A Silent Conversation on Same Sex Marriage

"The Day of Silence is a student-led national event that brings attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools. Students from middle school to college take a vow of silence in an effort to encourage schools and classmates to address the problem of anti-LGBT behavior by illustrating the silencing effect of bullying and harassment on LGBT students and those perceived to be LGBT."

The Day of Silence -http://www.dayofsilence.org/

Today's activity involves reading a recent article from the Associated Press, entitled, "Judge Orders Ohio to recognize the same-sex marriages," Seat partners will carry on a "silent conversation" by passing a piece of paper back and forth, engaging in a written dialog over the following four questions.

Just read the article and then pass a paper back and forth, writing your answers to the following questions:

1. Who should make the decision about same-sex marriages: voters in the state, state legislators, state courts, the US Congress, Federal District Courts, or the Supreme Court? What parts of the Constitution would you site to make your argument?

2. If a lawsuit wins forcing Ohio to allow gay couples to marry, what impact would this have on the national struggle for marriage equality? Explain.