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We recently published a great new [historical timeline](#) about the born gay debate, plus we added much more research about [Jewish settlements in the Palestinian territories](#) and the 18 US states with [pending medical marijuana legalization laws](#). Our 2012 Election website with its popular [candidate match quiz](#) continues to attract big crowds. Read on for information about our latest research, features, and highlights.

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ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

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[Is the Israeli fence/wall/barrier good for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process?](#) - Read pro and con arguments from the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (pro), Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas (con), Editor in Chief of US News and World Report Mortimer B. Zuckerman (pro), UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay (con), US Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey (pro), MIT Professor of Linguistics Noam Chomsky (con), and more.

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