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Rick Garnett in USA Today

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Notre Dame law professor Rick Garnett has an op-ed at USA Today about the upcoming Supreme Court case on the ministerial exception for civil rights laws. This is a dicey subject but I mostly agree with Garnett. Too often secular liberals warn that any public pronouncements by religiously motivated leaders risks dismantling the deparation of Church and State, a position that is mostly nonsense. But, this really is a case of separation of Church and State and, as Garnett rightly argues, the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom should be upheld broadly by the Court.

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