | Reply



Hayden Sidun (He/Him) • 2nd

4mo ...

Student and Community Activist

[Luis Reynoso](#) speaking as one of your students, it's harmful and insulting to the student bodies you were elected to lead that you would speak about them and their personal identities in such a demeaning way. Your opinion of the identity of transgender people is equally ridiculous and irrelevant to my opinion of your identity as a man, because no one has any right to determine or judge the identity of others.

Like | Reply



Luis Reynoso **Author**

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University Professor

[Hayden Sidun](#) your opinion to invent and device hate while ignoring common sense on a simple contrast of imagery speaks volumes of your intentions. Embrace common sense and work to unite instead of instigating hatred among all people. If you are studying political science then put that to work and champion common sense instead of division. Politics is about uniting not dividing.

Like | Reply



Hayden Sidun (He/Him) • 2nd

4mo ...

Student and Community Activist

Luis Reynoso is it not divisive to tell someone that their personal identity is invalid? If I told you, for example, that you are not a man because it goes against my definition of common sense, is that not instigating hatred?

Like -  2 | Reply



Luis Reynoso **Author**

4mo ...

University Professor

Hayden Sidun the beauty about free speech is that you are entitled to your opinion and I to mine. If what offends you remove me from your list or don't read my postings. My posting above never mentioned any groups but rather a simple picture about an apple and how it gets redefine by others. It's the world gone insane now where common sense gives way to how a symbol should be interpreted. I never wrote anything to anybody nor gave advice of any identities on the image I posted . You did all of that! Your estimations of what others should be thinking are way off. You are definitely promoting victimhood and hatred. Use your politics studies to unite and not divide the people that view and interpret an apple in their own way. Remove me from your list asap if my postings offend you. Go with god and peace to you and others even the ones that think different than you and I!

Like | Reply



Ashley Severance • 2nd

4mo ...

Senior Sales Recruiter, Leadership at Verkada

Luis Reynoso seems that Kyle is making a great point. You, however, are stating if someone doesn't see your narrow point of view, they're wrong. Scary post to see from a Professor.

Like -  5 | Reply



Luis Reynoso **Author**

4mo ...

University Professor

Ashley Severance it's even more scary when someone accuses another of a narrow point of view just because there exists a difference of symbolic interpretations. Politics is about uniting not dividing. I work with all even with people that disagree with me.

Like | Reply



Luis Reynoso **Author**

4mo (edited) ...

University Professor

Hayden Sidun I have never made any mentions of mine nor any one's identity. Stop promoting victim hood and hatred. It's better not to jump to any conclusions just because you have a different opinion on a symbol. I promote unity in all people but it seems you are part of the crowd that promotes hatred in identities or no identities of any people.

Like | Reply



Luis Reynoso **Author**

4mo ...

University Professor

Ashley Severance how is an apple an extremist symbol? Where in my words do I promote hatred as you do? I promote unity even with people like think differently on opinions other than my own. We should be having conversations and not making false accusations of what you think I am posting.

Like -  1 | Reply



Kyle Johnson (He/Him) • 2nd

4mo ...

Political Science Major at UC Davis | Director of External and Go...

Luis Reynoso if what you say is true, offer your support for the LGBTQ+ community. Validate trans identities.

You are correct in that your post does not clearly mention any one group. In saying this, it insinuates an anti-trans message. It has been used on the internet in the past in this format too. Further, when I originally informed you of such information, you only responded with "It's only harmful to common sense if you think the apple is a banana" rather than defending yourself and saying that was not the intention of the post.

I would also like to point to other posts/comments that show your lack of support for the community. Your account is littered with them.

So, if you support the lgbtq+ community, and more specifically the trans community, let us know. We hope that we misinterpreted the image. But you need to affirm your support.

Like · 🗨️ 5 | Reply



Kevin Johnson (Dude or Odd Sir) • 1st

4mo ...

Just a guy who is gonna race jetpacks & full time Dad/ inventor...

Hayden Sidun soo "no one has the right to determine or judge" and yet here you are taking a meme to heart that has nothing to do with sexuality.

He's pointing out the ridiculousness of todays society... and reenforces the part where you say "irrelevant to (your) opinion".. that's the point...you go do you, your opinion is just as irrelevant.

Go live life, be who you wanna be. Put social media away for a while and see how you feel... or, hell, don't.. cuz we're not trying to tell you what to do, and you won't for others either.

Like · 🗨️ 2 | Reply



Kevin Johnson (Dude or Odd Sir) • 1st

4mo ...

Just a guy who is gonna race jetpacks & full time Dad/ inventor...

Kyle Johnson he doesn't have to affirm anything! It's called freedom, go find some.

Like · 🗨️ 1 | Reply



Kevin Johnson (Dude or Odd Sir) • 1st

4mo ...

Just a guy who is gonna race jetpacks & full time Dad/ inventor/ toy fix...

And there it is! 😊👍 (found from [Newsmax Media, Inc.](#))

👍 US

They will NOT control us.

Like · 🗨️ 1 | Reply



BobbyGrant Richardson • 3rd+

4mo (edited) ...

Brand Strategist at BrandDifferent | Former Apple Marketing Exec | Mar...

This man has the right and no one should suppress his FREE SPEECH...
If the firm he works for wants to suppress then suppress them.

People that are offended... just don't like it. That is why Networks, TV,
Movies, Restaurants, and businesses.... offend someone, somewhere,
and sometimes the market will choose their fate.. so if you are
offended by anything just do not go to that establishment or watch
that TV show or movie or even news network. And in this case like or
dislike but don't cancel...unless you want your free speech canceled

FREE SPEECH IS OFFENSIVE BUT THAT IS FOR ALL SIDES

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Chabot-Las Positas District board censures trustee over a meme

eastbayinsiders.substack.com/p/chabot-las-positas-district-board

Steven Tavares



The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees censured Luis Reynoso, above, 6-1, on Tuesday night. Reynoso was the lone no.

COUNTY NEWS

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

—‘I’M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE’—Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Trustee **Luis Reynoso** was censured by his colleagues on Tuesday night for posting a meme that some interpret as anti-transgender.

—In the board’s comments, they admonished Reynoso for failing to apologize for the meme that features an apple with the tagline “This is a banana. If you see an apple you’re a right-wing extremist.”



—In a lengthy presentation, Reynoso denied he had any discriminatory intent when posting the meme.

—None of the Chabot-Las Positas trustees, in addition, to a report by an ad-hoc committee of two board members, suggested that Reynoso was aware the meme had other meanings. Some say the meme is also used to undermine and denigrate the transgender community.

—However, the meme is mostly employed as a critique Republicans and **President Trump**. CNN used a variation of the meme in a 2017 ad campaign to push back at the Trump’s incessant claims of “fake news.”

—On Tuesday night in Dublin, Reynoso attempted to methodically break down his original LinkedIn posting and the comments it elicited. Like a church responsorial psalm, Reynoso repeated after each comment, “What is so hateful about that?!”

—Reynoso has repeatedly argued that no written or formal complaint was ever made against him. The Board of Trustees said a number of no-confidence votes by faculty and other stakeholders against Reynoso constituted a complaint.

—A number of speakers registered support for Reynoso. Some called the board’s plans for censure a “witch hunt,” “kangaroo court,” and a “fascist act.” A member of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee labeled Reynoso a “bigot.”

—While the posting of the meme initiated the controversy late last year, the board’s censure vote was mostly predicated on Reynoso’s decision to avoid apologizing to those who felt offended by it, and comments he made at November 2022 meeting that they deemed unbecoming of a trustee.

—Board President **Tim Sbranti** said his reaction to the meme was that it’s a matter between Reynoso and his constituents. Reynoso’s behavior last November, in which Sbranti said he offended the board’s staff, made improper allegations of bias against fellow Trustee **Harris Mojadedi**, and for Reynoso “storming out of the meeting.”

—Trustee **Linda Granger** admonished Reynoso for failing to acknowledge his detractor’s point of view. Instead, Granger said, Reynoso “told them they were wrong.”

—Trustee **Hal Gin**, who along with Granger, authored the board’s ad-hoc committee report that recommended censure, said he voted to sanction Reynoso because of his views.

—Last November’s incident involved Reynoso calling into question Trustee Mojadedi’s ability to remain open-minded on the matter. Among the board’s comments, Mojadedi’s comments were the most measured.

—“Perhaps you were not aware of the images,” Mojadedi told Reynoso, but added, “I thought you would apologize at that first board meeting.”

—Reynoso shot back, “I’m not going to apologize.”

“You need to be held accountable for your actions,” Mojadedi continued. “I’m not calling you out. I’m calling you in.”