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Glenn Smith, professor of constitutional law, California Western School of Law in San Diego: "Today's argument reflected how difficult it is, in law and the broader society, to reconcile private religious expression with promoting the public good and avoiding discrimination. Although the argument was marked by typical ideological divisions, several justices seemed to be trying to find narrower grounds for deciding. A right for closely-held corporations, but not publicly traded ones? Other fine distinctions? We'll know in late June when the court's term ends."