Americans’ Views on Science and Innovation under President Trump

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National public opinion survey commissioned by Research!America
National Survey Methodology

This nationwide online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in January 2017, among 1,005 adults ages 18+. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.*

*Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides
Americans Split on U.S. Leadership in Science and Innovation Under President Trump

Do you agree or disagree that the U.S. will be seen as a global leader in science and innovation under President Donald Trump?

- 19% Strongly agree
- 18% Somewhat agree
- 25% Somewhat disagree
- 23% Strongly disagree
- 15% Not sure

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Americans Split on U.S. Progress in Science and Innovation Under President Trump

Do you agree or disagree that great strides in science and innovation will continue while Donald Trump is President?

- 22% Strongly agree
- 26% Somewhat agree
- 19% Somewhat disagree
- 26% Strongly disagree
- 14% Not sure

Americans Split on U.S. Progress in Science and Innovation Under President Trump

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Important to Assign High Priority to Health Research and Innovation

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![Bar chart showing the percentage of people from different political affiliations who strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, and strongly disagree.]

Majority Willing to Pay More in Taxes for Medical Research

Would you be willing to pay $1 per week more in taxes if you were certain that all of the money would be spent on additional medical research?

- **52%** Yes
- **29%** No
- **19%** Not sure

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Reducing Health Care Costs and Job Growth

Priority for First 100 Days

Please indicate which of the following should be a priority for President Trump’s and the New Congress’ first 100 days in office?

- Reducing health care costs: 54%
- Growing jobs: 49%
- Fighting terrorism: 46%
- Expanding access to health coverage: 43%
- Strengthening the National Defense: 33%
- Making higher education more affordable: 33%
- Reforming the immigration system: 31%

Public Health and Medical Research Among Priorities for First 100 Days

Please indicate which of the following should be a priority for President Trump’s and the New Congress’ first 100 days in office?

- Updating roads, bridges and other infrastructure: 30 (1), 25 (2), 24 (3), 9 (4), 7 (5)
- Simplifying the tax code: 29 (1), 26 (2), 24 (3), 8 (4), 9 (5)
- Reforming regulatory system to improve food & drug safety & efficacy: 27 (1), 24 (2), 28 (3), 10 (4), 7 (5)
- Strengthening our ability to fight public health threats: 27 (1), 27 (2), 28 (3), 9 (4), 6 (5)
- Investing in medical research: 25 (1), 25 (2), 29 (3), 10 (4), 6 (5)
- Reforming K-12 education: 24 (1), 24 (2), 29 (3), 11 (4), 7 (5)
- Lowering corporate tax rates: 15 (1), 16 (2), 22 (3), 15 (4), 23 (5)
- Revitalizing the space program: 12 (1), 16 (2), 29 (3), 18 (4), 17 (5)

Public Policies Should be Based on Science

Do you agree that public policies should be based on the best available science?

- **Strongly agree**: 34%
- **Somewhat agree**: 12%
- **Not sure**: 18%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 3%
- **Strongly disagree**: 18%

Important for Congress to Provide Tax Incentives for Research

How important is it for Congress to provide tax incentives to the private sector to develop new medicines and medical technologies?

Scientists Should Play Major Role in Shaping Public Policy

Do you agree or disagree that scientists should play a major role in shaping policy for the following:

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Please rank the following in terms of the role of the federal government when it comes to the health of Americans, using a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is very much a priority and 5 is not at all a priority:

- Assuring that health coverage is affordable
- Assuring that health coverage is available to everyone
- Ensuring that existing medical treatments are safe and effective
- Working to prevent and respond to global health threats like Ebola
- Identifying new ways to prevent illness and disabling conditions
- Ensuring that research is supported adequately to speed medical progress

Majority Do Not Believe U.S. Health Care is World’s Best

Do you believe the United States has the best health care system in the world?

- 54% No
- 30% Yes
- 16% Not sure

Americans Split on Whether Health Care Based on Recent Research

Do you believe the health care services you personally receive are based on the best and most recent research available?

- Yes: 36%
- No: 38%
- Not sure: 26%

Important for Federal Government to Assign High Priority to Improving STEM Education

Do you agree or disagree the federal government should assign a higher priority to improving education focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics and careers in those fields?

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?

Majority Favor Federal Funding for Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Do you strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose) federal funding for medical research using embryonic stem cells?