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Americans, Candidates Agree on Health Research Issues

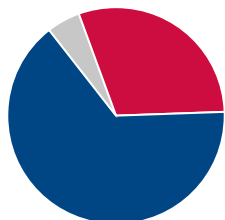
Congressional candidates who have responded to this voter guide are supportive of increased U.S. investment in research, and their support aligns with American taxpayers' willingness to pay for it, indicated in repeated Research!America polls. Also, candidates and the public both support federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

What do Americans and 2006 Congressional candidates think about medical, health & scientific research?

U.S. Competitive Edge in Global Innovation

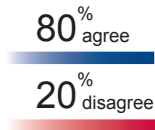
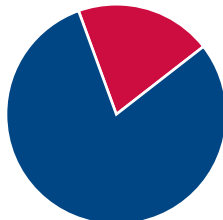
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
"The U.S. is losing its global competitive edge in innovation."

Public Opinion



Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Survey 2006, Charlton Research Company for Research!America

Candidates' Response

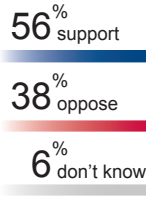
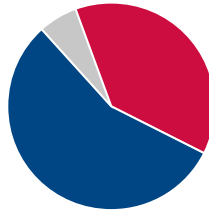


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Federal Funding for Stem Cell Research

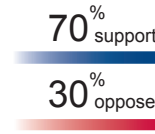
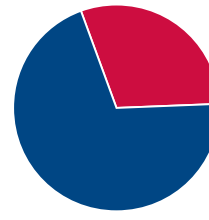
Do you support or oppose federal funding for medical research using embryonic stem cells?

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Who Responded?

As of October 27, 2006, 483 Congressional candidates have responded to the *Your Candidates–Your Health* voter guide—38% of all candidates still in the races. Most of those responding are challengers, 82%, and most responses, 43%, are from Democratic candidates. Republican responses account for 19%, Libertarian 14%, Green Party 6% and Independent/Other 18%.

The public opinion poll was conducted in August 2006 by Charlton Research Company, by telephone (random-digit dialing) with a sample size of 800 adults and a margin of error of ± 3.5 percent. The sample was proportionate to the country's demographics, including geography, gender and ethnicity. Those surveyed were asked to identify themselves as strong, not-so-strong or leaning toward one political party; 37% identified themselves as Republican, 42% as Democrat and 14% as independent.

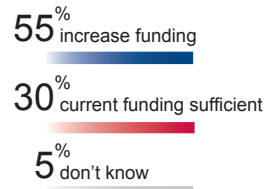
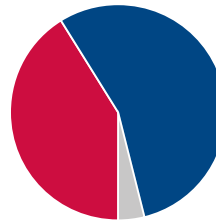
Increased Funding for NIH

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the agency that funds most of the medical research paid for by U.S. taxpayers. Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion about U.S. investment in medical and health research at the NIH?

Some people say: Current U.S. funding for medical and health research is sufficient and other budget items are higher priorities now.

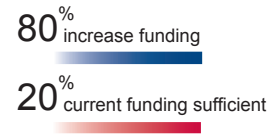
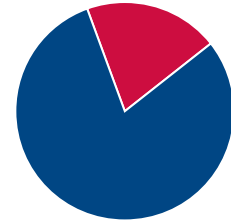
Other people say: Increasing U.S. funding for medical and health research now is essential to our future health and economic prosperity.

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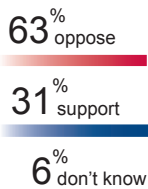
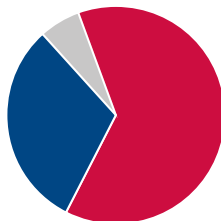
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Cuts to the CDC Budget

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is charged with protecting the health and safety of Americans. The President has proposed to cut the CDC's core programs by about 4% for the second year in a row.

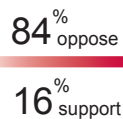
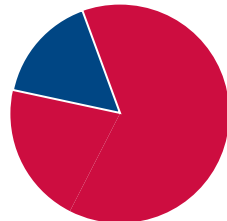
Do you support or oppose the President's 2007 budget proposal that cuts funding for the CDC by 4%?

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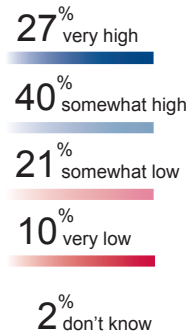
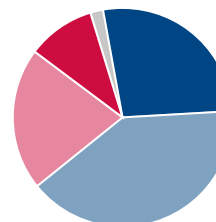


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Global Health Research is High Priority

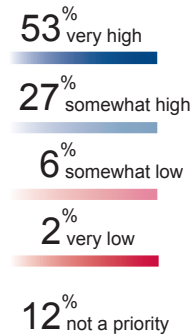
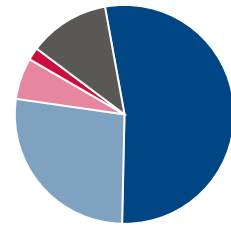
How much of a priority do you think it is for the U.S. to invest in research to improve health around the world?

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About the Voter Guide

The *Your Candidates-Your Health* online voter guide presents candidates' responses in an easy-to-use format searchable by ZIP code, state and candidate name. A Spanish version is also available. Research!America and the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation invited all 2006 Congressional candidates to answer 10 questions about medical, health and scientific research. Candidates who have yet to respond to the survey can still do so; new responses will be posted up to the November elections. Candidates' complete responses, along with full results of the public opinion poll, are available at www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org.