

Dear Reader,

We are thrilled to announce our newest website, <http://vegetarian.procon.org>, which explores the pros and cons of vegetarianism. The centuries-old issue about the meatless diet (no meat, no poultry, no seafood) gets our unique pro-con treatment, and the results are fascinating.

We've also recently published several other research projects some of which I've highlighted below.

1. **New ProCon.org Website!** [Should people become vegetarian?](#)

In 2010, people in the US ate an average of 57.5 pounds of beef, 46.5 pounds of pork, and 82 pounds of chicken. Vegetarians, about 3.2% of the US population, do not eat meat (including poultry and seafood). Many proponents of vegetarianism say that the meatless diet is healthier and better for the environment, and that killing animals for food is wrong. Many opponents of vegetarianism say that eating meat is natural, healthful, humane, and that people have done it for millions of years.

2. **Abortion:** [US Religious Views on Abortion](#)

Opinion poll results reveal that 48% of Catholics, 59% of Methodists, and 84% of Jews favor legalized abortion, while 59% of Southern Baptist Convention members, 71% of Mormons, and 74% of Assemblies of God USA members are opposed. Read statements on abortion from 15 major religious groups as well as public opinion poll results from members of those religions.

3. [Books Citing ProCon.org](#)

ProCon.org has been cited in 60 published books, that we know of, by authors such as Tavis Smiley, Glenn Beck, Stefan Halper, Newt Gingrich, and Michael J. Schmoker. In our new resource, click the book title to see how ProCon.org was referenced.

4. **Teachers and librarians**, if you have not already done so, [please take two minutes to share your thoughts on ProCon.org by completing our online survey.](#)

5. If you like what we do, [please make a tax-deductible donation to ProCon.org and help keep critical thinking alive.](#) If you can't make a financial contribution, then check out the [20 other ways](#) you can help ProCon.org for free.

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Thanks as always for your interest in our nonpartisan research.

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