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"This is about gay marriage. It's not about a person being gay. She has a [heterosexual](#) objection to h.o.m.o.s.e.x.u.a.l. marriage, not h.o.m.o.s.e.x.u.a.l.i.t.y."

What? That's one awesome pretzel there. I love to hear the attorney explain that to the judge.
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It's getting to the point where these Christian businesses are going to have to [deny services to gays](#) because of [GAY'S NOT ALLOWED](#).
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


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All in all, I'm loving every rise and fall (RIGP)
This florist could have had one and it wouldn't help her. The law does not allow her [to discriminate](#) on the basis of sexual orientation.
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when the rich wage war its the poor that die
I hope this flower shop loses and loses big, and the other states which have had [other businesses](#) denying services to LGBTs begin to prosecute. If the states nip the early other businesses won't try it if they delay it will be a real problem with a lot of pseudo-christians trying the same trick.
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


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I think we all have to agree that there are a significant number of people in the US [who believe](#) that a man marrying a man is morally wrong in the eyes of God and

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they will not be forced into disobeying God. She has served this guy in the past and worked with gay people, it just needs understanding that people like her will never be forced into dishonoring God.
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




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Then she needs to stop being in business in a state with non-discrimination laws because she's going to be paying a lot of fines for her bigotry and hate.
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In private life, sure. But this is regarding providing a service to the public.
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If these people have such strong "religious" convictions, how many weddings have they solemnized or the other of the intended's were previously divorced?
This is where they will lose in their defense in court.
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This also means that Hetrosexual couples could also sue if they are refused by a florist to marry because the law seems to work for only some of the people!
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If they are refused on the basis of their sexual orientation, yes.
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"She has a conscientious objection to homosexual marriage, not homosexuality."
How come it's ok to feel that way, but it's not ok to say "I object to black people voting, but not to black people in general?"
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Exactly!
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Okie

Marriage is a religious institution ordained by God." Aaron Klein is quoted as saying.
Not ONE church has ever performed a "marriage". Churches perform "weddings".
A marriage is a "permit" you pay for at your county or city clerk's office that says your marriage is legal.
I'm so sick of this argument.
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
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They keep pushing this faux argument because they have nothing else.
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Okie

I'm really not disagreeing with everyone's disgust and anger at how this wonderful couple was treated.
But, let me pose this hypothetical.
Fred Phelps pastor/founder of the WBC (westboro baptist church) is getting married, and goes to the best wedding planner in Kansas, who happens to be a gay man.
Should the wedding planner be required to perform such an intimate service for someone who lives to destroy his existence?
As an independent lighting consultant in the 90's I stopped doing work for most churches, because I had qualms about enabling them to continue spewing the hatred they were spewing at the time. It made me literally sick to the stomach, to even go into a church that hated me, and my brothers and sisters. Was I wrong to turn down that business? (I really want to know what people think on this).
I have absolutely no doubt whatsoever that any business selling cakes or flowers or

wedding dresses should without doubt be required to sell to all. I'm just not sure, when it involves a much lengthier intimate consultancy.

Please don't attack, I'm just thinking it through.
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I think I agree with you..... I kind of wish the bigots would hang some symbol so I can save them from me. I'm not in business I don't have to make those choices. But I would not want to deal with a Phelps, or someone like that. So if someone doesn't want my business.....I'll go elsewhere.
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