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I am pleased to announce that we just completed two new websites, collegefootball.procon.org and socialsecurity.procon.org. We now feature 27 issues websites at ProCon.org.

The two new websites were designed to promote critical thinking on some much debated topics. Check them out, and let us know what you think. I've also included links below to some of our latest research on other topics.

Happy Thanksgiving to our readers in the US, and thank you to all our readers for your interest in ProCon.org.

Sincerely,
Kamy Akhavan
Managing Editor, ProCon.org

1. NEW ProCon.org Website! [Should Social Security be privatized?](#)

Social Security is the largest government program in the world and the biggest expenditure (\$612 billion) in the US federal budget. When Social Security began in 1935, the contributions of 17 workers paid for the benefits of one retiree. In 2035 the estimated ratio will be 2.1 workers per beneficiary. ProCon.org's newest website explores the pros and cons of whether Social Security should be privatized to give people control of their own retirement funds and help ensure that their safety net remains intact.

2. NEW ProCon.org Website! [Should college football replace the Bowl Championship Series \(BCS\) with a playoff system](#)

Critics of the BCS, including President Obama and 85% of college football fans, argue that the BCS is unfair. BCS contends that its 11-year-old ranking system is the best option, noting that it raised \$250 million for schools in 2008. ProCon.org's newest website explores the pros and cons of this debate.

3. Medical Marijuana: [American Medical Association \(AMA\) changes its official medical marijuana policy](#)

The AMA now "urges that marijuana's status as a federal Schedule I controlled substance be reviewed." Its prior policy stated that "marijuana be retained in Schedule I."

4. Health Care: [2009 World Health Organization \(WHO\) report ranks United States #1 in per capita health care expenditures \(\\$6,719\)](#)

The WHO report also shows that the United States ranked #31 in life expectancy (78 year average lifespan) and #152 in infant mortality rate (6 deaths per 1,000 infants) out of 193 countries.

5. ACLU: [Does the US need affirmative action?](#)

Read pro and con arguments from the ACLU, Barack Obama, Ward Connerly, Heritage Foundation, and seven others.

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