Georgians Speak Out on Medical and Health Research

September 2016

Georgia public opinion survey commissioned by Research!America.
Survey Methodology

This state online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in September 2016, among 812 adults ages 18+ in Georgia. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.5 percentage points*

*Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides
Leadership is Important to Georgians

Please indicate how important you think it is that Georgia be a leader in each of these areas (% saying very important and somewhat important):

- **Education**: 91%
- **Medical Research**: 88%
- **Agriculture**: 89%
- **Science and Technology Research**: 84%
- **Defense**: 72%

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
How important do you think medical research is to the economy of Georgia?

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
Federal Government Should Provide Incentives for Private Sector Investment

How important is it for the federal government to support incentives for private sector investment in new treatments and cures?

- Very Important: 45%
- Somewhat Important: 39%
- Not Too Important: 5%
- Not At All Important: 2%
- Not Sure: 9%

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Congress should support tax and regulatory policies that encourage private industries to conduct more medical research.

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
Georgia Should Support Private Investments in Research

Do you agree or disagree that the Georgia state legislature should support legislation that will encourage private investments in medical research?

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
Georgia Should Provide Incentives to Attract Medical Research

If Georgia offered financial incentives to attract new medical research, would you approve or disapprove of these incentives?

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Accelerating Investment in Health Research is a Priority

How much of a priority is it to accelerate our nation’s investment in research to improve health?

- **Top Priority**: 19%
- **High Priority**: 49%
- **Somewhat of a Priority**: 23%
- **Low Priority**: 2%
- **Not a Priority at all**: 4%
- **Not Sure**: 3%

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
More Georgians say U.S. is not Spending Enough on Research

The U.S. spends less than 5 cents of each health dollar on research to prevent, cure and treat disease and disability. Do you think that this is too much, the right amount or not enough?

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Majority Willing to Pay More Taxes to Support Research

Would you be willing to pay $1 per week more in taxes for more health research?

53% Yes
21% No
26% Not Sure

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Georgians say Universities Help Strengthen Economy

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement - (% saying strongly agree or somewhat agree):

- Georgia’s universities help create a stronger economy by developing the skilled workforce that allows companies to compete in the global economy: 73%
- University research in Georgia helps create new products and inventions that improve the quality of life: 66%
- Georgia’s universities are among the best research universities in the nation: 65%

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
Majority Agree State Funds Should Support University Research

Do you agree or disagree that Georgia state (taxpayer) funds should be used to support medical research at public universities?

- 42% Strongly Agree
- 27% Somewhat Agree
- 13% Somewhat Disagree
- 6% Strongly Disagree
- 12% Not Sure

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Georgia Should Assign a High Priority to STEM Careers

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STEM Education Important to U.S. Competitiveness

How important do you think education and training in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics is to U.S. competitiveness and our future economic prosperity?

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Half Say We are Not Making Enough Progress in Developing New Medicines

Do you believe we are making enough progress in developing new medicines?

- 50% Yes
- 30% No
- 20% Not Sure

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Many Obstacles to Medical Progress

Is the following a reason why we are not making more progress in medical research:

- Too many regulatory barriers: 56 Yes, 45 No, 46 Not sure
- R&D tax burden too high: 45 Yes, 21 No, 34 Not sure
- Not spending enough money: 46 Yes, 35 No, 20 Not sure
- Not enough researchers: 48 Yes, 28 No, 24 Not sure

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Important to Conduct Research to Eliminate Health Disparities

Studies show that certain health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, and infant mortality happen more often among minorities or citizens with lower incomes. How important do you feel it is to conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?

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Important for Georgia to Conduct Research to Eliminate Health Disparities

How important do you feel it is for Georgia to fund medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?

- Very Important: 51%
- Somewhat Important: 31%
- Not too Important: 7%
- Not at all Important: 3%
- Not Sure: 7%

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Basic Research Should be Supported by Federal Government

Do you agree or disagree that basic research which advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government, even if it brings no immediate benefits?

- Strongly Agree: 29%
- Somewhat Agree: 42%
- Somewhat Disagree: 10%
- Strongly Disagree: 6%
- Not Sure: 13%

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Georgia Should Match Federal Research Grants

Do you agree or disagree that Georgia’s state government should provide matching funds for federal research grants?

- 30% Strongly Agree
- 14% Somewhat Agree
- 10% Somewhat Disagree
- 5% Strongly Disagree
- 14% Not Sure

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Georgians Willing to Share Health Information to Advance Research and Improve Care

For which of the following would you be willing to share your personal health information (% selected):

- To advance medical research: 56%
- So health care providers can improve patient care: 56%
- So public health officials can better track disease and disability and the causes: 39%
- None: 13%
- Not Sure: 16%

Source: A Research!America survey of Georgians conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2016.
Half of Georgians Say Research is the Solution to Rising Health Care Costs

When it comes to rising health care costs, would you say research to improve health is part of the problem or part of the solution?

- 51% Part of the solution
- 25% Part of the problem
- 24% Not Sure

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