

# FREE TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHERS

A REVIEW OF FREE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND HOW TEACHERS CAN USE THEM. IDEAS FOR TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN EDUCATION.

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## ProCon - Helping Students Evaluate Controversial Topics



ProCon looks like it could be a great resource for anyone that teaches current events, political science, or public policy. ProCon takes controversial current topics, posts

a "core question" about the topic, provides an overview of the topic, and provides background information on the controversial topic. Then ProCon presents short articles and news quotes from both sides of the "core question."

ProCon provides students with a balanced look at controversial topics such as Illegal Immigration, Euthenasia, and bailouts of big corporations. ProCon categorizes topics as Business, Politics, Science, Health, Law, Religion, Sex & Gender, and Sports.

### Applications for Education

ProCon's mission statement claims that its purpose is to "promote critical thinking skills, education, and informed citizenship." ProCon does a good job of providing balanced information that could help students make informed decisions. I can see ProCon being a good reference for students who are participating in debates or writing persuasive essays on controversial topics.

A related resource that may be of interest to you is [Big Think](#).

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Thanks for sharing! I am a speech teacher and this site will be very helpful for students preparing their persuasive speeches!

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