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

1. **ProCon.org, America's Most Popular Resource for the Pros and Cons of Issues, Expands to Serve More than 6,000 Schools** - 6,152 teachers, librarians, and administrators in all 50 states and 80 countries have used ProCon.org in their educational materials. We found 3,092 high schools (50.3%), 1,718 elementary and middle schools (27.9%), and 1,342 colleges and universities (21.8%) where educators referenced ProCon.org. The lesson plan ideas and teacher reactions to using ProCon.org are available in our Teachers' Corner.

2. **Ireland Becomes First Country to Legalize Gay Marriage by Popular Vote** - On May 23, 2015, 62.1% of Irish voters approved of a change to Ireland’s constitution to define marriage as a union between two people, without regard to their sex. Ireland is the world’s 18th country to allow same-sex marriage nationwide.

3. **Nebraska Legislature Abolishes the Death Penalty** - On May 27, 2015 the Nebraska Legislature overrode the governor’s veto of a bill that repealed the state’s death penalty law. The death penalty is now legal in 31 states and illegal in 19 states (and DC).

4. **How Much International Aid Does Israel Receive?**

5. **How Much International Aid Do the Palestinian Territories Receive?**

6. **What Are the Official Positions of the Surrounding Arab States, Turkey, and Iran in Relation to Israel and the Palestinian Territories?**
Read statements from the Arab League, Supreme Leader of Iran Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, King Abdullah II of Jordan, the Prime Minister of Lebanon, the Prime Minister of Turkey, and many more.

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