Protection and the Constitution: The Supreme Court and Gay Rights

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The Supreme Court will soon decide two important – and controversial – cases involving gay rights. The first case involves a Ninth Circuit decision in the Perry case which struck down a California voter initiative that defined marriage as between one man and one woman. The decision required California to recognize gay marriage under the equal protection clause. The second case involved a constitutional challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

This program will examine the history of the Supreme Court's jurisprudence on the equal protection clause in the context of gay rights. It will examine the critical case of Romer v. Evans, where the Supreme Court considered a Colorado law that restricted the ability of gay rights' advocates to seek to enact laws to protect their rights. The Court's decision Romer will be critical to the resolution of the Perry and DOMA.



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