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We are proud to announce our 44th ProCon.org website "[Should churches \(defined as churches, temples, mosques, synagogues, etc.\) remain tax-exempt?](#)"

Also, our presidential candidates "[Find Your Match](#)" quiz has become hugely popular. If you took the quiz already, then perhaps suggest that your friends and family try it too.

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**NEW ProCon.org Website!** - [Should churches \(defined as churches, temples, mosques, synagogues, etc.\) remain tax-exempt?](#)

US churches have been exempt from paying income and property taxes since our country's founding. Debate continues over whether or not these tax benefits should be retained, especially during our tough economic times. Proponents argue that the tax exemptions keep the government out of church finances, and that churches deserve tax breaks because they provide crucial social services. Opponents argue that giving churches special tax exemptions violates the separation of church and state, and that the government cannot afford what amounts to a subsidy worth billions of dollars every year. Our 44th website explores the pros and cons in the debate over church tax exemptions and related issues.

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Thanks as always for your interest in our nonpartisan research.

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