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Our first email newsletter of 2012 offers some excellent new information about the presidential candidates, medical marijuana, celebrity vegetarians, and insider trading in Congress.

## 2012 ELECTION

[2012 Presidential Candidates Quiz](#) - Take our compatibility quiz of 35 questions to find out which candidate is the best match for you. We've updated the questionnaire with 10 new questions on education, gay marriage, immigration, infidelity, Occupy Wall Street, oil subsidies, and the Tea Party.

[Candidate Summary Chart](#) - See the Republican candidates and Barack Obama's positions on 35 different issues in our side-by-side candidate summary chart. The candidate summary chart was our most popular resource in the 2008 presidential election. We plan to add at least 50 more issues to the 2012 candidate summary chart over the coming weeks and months.

## MEDICAL MARIJUANA

[Medical Marijuana Historical Timeline](#) - Our timeline traces medical marijuana from its earliest reference in 2900 BC as a popular Chinese medicine to 2011 where it remains legal in 16 states (and DC) and illegal under federal law. Read all 150+ major events in the history of medical marijuana from 90+ sources.

[Ranking 20 Drugs and Alcohol by Overall Harm](#) - Marijuana ranked #8 out of 20 drugs in overall harm according to a study in The Lancet, a British peer-reviewed medical journal. Alcohol ranked #1 in overall harm and harm to others. Crack cocaine had the highest score for harm to users. See our new graphs showing detailed harm rankings for alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, ecstasy, heroin, LSD, methamphetamine, and more.

## VEGETARIAN

[50 Famous Vegetarians](#) - Bill Clinton, Carl Lewis, Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Einstein, Jane Goodall, Steve Jobs, Natalie Portman, and Prince are just a few of the many celebrities in our authoritative new resource. See all the famous vegetarians on our list and find out why they chose to adopt a meat-free diet.

## INSIDER TRADING

[Should insider trading by Congress be allowed?](#) - Read pro and con arguments from Newsweek Senior Editor Daniel Gross (pro), US Senator (D-NY) Kirsten Gillibrand (con), Cato Institute Director Jim Harper (pro), Hoover Institution Research Fellow Peter Schweizer (con), Harvard University Economics Professor Jeffrey Alan Miron (pro), US Senator (I-CT) Joseph Lieberman (con), and more.

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[Should Congress pass the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge \(STOCK\) Act?](#) - Read pro and con arguments from US Representative Tim Walz (pro), Columbia University Law Professor John Coffee, Jr. (con), US Senator Scott Brown (pro), Cato Institute Director Jim Harper (con), US Representative Louise Slaughter (pro), Harvard University Economics Professor Jeffrey Alan Miron (con), UCLA Law Professor Stephen M. Bainbridge (pro), Senior Editor of Newsweek Daniel Gross (con), and more.

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