Gay Rights Versus Religious Freedom. Case Legal Studies Research Paper No. 06-16. 102 Pages Posted: 20 Sep 2006. Accordingly, the war between religion and the gay movement seems fated to drag on indefinitely in innumerable battles large and small. Part I of this Article discusses general federal and state constitutions and statutes that set some boundaries for specific disputes. Part II discusses government action supporting homosexuality, including antidiscrimination laws and religious exemptions therefrom. Part III discusses actions by private institutions against employees, students, or others who manifest traditional views about homosexuality. If given the choice between business owners with religious convictions and LGBT customers, 54 percent of Americans side with the gays and lesbians, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released Thursday. Only 28 percent said business should have the right to refuse service. And a plurality, 34 percent, said that the issue of gay marriage should be decided by the Supreme Court upholding it nationwide as a constitutional right, versus 22 percent who picked state voter referenda, 11 percent who favored state lawmakers, and 8 percent who wanted Congress to decide. The poll, in response to the "religious freedom" laws in Indiana and Arkansas, was conducted April 6-8 and has a confidence interval of ±3.7 percentage points. Peter Weber. Solving COVID. And with 34 states considering religious freedom legislation, the battle is getting fierce... What is clear though is that the backlash from last year's Supreme Court decision has brought religious freedom concerns to the forefront this spring. Many Americans believe that the battle over gay rights versus
protecting people's religious convictions is just beginning. Did you know? God is everywhere—even in the news.