

2006 Your Candidates—Your Health Voter Guide Public Opinion Poll Results

Likelihood to Vote for Candidate

Please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for a public office if he or she supported increased funding for the following?

(% saying “more likely”)

education



creating more jobs



research to find cures for and to prevent disease



reducing the U.S. budget deficit



protecting natural resources and the environment



homeland security



war on terrorism



tax cuts



science and engineering research



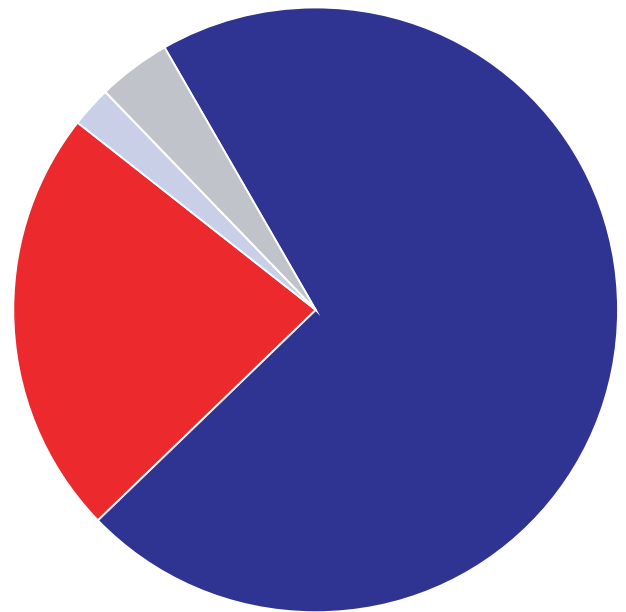
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Charlton Research Company for Research!America

Americans More Likely to Vote for Candidates Who Support Research

This November, candidates will run for Congress.

If a candidate is a strong supporter of federal spending for medical, health and scientific research, would that make you more or less likely to vote for that candidate?

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71% more likely

23% less likely

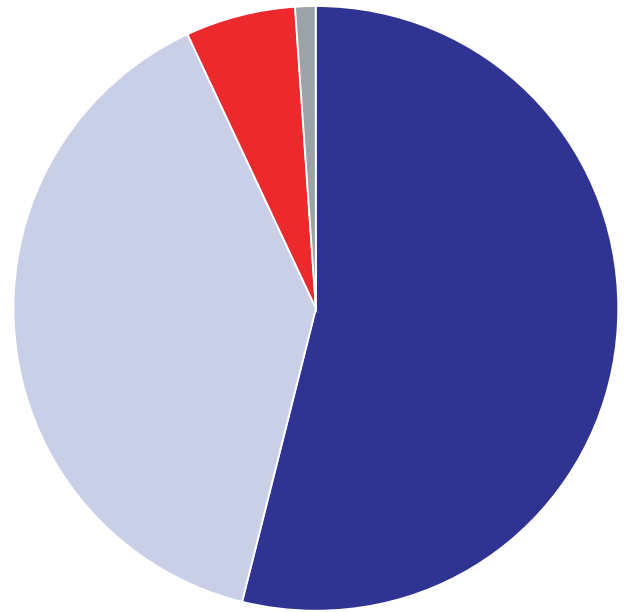
2% no effect

4% don't know

U.S. Should Be Global Leader in Scientific Research

How important do you think it is that the U.S. is a global leader in scientific research?

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54%
very

39%
somewhat

6%
not

1%
don't know

U.S. Competitive Edge in Innovation

Do you agree or disagree with this statement:
The U.S. is losing its global competitive edge in innovation.

strongly/somewhat agree



strongly/somewhat disagree



don't know



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Strong Support for Basic Research

Do you agree or disagree with this statement:
Even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic science research which advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.

strongly/somewhat agree



strongly/somewhat disagree



don't know



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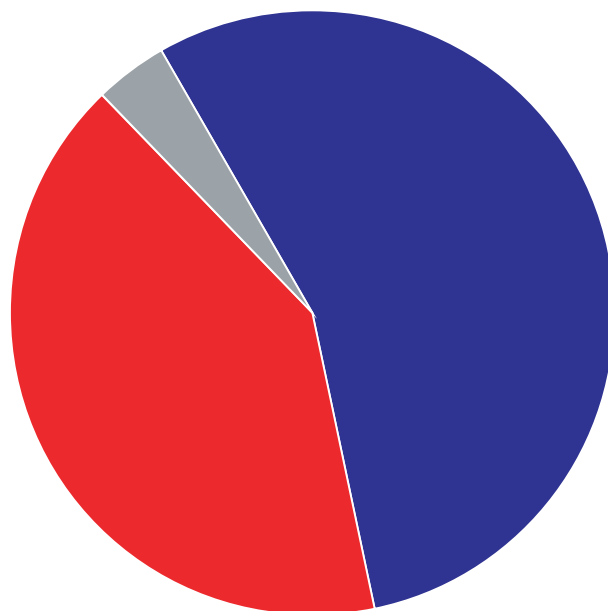
Americans Want Increased Funding

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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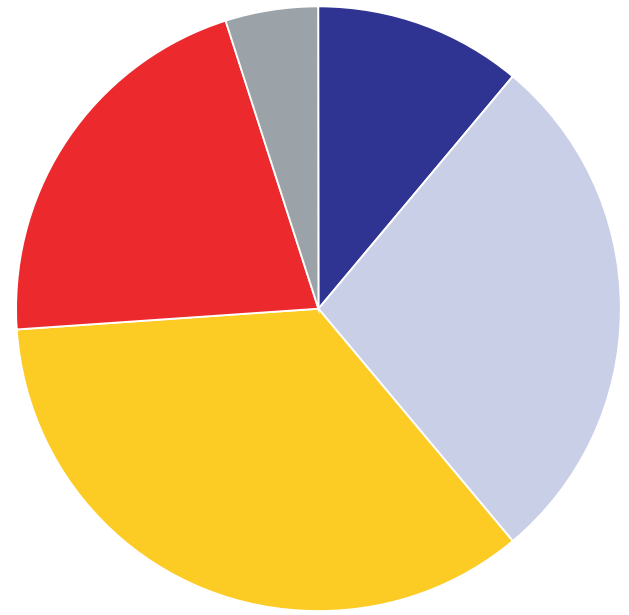
55% increase funding

41% current funding sufficient

4% don't know

U.S. Performance in Science and Math Education

Do you think the U.S. is performing well or performing poorly compared to other nations in terms of science and math education?



11%
very well

28%
somewhat well

35%
somewhat poorly

21%
very poorly

5%
don't know

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Strong Support for Science Education and Basic Research

The federal government should invest much more now in science education and basic scientific research.

strongly/somewhat agree



strongly/somewhat disagree



don't know

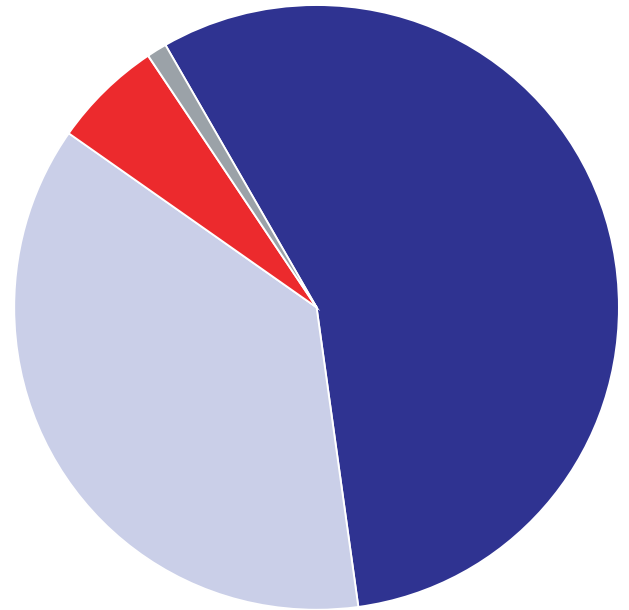


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Very Important for U.S. to Educate and Train Researchers

How important is it for the U.S. to educate and train individuals qualified to conduct medical, health and scientific research?

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56%
very

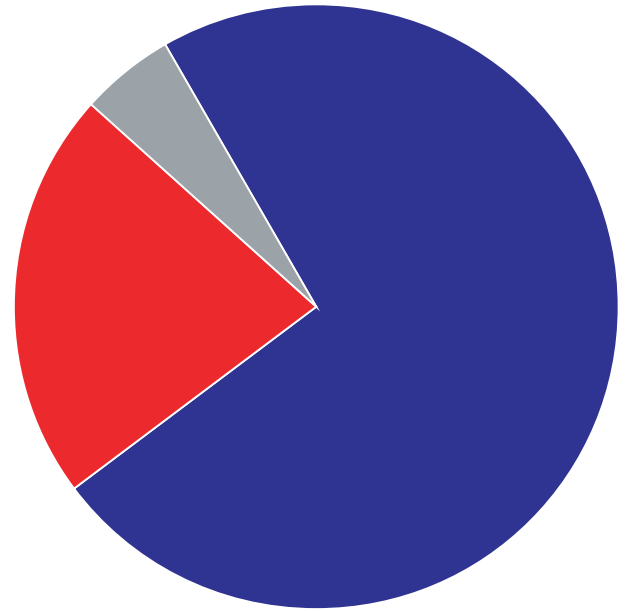
37%
somewhat

6%
not

1%
don't know

Industry Should be Encouraged to Conduct More Research

Do you support or oppose tax and regulatory incentives for industry conducting research and development to improve health?



73% support

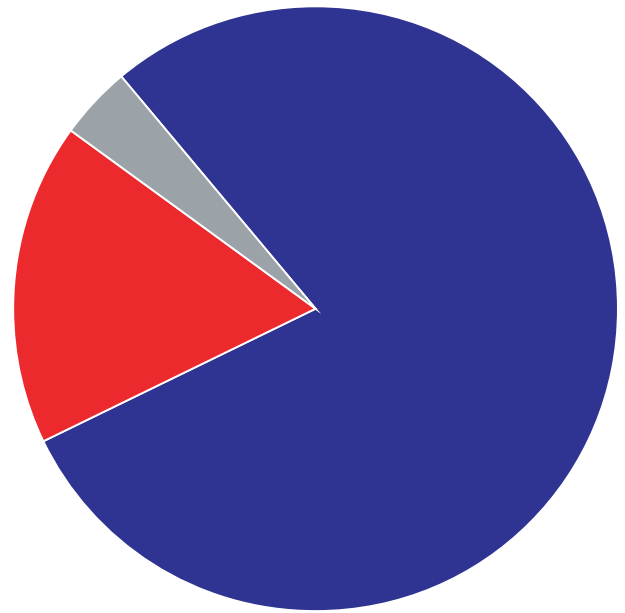
22% oppose

5% don't know

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Strong Support for State and Local Health Department Funding

Do you support or oppose increasing federal funding for state and local health departments across the country that are expected to prepare for and respond to threats to our health?



79% support

17% oppose

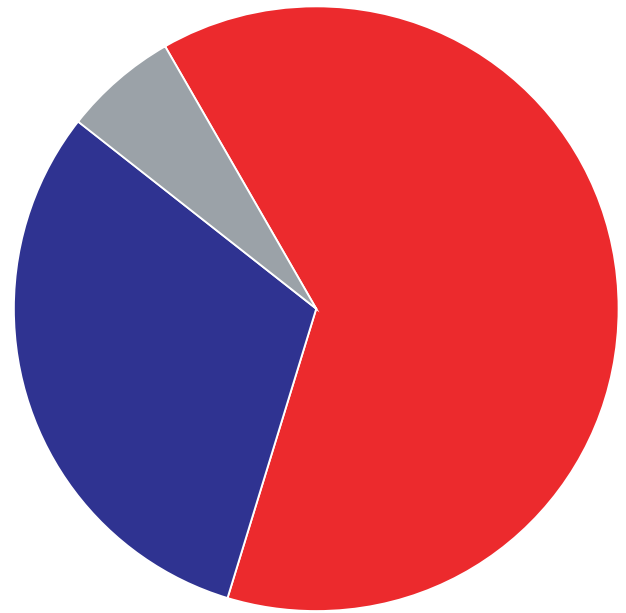
4% don't know

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Americans Oppose Cuts to 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%?



63% oppose

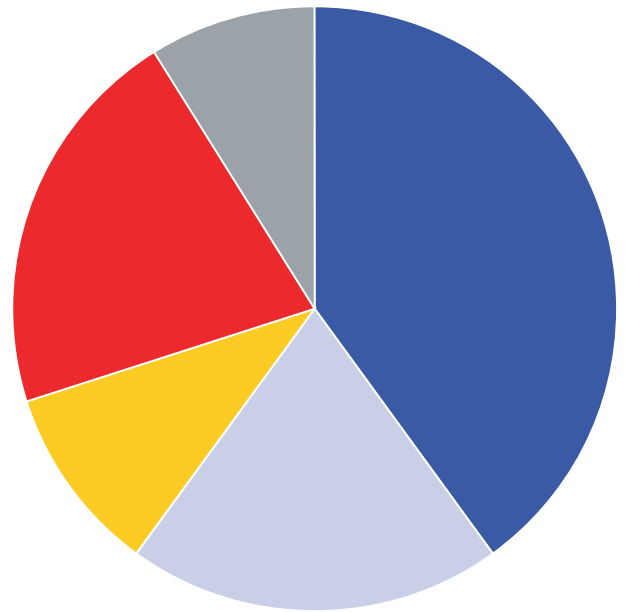
31% support

6% don't know

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Americans Favor Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR)

Do you favor or oppose medical research using embryonic stem cells?



40% strongly favor

20% somewhat favor

10% somewhat oppose

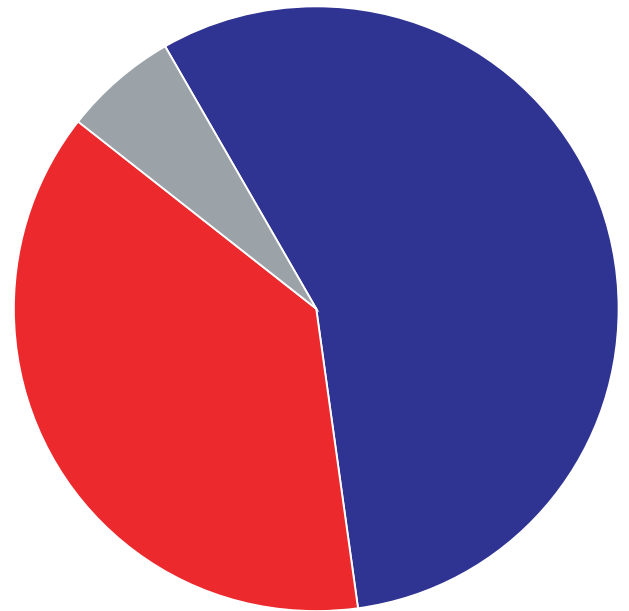
21% strongly oppose

9% don't know

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Majority of Americans Favor Federal Funding for ESCR

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



56% favor

38% oppose

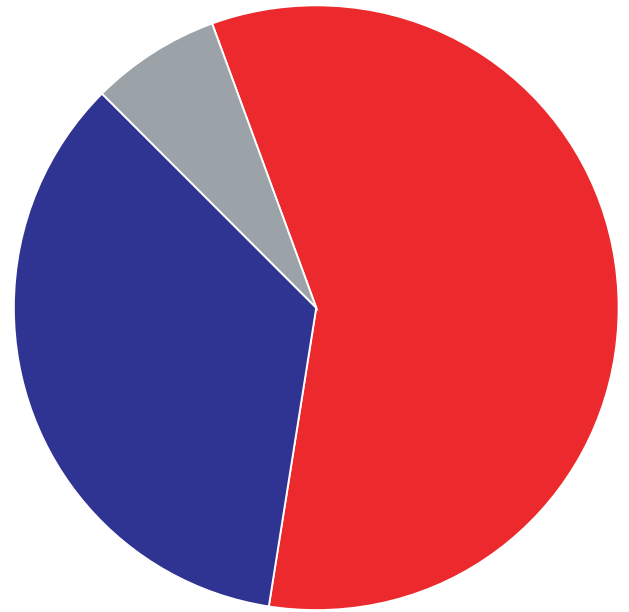
6% don't know

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Most Americans Oppose Veto of H.R. 810

Do you support or oppose the President's decision to veto the bill (H.R. 810) that would have allowed federally-funded scientists to use leftover embryos from *in vitro* fertilization clinics for medical research?

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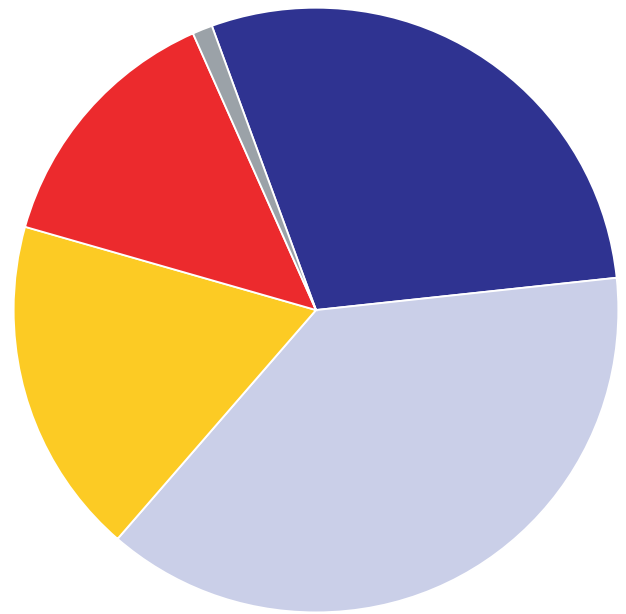
58%
oppose

35%
favor

7%
don't know

Stem Cell Research is an Important Election Issue

How important will the issue of stem cell research be in determining how you vote in the November election?



29% very important

38% somewhat important

18% not too important

14% not at all important

1% don't know

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