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

1. **Does Marijuana Use Increase the Risk of Psychosis (Including Schizophrenia)?** - Read pro and con quotes from Marta Di Forti, MD, MRCPsych, Clinical Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College London (pro), Lynn E. DeLisi, MD, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School (con), Matthew Large, MBBS, Senior Lecturer at the University of New South Wales (pro), Martin Frisher, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Health Services Research at Keele University (con), and many other experts and organizations.

2. **9 States with Pending Legislation to Legalize Medical Marijuana** - States considering legislation to legalize medical marijuana include FL, GA, MO, NE, NC, PA, SC, TN, and TX. Also, five states have legislation that is favorable towards medical marijuana but would not fully legalize it. Virginia passed a bill that creates an affirmative defense for cannabis oil used for epilepsy.

3. **Utah Reinstates Use of the Firing Squad** - On Mar. 23, 2015, Utah Governor Gary Herbert signed legislation legalizing the firing squad as a backup method of execution when lethal injection drugs are not available.

4. **Is Sexual Orientation Determined at Birth?** - Read pro and con quotes from James C. Hormel, former United States Ambassador to Luxembourg (pro), Dr. Camille Paglia, University Professor of Humanities & Media Studies at the University of the Arts (con), Dr. Simon LeVay, neurologist and Co-Founder of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education (pro), Dr. Richard C. Friedman, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Cornell University (con), and many other experts and organizations.

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