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February 2009 has been a successful month for us. We are on track to exceed the number of visitors to ProCon.org by over 80% from the same time last year, and our websites have appeared in four more media articles this month. We've also launched our 31st website (on the D.A.R.E. program) and published new research on some of our popular topics including the use of performance enhancing drugs in the Olympics. Check out four of our latest highlights below.

1. NEW ProCon.org Website! ["Is the D.A.R.E. program good for America's kids \(K-12\)?"](#)

Supporters of D.A.R.E. argue that the program annually helps over 35 million kids in all 50 states and 43 countries to resist drug abuse. Critics counter that decades of research shows D.A.R.E. is ineffective, marketing not science-based, and can actually increase drug use by students.

2. Social Networking: [Are social networking sites good for our society?](#)

Read the top pro, con, and not clearly pro or con arguments from the National School Boards Association, writers for *New Scientist*, *Guardian*, and Mashable, several professors, and others who have special knowledge about social networks.

3. Sports and Drugs: Update for 2010 Winter Olympics

- [How many athletes have tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in the Olympics?](#);
- [Is there widespread systemic use of banned performance-enhancing drugs by Olympic athletes?](#); and
- [What performance enhancing drugs have been or are banned in the Olympics?](#)

4. Video Games: [22 Charts & Graphs on Video Games and Youth Violence](#)

Video game sales rose from \$2.6 billion in 1996 to \$11.7 billion in 2008, and juvenile violent crime fell 36% between 1995 and 2008. Read these and other statistics on gamer demographics, video game sales, and youth violence trends.

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