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Earlier this week the National Education Association (NEA) tweeted its followers to visit the standardized testing website at ProCon.org. Thanks, NEA.

Below we have many great research highlights to report. Read on...

**FELON VOTING**
**Number of People by State Who Cannot Vote Due to a Felony Conviction: State Felon Disenfranchisement Totals, 2010** - In the US, 5.85 million people are barred from voting due to a felony conviction - 2.5% of the voting age population. In the African American population specifically, the rate of disenfranchisement rises to 7.7% (over 23% in Florida – the highest in the nation). See our new chart with details on the numbers and categories of people disenfranchised in each state.

**Are felon disenfranchisement laws a form of racial discrimination?** - Read pro and con statements from The Washington Post (pro), Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi (con), ACLU (pro), Washington's Secretary of State (con), and others.

**2012 ELECTION**
**Summary Chart: Candidate Positions on 61 Issues** - Of our 61 questions, Virgil Goode (Constitution Party) and Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party) have answers for all of them. We're missing one answer from Barack Obama on whether or not to return to the gold standard. We need five more responses from Ron Paul, five more from Mitt Romney, and 20 more from Green Party candidate Jill Stein. We've contacted all the presidential campaigns numerous times to get this information. If you'd like to know their answers, please ask them for us.

**DEATH PENALTY**
**Does the death penalty cost less than life without parole?** - Read pro and con statements from Florida Assistant State Attorney Gary D. Beatty (pro), Washington State Bar Association (con), Attorney Chris Clem (pro), and ACLU (con), among others.

**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:

- Vegetarian Diet Linked to Eating Disorders in Women, Study Says

- Human-Induced Climate Change Causing Extreme Weather, New Study Says

- Medical Marijuana Lawsuit Headed to Federal Court to Challenge Schedule I Status

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