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We launched our 25th and newest ProCon.org website about the pros and cons of social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter. We also added a lot of new content including information about 100 countries and their prostitution policies, statements from experts about the safety (or lack thereof) of cell phones, and studies demonstrating the benefits of learning about controversial issues.

Five of our most recent highlights are listed and linked below. We'd love to hear your thoughts on our latest updates.

If you like what we do, please consider telling your friends about ProCon.org or making an online donation in any amount to help us continue our mission of promoting critical thinking, education, and informed citizenship.

Thanks as always for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,
Kamy Akhavan
Managing Editor, ProCon.org

1. NEW ProCon.org Website! [Are social networking sites good for society?](#)

The popularity of social networking sites more than quadrupled from 2005 to 2009. Facebook has more than 300 million users worldwide, MySpace has about 130 million, and Twitter has an estimated 54 million.

The debate on social networking sites centers on whether the benefits outweigh the dangers. Proponents argue that social networking sites promote increased communication with friends and family, familiarize more people with valuable computer skills, and allow contact with people from around the world. Opponents argue that these sites expose children to predators, increase vulnerability to computer viruses, lower worker productivity, and promote narcissism and short attention spans.

2. Cell Phones: [Top Pro, Con, & Not Clearly Pro or Con Quotes on Cell Phones & Safety](#)

Read the pro, con, and not clearly pro or con opinions of expert organizations, such as the Federal Communications Commission, doctors, scientists, and politicians, like President Obama, in response to our site's core question: "Are cell phones safe?"

3. Prostitution: [100 Countries and Their Prostitution Policies](#)

Of the 100 countries featured on our chart, 50 (50%) have legal prostitution, 10 (10%) have limited legal prostitution, and 40 (40%) have outlawed prostitution

entirely. See their policies on prostitution, brothel ownership, and pimping.

4. [Benefits of Teaching Controversial Issues](#)

See our new section on five highlighted facts about the benefits of critical thinking, along with 28 articles, studies, and books about teaching controversial issues in the classroom.

5. ProCon.org on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

ProCon.org has 5,668 followers on Twitter, 768 fans on Facebook, and 351 members on ProCon.org's Facebook Causes page (as of Oct. 15, 2009).

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