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We have many research updates to share (see below), including five new questions on the [2012 election](#), [Connecticut repealing the death penalty](#), [Obama endorsing gay marriage](#), [US and international meat consumption](#), and other topics.

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## 2012 ELECTION

[Virgil Goode](#), the Constitution Party's official nominee for US president and a former congressman from Virginia, now has his biography and pro and con positions on 55 issues available at ProCon.org.

Read the presidential candidates' positions (Obama, Paul, Romney, Goode, Johnson, and Roemer) on our five new questions:

[Should the US federal government have bailed out General Motors and Chrysler?](#) Obama is Pro. Paul, Romney, Goode, and Johnson are Con.

[Should the United States build additional nuclear plants?](#) Obama, Paul, and Romney are Pro. Goode, Johnson, and Roemer are Not Clearly Pro or Con.

[Will increased domestic oil drilling lower gas prices?](#) Obama is Con. Paul and Romney are Pro. Goode and Roemer are Not Clearly Pro or Con.

[Should the Clean Air Act be amended to exclude carbon dioxide \(CO2\) from regulation?](#) Obama is Con. Paul and Romney are Pro. Goode is Not Clearly Pro or Con.

[Should state and local law enforcement be empowered to enforce federal immigration laws?](#) Obama is Con. Paul, Romney, Goode, and Johnson are Pro.

[2012 Presidential Candidate Summary Chart](#) – Read the positions of Virgil Goode (Constitution), Gary Johnson (Libertarian), Barack Obama (Democrat), Ron Paul (Republican), Buddy Roemer (Independent), and Mitt Romney (Republican) on 55 different issues in our side-by-side candidate summary chart.

[2012 Presidential Candidates Quiz](#) - Take our compatibility quiz to find out which candidate best matches your opinions on important issues. [Make an updated survey](#)

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and gas prices, the Clean Air Act and CO2 regulation, and federal vs. state/local enforcement of illegal immigration.

## DEATH PENALTY

[Connecticut Repeals the Death Penalty](#) - Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) signed a law on Apr. 25, 2012 repealing the death penalty. The repeal only applies to future sentences, leaving 11 men on death row. Connecticut now joins 16 other states and DC in abandoning capital punishment.

## VEGETARIAN

[US and International Meat Consumption Chart](#) – Americans eat an annual average of 279.1 lbs of meat per person making the United States the world's third largest per capita meat consumer behind Luxembourg (#1) and Hong Kong (#2). Bangladesh (#171) was last in the rankings with 6.8 lbs of meat consumed per person each year. Learn far more about meat consumption in the United States and the rest of the world with our new research.

## GAY MARRIAGE

[Obama Endorses Gay Marriages the Day After North Carolina Bans Them](#) - North Carolina voters approved an amendment to the state's constitution by 61% to 39% that bans same-sex marriages and civil unions across the state on May 8, 2012. The following day, President Barack Obama declared his support for gay marriage, becoming the first sitting US president to do so.

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- [Obama Endorses Gay Marriage; Romney Confirms His Views Against Gay Marriage](#)
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