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**Assignment 6: The Expansion of Civil Rights in the 21st Century**

Due via e-mail by midnight on Sunday, 3/27 and in class on Mon, 3/28.

**Note:** These questions are strictly designed to ensure that you are keeping up with the readings.  Consequently, your answers need not include analysis or background information.

**Instructions:**  Copy the questions below and paste them into the body of an email, type in your answers, and send it without attachments to [Susan\_Gallagher@uml.edu](mailto:Susan_Gallagher@uml.edu) and [Esther\_Jack@student.uml.edu](mailto:Esther_Jack@student.uml.edu).

1. Briefly summarize the outcome of *Lawrence v. Texas*.

2. [Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health](http://www.massbar.org/publications/massachusetts-law-review/2004/v88-n3/case--statute-comments-goodridge#_blank) - Fill in blanks:

After concluding its review of the rationales presented by the Department, the court addressed some of the arguments presented by amici, including the argument that allowing same-sex couples to marry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." The court responded, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."  Extending the right to marry to same-sex couples\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_," the court determined.

3. Using “[Why 6 Federal Judges Struck Down State Gay Marriage Bans,”](https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/02/26/why-6-federal-judges-have-struck-down-state-gay-marriage-bans-in-their-own-words/) as a guide, briefly describe the constitutional flaws in the arguments used to support [Proposition 8](http://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_8,_the_%22Eliminates_Right_of_Same-Sex_Couples_to_Marry%22_Initiative_%282008%29#_blank):

4. Briefly summarize the main points made in the introductory paragraphs of the majority opinion in [*Obergefell v. Hodges*](https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/576/14-556/#_blank):