

# HIGH COURT NIXES CHURCH RESTRICTIONS

On February 5, the U.S. Supreme Court dealt a blow to church restrictions in California. The justices ruled that the ban on all indoor services was at odds with the treatment afforded retail stores: the latter were permitted to operate at 25 to 50 percent capacity.

“When a State so obviously targets religion for differential treatment,” wrote Justice Neil Gorsuch, “our job becomes much clearer.”

The high court allowed a ban on singing [which could allegedly spread the virus]. Yet as Gorsuch noted, Hollywood is allowed to “film a singing competition.” Different strokes for different folks?

If public health were the sole issue, then we should expect equal treatment of secular and religious institutions. But this has not been the case throughout much of the country. This accounts for the slew of lawsuits.

Fortunately, President Trump chose three justices who are religion friendly: Brett Kavanaugh, Neil Gorsuch and Amy Coney Barrett.