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## A threat worse than discrimination

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Tim Cook believes that Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, similar to the federal act President Bill Clinton signed after it passed the Senate 97 to 3, goes "against the very principles our nation was founded on," freedom and equality. Don't those principles entail freedom of association?

I, too, am offended by the discrimination that exercises Mr. Cook. But I'm offended even more by the idea that we can sanction a baker, say, for declining to bake for a same-sex wedding. The problem with Mr. Cook's intolerance, unlike the baker's, is that his is coupled with the force of law. He would have the government determine what values are and are not to be tolerated. And that is the end of liberty — including the liberty to offend, which a free society must tolerate.

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