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Across the nation, protesters have taken to the street, demanding that governors "reopen" state economies. From North Carolina to Maryland, Pennsylvania to Illinois, Americans want the opportunity to work, and some feel that state restrictions have encroached on their civil liberties.

While the basic right to work is not something that would usually seem polarizing, many epidemiologists, infectious disease experts, and politicians argue that opening the economy too early <u>is a public-health risk</u>. As rallies spread from state to state, they have come to <u>embody</u> the deep <u>political rifts</u> seemingly entrenched in American society. Amidst the crowds fly "Don't Tread on Me" flags, and many who refuse to wear masks proudly wear MAGA hats.

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