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Dear reader,

We are proud to announce our 48th issue website, ["Is a college education worth it?"](#) which contains 17 pro and 17 con arguments, more than 100 sources, and over 400 hours of our research. Students, families, and anyone else trying to understand how valuable a college education is or is not in today's world may find our nonpartisan website on the issue useful.

We also have a few other research highlights to announce, including: the [history of the Pledge of Allegiance including the phrase "under God"](#), pro and con statements about the [safety of cell phones](#), as well as a reminder that we would be grateful for your [reviews of ProCon.org at GreatNonprofits.org](#). If we get enough 5-star reviews, we may earn their "Top Rated" designation for the third year in a row.

Read on for details.

COLLEGE EDUCATION

NEW ProCon.org Website! - [Is a College Education Worth It?](#) - Our 48th website explores the pros and cons in the debate over college education. Proponents of college education say that college is worth it because college graduates have higher employment rates, bigger salaries, and more work benefits than high school graduates. They say college graduates also have better interpersonal skills, live longer, have healthier children, and have proven their ability to achieve a major milestone. Opponents of college education say that college is not worth it because the debt from college loans is too high and delays graduates from saving for retirement, buying a house, or getting married. They say many successful people never graduated from college and that many jobs, especially trades jobs, do not require college degrees.

"UNDER GOD" IN THE PLEDGE

[History of the US Pledge of Allegiance and the Phrase "Under God"](#) - Our updated timeline includes entries ranging from an 1887 campaign to promote patriotism in public schools to President Eisenhower officially adding "under God" to the Pledge on June 14, 1954 to that phrase being challenged in the Massachusetts Supreme Court on Sep. 4, 2013.

CELL PHONES

[Are Cell Phones Safe?](#) - Read our updated question with statements from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (general reference), the FCC (pro), epidemiologist Lennart Hardell MD, PhD, (con), and other researchers, physicists, activists, and organizations.

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