

I. of II: Lawrence v. Texas

At the outset the Supreme Court raises 3 questions (two of which concern Constitutional issues involving the XIVth Amendment and one about its previous decision on a similar case).

- i) Whether Petitioners' criminal convictions under the Texas "Homosexual Conduct" law violates the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of "equal protection" of laws?
- ii) Whether Petitioners' criminal convictions for adult consensual sexual intimacy violate their interests in privacy protected by the "Due Process Clause" of the Fourteenth Amendment?
- iii) Whether a previous case, *Bowers v. Hardwick*, should be overruled?

1. What is the issue in regard to "equal protection" in *Lawrence*?
2. What is the issue in regard to "due process" in *Lawrence*?
3. What was the main difference between the Texas law in *Lawrence* and the Georgia law in *Bowers*?
4. The Court decides that the *Bowers* should be overruled. Cite 3 reasons given for the overruling.

II. Status vs. State

For the following sentences indicate whether the underlined attributes depict statuses or states of their subjects. A noun (e.g. *teacher*) or a noun phrase (e.g. *an intelligent student*) typically denotes a status, whereas an adjective (e.g. *sad*), a past participle (e.g. *broken*), or an adjective phrase (e.g. *in high spirits*), depending on context, could be either a status or a state.

NOTE: For those of you who know Spanish, sentences with statuses would require the verb *ser*; those with states the verb *estar*.

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| 1. ___ ___ | Obama was the <u>president</u> of the United States. |
| 2. ___ ___ | Herman seems to be <u>in a bad mood</u> . |
| 3. ___ ___ | Helen is getting <u>married</u> today. |
| 4. ___ ___ | I think Helen is <u>pregnant</u> . |
| 5. ___ ___ | Helen seems <u>sad</u> . |

6. ___ ___ Professor Zachary is boring.
7. ___ ___ My sister is young.
8. ___ ___ George is a chronic alcoholic.
9. ___ ___ I'm embarrassed over what happened.
10. ___ ___ Peter is a married man.
11. ___ ___ Helen looks beautiful in that exquisite wedding gown.
12. ___ ___ George has been drunk for an entire week.
13. ___ ___ Professor Zachary's students are bored.
14. ___ ___ The U.S. marines pride themselves in being brave.
15. ___ ___ I'm not lazy! I just don't like working on weekends.
16. ___ ___ That guy thinks he's macho.
17. ___ ___ I feel lazy this morning. I think I'll stay in bed.
18. ___ ___ You shouldn't wear black. It makes you look old.
19. ___ ___ For being President of the United States, Obama is not old.
20. ___ ___ I'm a shortie, but my older brother is tall.
21. ___ ___ The Eiffel Tower is tall.
22. ___ ___ This lemonade is too sweet.
23. ___ ___ Sugar is sweet.
24. ___ ___ My little sister is sweet.
25. ___ ___ My little sister is a sweetheart.