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Our five latest ProCon.org highlights are listed below.

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Sincerely,

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1. NEW ProCon.org Website! "Should prescription drugs be advertised directly to consumers?"

[Bayer brand heroin](#) was sold in stores and advertised in newspapers and journals before drugs or drug ads were regulated in the early 1900's. Today's prescription drug industry is a \$291 million dollar industry in the US alone. On June 8, 2009, we launched our first "micro" site (about 35 hours to research and build) about whether prescription drug advertisements are pro or con for Americans and their health.

Please take our [short survey](#) on this issue and tell us what you think of the site.

2. Felon Voting: Supreme Court nominee Sandra Sotomayor argued for the right of convicted felons to vote while incarcerated and on parole

Read Sotomayor's May 4, 2006 dissenting opinion in *Hayden v. Pataki*, as well as other arguments, in the debate over felon disenfranchisement and the Voting Rights Act (VRA).

3. Medical Marijuana: 44.6% of our 65 peer-reviewed studies conclude marijuana is medically beneficial; 33.9% conclude marijuana is not clearly pro or con as a medicine; 21.5% conclude it is harmful

ProCon.org has summarized in an easy to read chart the results of 65 peer-reviewed human and animal studies on marijuana's potential medical benefit. The medical studies are from 1990-2009 and involve cannabis and cannabis extracts.

4. US-Iraq: 10 countries have, and 13 may have, nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons of mass destruction

Read which 26 countries have, or may have, active WMD programs. Also read details about how WMDs have been used throughout history from the Mongols catapulting plague-infested corpses in Genoa in 1346 to Iraq using chemical weapons against Kurds in the Iran-Iraq border region in 1988.

5. [New ProCon.org Donation Page](#)

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