

Dear reader,

I wanted to showcase some of our new research on [gay marriage](#), the [death penalty](#) and whether or not it deters crime, and the states considering [medical marijuana](#) legalization.

Thanks to generous support from the Herb Block Foundation in Washington, DC, our own Steven Jacobson created a wonderful pro and con [video about electronic voting machines](#) which should get your critical thinking juices flowing.

Finally, I'd like to once again thank the March of Dimes Canada and the Canada California Business Council for partnering with us at the March 2, 2013 celebrity golf classic. See [photos](#) and [videos](#) of the celebs helping us put the fun in **fundraiser**.

More on our research below.

GAY MARRIAGE

[Gay Marriage in the US Supreme Court, 2013](#) - On Mar. 26, 2013, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, a case regarding the constitutionality of California's Proposition 8 ballot initiative. On Mar. 27, the justices heard oral arguments in *United States v. Windsor* surrounding the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a federal law that prevents legally married gay couples from receiving a range of benefits afforded opposite-sex married couples. Read summaries and selected quotes from the justices, and listen to audio of the oral arguments.

VOTING MACHINES

[Critical Thinking Video Series #3: Electronic Voting Machines](#) - Do electronic voting machines improve the voting process by using modern technology to our advantage, reducing lost votes, and expanding access for blind voters and non-English speakers? Or do they increase uncertainty and risk by being vulnerable to hackers, being prone to malfunction, and by lacking a paper audit trail? Explore both sides of the debate in our latest ProCon.org video.

CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC

ProCon.org and the March of Dimes Canada held a celebrity golf tournament on March 2, 2013 to raise money for our charities. See dozens of our [celebrity golf tournament photos](#) and watch the [celebrity golf tournament videos](#) on our YouTube channel.

DEATH PENALTY

[Does the death penalty deter crime?](#) - Read pro and con arguments from former New York Governor George E. Pataki (pro), former US District Court and US Court of Appeals Judge H. Lee Sarokin (con), Emory University Professor of Economics Paul H. Rubin (pro), Stanford University Professor of Law John J. Donohue III (con), late US Supreme Court Justice Lewis Franklin Powell, Jr. (pro), the American Civil

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA

[11 States with Pending Legislation to Legalize Medical Marijuana](#) - New bills to legalize medical marijuana were introduced in Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, and West Virginia. Bills in Oklahoma and South Dakota have died.

FROM OUR HEADLINES

Check our homepage for the latest headlines about events in the news with helpful links related to ProCon.org research. See our most recent headlines below:

- [Diabetes, Obesity, and 25,000 US Deaths Tied to Sugary Drinks, Harvard Study Says](#)

- [State with Highest Obesity Rate Passes "Anti-Bloomberg" Bill](#)

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