



**6. Where do all three of the major presidential candidates fall on this issue?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. What do you think? Do you agree with the California court's ruling that says it is unconstitutional to deny same-sex couples the right to marry? Why or why not?**

**2. Opponents of this ruling are looking to a possible amendment to the California Constitution that would ban same-sex marriages. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?**

**3. Compare this case in California to the U.S. Supreme Court case Loving v. Virginia, that ruled that laws against interracial marriages were unconstitutional. How are they similar or different?**

For more information on Loving go to the NewsHour transcript  
[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/remember/jan-june08/loving\\_05-06.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/remember/jan-june08/loving_05-06.html)

**Extension Activity**

Write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.