Dear Kambiz,

Your top four ProCon.org research updates include pro and con quotes on the questions: "Should abortion be legal?" "Is obesity a disease?" and "Should prescription drugs be advertised directly to consumers?" 15 anti-obesity drugs from 1892-present are detailed in our new chart.

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1. ABORTION

Should abortion be legal? - Since the US Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, an average of 1.4 million legal abortions have been performed each year in the United States. Proponents of legal abortion contend that choosing abortion is a woman's right which should not be limited by governmental or religious authority. Opponents contend that personhood begins at conception, and therefore an abortion is the murder of a human being. Explore our new top pro and con arguments, "Did You Know?" facts, and updated background section on whether or not abortion should be legal.

2. OBESITY

Is obesity a disease? - The United States is the second most obese industrialized nation in the world with 31.8% of Americans classified as obese in 2013. Proponents contend that obesity is a disease because it meets the definition of disease; it decreases life expectancy and impairs the normal functioning of the body; and it can be caused by genetic factors. Opponents contend that obesity is not a disease because it is a preventable risk factor for other diseases; is the result of eating too much; and is caused by exercising too little. Visit our site to learn more and decide for yourself.

15 Anti-Obesity Drugs, 1892-Present - A select history of drugs that have been intended for weight loss, from a now-illegal industrial chemical used in explosives (DNP) to popular over-the-counter drugs (Hydroxycut and Alli) to recently-approved prescription drugs (Qysmia and Belviq).

3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADS

Should Prescription Drugs Be Advertised Directly to Consumers? - Read quotes on this debate from Pfizer (now Pro, formerly Con), the American College of Physicians (Con), as well as other drug companies, professors, doctors, and experts in this field.

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- **Immigrants in the United States Illegally Use Health Services Less Than Uninsured US Citizens**

- **Climate Change Is Impacting the United States Now, Says New Gov't Report**

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