Dear Kambiz,

Your top six ProCon.org research updates below include an expanded debate over concealed handguns, info on Minnesota becoming the 22nd state to legalize medical marijuana, news about gay marriage becoming legal in Oregon and Pennsylvania, new pro and con quotes on the question "Is obesity a disease?," and details on President Obama's solar power initiatives.

**CONCEALED HANDGUNS**

1. **Should Adults Have the Right to Carry a Concealed Handgun?** - Carrying a concealed handgun in public is allowed in all 50 states with varying restrictions. Proponents of concealed carry say that it deters crime, is a right guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment, and that responsible law-abiding citizens should be allowed to defend themselves with firearms. Opponents say that it increases gun crime, unintended gun injuries, and the chance of an argument becoming lethal, and that the 2nd Amendment has limits and does not mention concealed carry. Learn more about both sides at our updated website and decide for yourself.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

2. **Minnesota becomes 22nd US state to legalize medical marijuana** - Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton signed SF 2470 into law, allowing the use of non-smoked medical marijuana in liquid, pill, and vaporization form (but not if it requires "dried leaves or the plant form") for conditions including glaucoma, Crohn's disease, and epilepsy.

**GAY MARRIAGE**


**OBESITY**

5. **Obesity Top Pro & Con Quotes** - Read pro and con quotes on the question "Is Obesity a Disease?" from medical experts and organizations, including Yale University School of Medicine's David L. Katz, MD, MPH (con), Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland Pamela M. Peeke, MD, MPH (pro), the American Medical Association (pro), and the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (con).

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

6. **President Obama Announces Solar Power Commitments and Executive Actions** - On May 9, 2014, President Obama announced a series of over 300 public and private sector commitments to advance solar power.
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