

Dear Reader,

Hot on the heels of our new website about vegetarianism, we have more big news to announce. For the first time ever, and thanks to your many requests, we have built an interactive readers' comments area. Details of this feature appear below along with news about our new toolbar and new content.

1. **NEW! Interactive Readers Comments**

You can now share your comments about ProCon.org's core questions with millions of other people, and reply to, vote on, or just read other readers' comments. If you want, you can also get emails telling you when your comment gets posted, and when others reply to your comment.

To join or read the debate, click on the "Comment" link in the left column of any ProCon.org page or click the "Comment" button on the homepage of any ProCon.org issue. Like everything at ProCon.org, it's free and there's no registration required.

Test the comments system on ["Should prescription drugs be advertising directly to consumers?"](#) and ["Should felons be allowed to vote?"](#) to see our new feature for yourself.

2. **Presidential Rumors and Rebuttals**

On Apr. 27, 2011, President Obama released his [long form US birth certificate](#) to dispel rumors of his foreign birth. During the 2008 presidential election race, ProCon.org kept track of the rumors and rebuttals about Obama (including the birth certificate rumor) and McCain such as the one about Obama being a Muslim and another about McCain being ineligible for presidency given his birth in Panama, along with other now debunked myths. Remember the hearsay and the facts on our 2008 election rumors and rebuttals page.

3. **New toolbar on the bottom of all ProCon.org pages**

Our new custom toolbar comes with many cool features, including:

- a. **Users on page** - See a global map of all the people reading ProCon.org at the moment.
- b. **Translate** - Translate any ProCon.org page into one of 17 languages including French, German, Chinese, Russian, Hebrew, and Arabic. It is not a perfect translation, but for French, Swedish, German, Estonian (languages we could verify) it was good enough. We'll continue to test the translations and exclude those languages which are not "good enough."

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- language.** (Note: You may need to download additional language fonts to see Russian, Japanese, Chinese, and some other languages on your computer.)
- c. **Facebook Fan page** - See photos of our Facebook fans starting with your own friends. You'll also see our latest Facebook posts, and you can add a post of your own to our Facebook wall.
 - d. **Facebook Like** - Click this button and your Facebook profile will automatically post that you "like" this page.
 - e. **Twitter** - "Tweet" the page you're looking at (if you have a Twitter account). We currently have over 6,300 followers on Twitter.
 - f. **RSS** - Click this button to subscribe to our free RSS feeds. RSS is basically a text distribution method whose display is dependent on your own self-selected viewer. For instance, I can see the ProCon.org RSS feed using a web-based reader like iGoogle or My Yahoo! as a block of news headlines. However, using the Thunderbird email program, RSS feeds would show up as individual emails. Using other readers, the RSS feed could show up as a ticker across my screen, as a text in my phone, or a variety of other displays.

If you don't want to see the toolbar, you can click the far right arrow to minimize it.

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.

We really appreciate your feedback, donations, and referrals to people in the media and grant-making foundations, so please keep them coming.

Thanks as always for your interest in our nonpartisan research.

Sincerely,

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