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I don't agree with the comments by the owner of Chick-Fil-A, but I will defend his right to say them. And anyone who is personally offended by such remarks has every right to boycott the company, and I will defend their rights also.

But let us remember that Dan Cathy's comments, whether you agree with them or not, are protected by freedom of speech do not, by themselves, violate anyone's rights. He has not used physical force to oppress anyone. However, when the government steps in and uses zoning laws (as is being proposed in Chicago) to prevent Chick-Fil-A from operating a business in response to such comments, that is certainly a violation of individual rights.

Are we now infringing upon free speech by deciding who can and cannot own a business based on their religious and philosophical beliefs? If so, we have just taken the last steps toward tyranny.

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