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Our latest research updates cover [10 states with pending medical marijuana legislation](#), the [19 taxes/fees in Obamacare](#), pro and con research on the [gold standard](#), and [voting systems](#) used from 1980-2012.

We also highlight our [2013 reader survey](#), our March 2, 2013 [celebrity golf tournament](#) fundraiser, and more.

Read on for details.

### **READER SURVEY**

[ProCon.org Reader Survey, 2013](#) - Please take a couple of minutes to tell us about yourself and your views on ProCon.org.

### **MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

[10 States with Pending Legislation to Legalize Medical Marijuana](#) - So far in 2013, ten states have introduced legislation that would legalize medical marijuana. An additional three states are considering legislation that is favorable towards medical marijuana but would not legalize its use.

### **GOLD STANDARD**

[Should the United States return to a gold standard?](#) - Read pro and con quotes from Ron Paul (pro), Paul Krugman (con), Lewis E. Lehrman (pro), Ben Bernanke (con), Steve Forbes (pro), Ezra Klein (con), and other politicians, academics, businessmen, and journalists.

### **OBAMACARE**

[Obamacare: A Nonpartisan Review of What It Is and What It Is Not](#) - Our compilation of authoritative responses to 62 questions on Obamacare now includes a new section on the 19 taxes, penalties, fees, and deduction eliminations within the PPACA and Reconciliation Act. Please note the link goes to a large PDF file which may take a while to load.

### **ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES**

[Voting Systems & Use: 1980-2012](#) - Find the availability of voting systems in US presidential elections from 1980 to 2012 by percentage of registered voters, as well as explanations and quotes from organizations (like the US Election Assistance Committee and the Congressional Research Service) for each of the voting systems used in the United States.

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We have a few more spots available for our March 2, 2013 [celebrity golf tournament](#) at Desert Dunes Golf Club in Desert Hot Springs, California. Your \$1,000 gets you into a weekend full of activities including our private party at Elvis Presley's house, a formal luncheon with major keynote speakers and business leaders, a poolside VIP reception with celebrities, 18 holes of play in the tournament, and dinner at the awards gala afterwards.

Celebrities scheduled to appear in support of ProCon.org and March of Dimes Canada include (in random order): George Lopez, Anthony Anderson, Danny Masterson, Craig T. Nelson, Gena Lee Nolin, Luc Robitaille, Marty McSorley, Michael Pena, Kiki Vandeweghe, and many others.

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Sincerely,

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