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Dear reader,

We have so much terrific research to share including a project on [food portion sizes](#) and what they should look like, a project on [peer-reviewed studies](#) showing anatomical differences between homosexual and heterosexual people, and our new highlight film from the [student video contest](#).

I'd also like to invite you to take our [topic selection survey](#), and encourage teachers and librarians to take our [2-minute educator survey](#).

Here is more of our latest research.

### **WHY I LOVE PROCON.ORG**

[Student Video Contest Highlights](#) - We posted a 3-minute highlight reel from our 2012 Student Video Contest where each student shows why he/she loves ProCon.org. Thanks, students!

### **OBESITY**

[Portion Sizes: How Big or Small Should They Be?](#) - Going out to dinner? One baked potato should be the size of a computer mouse, a steak the size of a deck of cards, and a dinner roll the size of a yo-yo with a Scrabble tile's worth of butter. See how your meal stacks up to the FDA, CDC, and expert-recommended serving sizes.

### **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

[What are tar sands/oil sands?](#) - Read explanations from authoritative sources.

[Should the US authorize the Keystone XL pipeline to import tar sand oil from Canada?](#) - On Mar. 1, 2013, the US State Department released the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Keystone XL pipeline. Read background on the pipeline permit application as well as pro and con arguments from a number of prominent experts and organizations.

### **BORN GAY?**

[Peer-Reviewed Studies on the Origin of Sexual Orientation Since 1990](#) - Researchers found anatomical and genetic differences between homosexuals and heterosexuals (different brain structures, inner ear anatomy, smell sensitivity, chromosome markers, etc.), observed innate homosexual behavior in animal species (from fish to fruit flies), and evaluated the effects of "conversion therapy."

[Can childhood sexual abuse cause homosexuality?](#) - Read our updated pros and cons.

### **TEACHERS' CORNER**

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Educators, if you have not already done so, please take our [2-minute survey](#) and let us know how YOU use ProCon.org.

### FROM OUR HEADLINES

Check our homepage for the latest headlines about events in the news with helpful links related to ProCon.org research. See our most recent headlines below:

- [Climate Change Not the Cause of 2012 Drought, According to New NOAA Study](#)
- [Cuba Embargo Debate Reignites After Beyoncé and Jay-Z Trip to Havana](#)
- [Standardized Testing Scandal in Atlanta Leads to Indictment of 35 Educators](#)

### READER SURVEYS

[Which topic should we pick next?](#) - Please take our brief survey and let us know which issues you would like ProCon.org to research next.

[Reader Survey results](#) - Our survey helped us learn the age, gender, and political affiliation of 1,032 ProCon.org readers. We also learned that 36.7% of respondents changed their "perceptions, feelings, or opinions on an issue" based on what they learned at ProCon.org and that 87.2% reported that they "enjoyed their experience" at ProCon.org. Thank you to all the survey participants.

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