Dear Kambiz,

We have highlighted five of the most interesting research updates at ProCon.org in the last few weeks.

Those five updates include a resource on the cost of an average college tuition v. median income, the legalization of medical marijuana in Maryland, information on medical marijuana and glaucoma, a gallery of prescription drug advertisements from the 1800s to 2012, as well as top pro and con quotes on the debate surrounding whether or not the US should continue its drone strikes abroad.

1. COLLEGE EDUCATION

**Median Incomes v. Average College Tuition Rates, 1971-2012** - The average tuition at private nonprofit 4-year colleges has been higher than the median annual income for women since 1994. Our new infographic and charts explore the average college tuition at 4-year public and private nonprofit colleges, as well as the median incomes for men and women, from 1971-2012.

2. MEDICAL MARIJUANA

**Maryland becomes 21st US state to legalize medical marijuana** - Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley signed HB 881 into law, which will allow the use of medical marijuana for certain conditions (including severe or chronic pain and seizures) under specific guidelines.

**Is Marijuana an Effective Treatment for Glaucoma?** - Read quotes from Elvy Musikka, a patient in the federal Compassionate IND program for medical marijuana (pro), the Glaucoma Research Foundation (con), Thomas Orvald, MD, a cardiac surgeon (pro), and the American Medical Association (con), plus more doctors, glaucoma organizations, medical marijuana dispensaries, and others.

3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADS

**Drug Ads Gallery, 1800s-2014** - Explore advertisements for drugs such as Hamlin's Wizard Oil (1890) for rheumatism, Bulgarian Herb Tea (1928) to prevent the flu, Andrews Liver Salt (1947) for "inner cleanliness," Miltown (1968) for "battered parent syndrome," Prolixin (1982) for drug compliance, and Provigil (2007) for shift work sleep disorder, as well as ads through the years for still-used drugs such as Ritalin and Thorazine.

4. DRONES

**Should the United States Continue Its Use of**
Drone Strikes Abroad? - Read our top pro and con quotes from President Barack Obama (pro), journalist Glenn Greenwald (con), former fighter pilot Martha McSally (pro), Amnesty International (con), and many other experts in the debate over US drone strikes.

5. FROM OUR HEADLINES
Apr. 23, 2014:
New York Standardized Tests Mention Nike, Barbie, and Other Brand Names

Apr. 17, 2014:
Solar Power Plant Ivanpah a 'Mega-Trap' for Birds, Says Gov't Study

Apr. 9, 2014:
US Government Outed for Secretly Creating Social Networking Site for Cubans

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