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Dear Kambiz,

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



1. **[Jail, Prison, Parole, and Probation Populations in the US,](#)**

[1980-2013](#) - The total US correctional population grew from 1,840,400 in 1980 to 6,899,000 in 2013. In 1980 there were 319,598 people in prison, and by 2013 that population had expanded to 1,574,700 inmates. See the trends in various US correctional populations over the last 30 years in our new chart and graph.

2. **[Incarcerated Felon Population by Type of Crime Committed, 1974-](#)**

[2012](#) - US state and federal prisons housed a total of 1,511,497 inmates as of 2012. In state prisons, 53.8% of the prisoners were convicted of violent crimes, while in federal prisons 56.0% were convicted of drug-related offenses. Our updated chart shows statistics for all categories of crime.

3. **[Updated stats, pros, and cons on felon disenfranchisement and race](#)** - Get

updated statistics on the US prison population by race and gender. Plus you can read pro and con statements from US Attorney General Eric Holder (pro); Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi (con); Washington Post editorial board (pro); Wall Street Journal editorial board (con); and others in response to our question "Are felon disenfranchisement laws a form of racial discrimination?"



4. **[Should E-Verify, the Federal Government's Electronic Employment Verification System, Be Mandatory for All Employers?](#)**

- Read our updated question including quotes from former Texas Governor Rick Perry (formerly Con, now Pro), University of Chicago Professor of Finance John H. Cochrane (Con), the US Chamber of Commerce (Pro), and the American Farm Bureau Federation (Con).



5. **[US Supreme Court Agrees to Rule on Gay Marriage](#)** - On Jan.

16, 2015, the US Supreme Court agreed to consider whether same-sex marriage should be legal nationwide. The Court will hear challenges to gay marriage bans in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee, and is expected to decide before its current term ends in June this year.

6. **[2015 CDC Immunization Schedule](#)** - The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in cooperation with the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics, has released the 2015 immunization schedule, which includes include recommendations for routine vaccinations for children from birth through 6 years old, children



from 7 to 18 years old, and adults, as well as adults with medical and other indications (like pregnancy or chronic illness).



7. [101 Books Cited ProCon.org in 2014 - a 48.5% Increase over 2013](#) - Authors who have cited ProCon.org in the past include Glenn Beck, Mark Bittman, Newt Gingrich, Stefan Halper, Dick Morris, Condoleezza Rice, Michael Schmoker, Tavis Smiley, and Joseph Stiglitz.

8. [ProCon.org referenced 462 times by media outlets in 2014](#)

- News organizations such as *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *Rolling Stone*, PBS, and ESPN cited and linked to our research 462 times in 2014, a 34% increase over 2013.

9. [RSS, Social, Newsletter - Get Your Latest Updates](#) - You can now get customized RSS updates on one, two, three, or all of our topics. Pick and choose the issues you care about most, and when we publish updates you'll be the first to know. Another free resource from the friendly folks at ProCon.org.

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