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Dear Kambiz,

The Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro have sparked controversies from doping to Zika and from terrorism to income inequality. Of course, it has also brought national pride and incredible athletic performance. We invite you to use our research to spark critical thinking on some Olympic controversies. Read on for details.

But first, we want to give a big thank you to Janet Baszile for hosting our first ever salon on July 14 in Southern California. It was wonderful to connect with so many past, present, and future ProCon.org supporters. We thank Ms. Baszile and the many salon attendees for their inspired words about our organization's important work. We are grateful that these salon connections will lead to ongoing discussions and actions that advance ProCon.org and help spread our desperately needed public services to millions more people. Here are [some photos from that great event](#).

Now, back to the Olympics.



[What Performance Enhancing Drugs Have Been or Are Banned in the Olympics?](#) - Find out what substances are banned at the Olympic Games, from stimulants to beta blockers and from EPO to steroids, as well as ingredients found in over-the-counter medicines such as Sudafed.

[Should Performance Enhancing Drugs \(Such as Steroids\) Be Accepted in Sports?](#) - Read quotes on the debate over doping in sports from *Washington Post* writer Radley Balko (pro), comedian John Oliver (con), *Telegraph* Executive Editor James Kirkup (pro), President Barack Obama (con), and many more.



[Should the Teammates of Athletes Who Are Found Guilty of Using Performance Enhancing Drugs in the Olympics Also Return Their Medals?](#) - Read quotes from Olympic medalist sprinter Justin Gatlin (pro), sportswriter Phil Taylor (con), 10-time Olympic medalist swimmer Gary Hall, Jr. (pro), and 2000 Sydney Olympic Games bronze medal relay sprinter Passion Richardson (con), among others.

More about the Olympics:

- [Doping Cases at the Olympics, 1968-2012](#)
- [Is There Widespread Systemic Use of Banned Performance-Enhancing Drugs by Olympic Athletes?](#)



[Is Golf a Sport?](#) - Golf is back in the Olympics for the first time since 1904, but does that settle the debate about whether it's a sport? Read great quotes from ESPN radio host Mark Willard (pro), MMA fighter Conor McGregor (con), Hall of Fame hockey player Brett Hull (pro), *Moneyball* author Michael Lewis (con), and many others.

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