Dear Kambiz,

Our **top seven** research updates from the last two weeks are listed below.

1. **Should Any Vaccines Be Required for Children? Top Pro & Con Quotes** - Find new quotes from Ben Carson, MD, retired pediatric neurosurgeon (Pro); Rand Paul, MD, US Senator (R-KY) and former opthamologist (Con); Marco Rubio, US Senator (R-FL) (Pro); Jack Wolfson, DO, cardiologist (Con), and many more.

2. **Canada's High Court Strikes Down Physician-Assisted Suicide Ban** - On Feb. 6, 2015 Canada's Supreme Court ruled that the ban denied people the right "to make decisions concerning their bodily integrity and medical care." The Court suspended the ruling for 12 months to allow the government time to change laws.

3. **10 States with Pending Legislation to Legalize Medical Marijuana** - States that are currently considering the legalization of medical marijuana are FL, GA, IN, KS, KY, MO, NE, ND, PA and SC. Legislation in Mississippi has already failed.

4. **11 US Surgeons General and Their Views on Medical Marijuana** - Dr. Vivek Murthy, the current US Surgeon General, said "preliminary data" shows that medical marijuana "can be helpful" in some situations.

5. **Should Abortion Be Legal?** - Since 1973, about 1.4 million legal abortions have been performed each year in the United States. A 2015 Gallup poll showed 34% of Americans were satisfied with current US abortion policies- the lowest level of satisfaction in 15 years. Read the latest pros, cons, and related facts about abortion on our updated site.

6. **Alabama Becomes 37th US State to Legalize Gay Marriage** - On Feb. 9, 2015, after the US Supreme Court decided 7-2 not to grant the state's request for a stay, same-sex couples began receiving marriage licenses. The marriages went ahead despite Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore ordering probate judges not to issue licenses to same-sex couples. 13 states still have gay marriage bans in place.
7. **Educators in 5,758 schools have used ProCon.org** - Our free resources have been used by teachers, librarians, and administrators in all 50 US states and 73 countries. The breakdown is 1,529 elementary and middle schools (26.6%), 2,911 high schools (50.5%), and 1,318 colleges and universities (22.9%). A big thank you to educators around the world for helping us spread the word about critical thinking!

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