**CHAPTER 6: Minority Groups and the Impact of Oppression**

1. Rapid changes are taking place related to the [acceptance of same-sex marriage](http://www.pewforum.org/topics/gay-marriage-and-homosexuality/). Review opinions on this issue and changes over time. Compare progress on the federal and various state governments on this human rights issue. What is the latest Supreme Court decision? Compare and contrast the similarities and differences between the reasons given in support of these laws. Are there any ideologies or reasons given which were previously cited in banning interracial marriages?
2. Review an online newspaper and select a story profiling a successful public figure of your choice from a minority background, such as Sonia Sotomayor. In considering the story, identify any American ideologies presented in this chapter that are identified or implied in this story.