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Dear reader,

A Gallup poll published Aug. 21 showed that 80% of adults "strongly agree" that schools should teach critical thinking. It is great to see such a validation of our nine-year efforts to promote critical thinking.

For those of you who have questions about Obamacare, [visit our website](#) explaining the pros and cons of the changes to our health care laws. The most recently updated parts of that website and a few other ProCon.org websites are highlighted below.

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CRITICAL THINKING

[Critical Thinking Is Most Important Skill to Learn in School, Gallup Survey Finds](#) - 80% of adults "strongly agree" that K-12 schools should teach critical thinking to students, according to a Gallup poll on American attitudes toward public education published on Aug. 21.

OBAMACARE

[Calendar of Changes Under Obamacare](#) - The mandate to have health insurance and the state health insurance exchanges take effect Jan. 1, 2014. Other Obamacare changes have already happened such as no more denials for pre-existing conditions, no more lifetime limits on coverage, and the establishment of the Independent Payment Advisory Board. See past and future changes under Obamacare in our updated calendar.

[Are Members of Congress Required Under Obamacare to Choose from the Same Set of Available Health Insurance Plans as Everyone Else? - YES](#) - On Aug. 7, 2013, the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a rule to implement Obamacare's requirement that members of congress and their staff must obtain their health insurance through the health care exchanges starting Jan. 1, 2014.

[Is Free Preventive Care Required under Obamacare? - YES](#) - Since Sep. 23, 2010, insurance companies have been required to cover preventive care procedures without charging their customers. See the list of covered procedures and other related information.

PROSTITUTION

[Does Legal Prostitution Lead to Human Trafficking and Slavery?](#) - Read our updated question with statements from a group of German economists (pro), a South African sex workers group (con), the US State Department (pro), the Economist magazine (con), and other academics, activists, and government organizations.

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