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Dear reader,

Our latest research updates cover illegal immigration, pros and cons on whether churches should pay taxes, raw milk laws by state, deaths in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, religious displays on public property, the defeated medical marijuana bill in North Carolina, and electronic voting machine pros and cons.

We also highlight our 2013 reader survey, our teacher/librarian survey, our March 2, 2013 celebrity golf tournament fundraiser, and more.

Read on for details.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

[Population Estimates of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States, 1969-2011](#)

- View charts and graphs that show the steady rise in the undocumented immigrant population in the United States from an estimated 540,000 people (or 0.3% of the US population) in 1969 to an estimated 11,500,000 people (or 3.7% of the US population) in 2011.

CHURCHES & TAXES

[Should churches \(defined as churches, temples, mosques, synagogues, etc.\) remain tax-exempt?](#)

- Read pro and con quotes from religious leaders, scholars, politicians and organizations including the US Supreme Court (pro), famous atheist Richard Dawkins (con), the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (pro), the Freedom From Religion Foundation (con), the National Council of Churches (pro), and 18th US President Ulysses S. Grant (con).

MILK

[Raw Milk Laws State by State](#)

- The sale of raw milk in stores is legal in 12 states. 17 states only permit raw milk sales on farms; 4 states only allow raw milk acquisition through "cow-share" agreements; and in 17 other states all sales of raw milk are prohibited. Our new chart details the raw milk laws in all 50 states.

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

[Deaths in the Conflict, 1987-2012](#)

- View updated charts that show the number of deaths in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from 1987-2012, broken down between the First and Second Intifadas and the number of Israelis and Palestinians killed by region.

ACLU

[Do religious displays on public property violate the Constitution?](#)

- Read pro and con arguments from the ACLU (pro), Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (con), retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens (pro), and the Republican National Committee (con).

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

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Committee gave HB84 an "unfavorable report," which killed the bill on Feb. 20, 2013. Eight states currently have pending legislation that would legalize medical marijuana if passed.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES

[Do electronic voting machines improve the voting process?](#) - Find new pro arguments from voting machine manufacturers ES&S, Hart Intercivic, and ScytI; and new con arguments from David Dill of Verified Voting, Dr. Nathaniel Polish from Daedalus Technology Group, and writers from Forbes and Wired.UK.

READER SURVEY

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CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING PROCON.ORG AND MARCH OF DIMES CANADA - MARCH 2, 2013

You can still register in person to play at the March 2, 2013 [celebrity golf tournament](#) at Desert Dunes Golf Club in Desert Hot Springs, California. We invite you to join us for the great weather, amazing goodie bags, fun celebrity golfing experience on a terrific course, and support of two wonderful charities.

Celebrities scheduled to appear in support of ProCon.org and March of Dimes Canada include (in random order): George Lopez, Craig T. Nelson, Kato Kaelin, Gena Lee Nolin, Anthony Anderson, Kate Linder, Marty McSorley, Sheila Shah, and many others.

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