

## Candidates Survey

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

Part of the problem

Part of the solution

Comments

2. Recent studies have shown that federal investments in health and medical research creates jobs in communities across the country that benefit a wide variety of industries. Do you support or oppose boosting investment in medical research and innovation as a job creation strategy?

Support

Oppose

Comments

3. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) spends approximately \$31 billion per year on health research, nearly 85% of which goes to universities, academic medical centers, hospitals, independent research institutes, and small businesses across the country. The NIH budget is decreasing relative to inflation. Do you support or oppose making health research sponsored by NIH a higher national priority, or not?

Support

Oppose

Comments

4. Do you believe the federal government should place more emphasis on increasing the number of young Americans who pursue careers in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, or not?

Yes

No

Comments

5. Would you say government investment in health research for the benefit of military veterans and service members is:

Too much

About right

Not enough

Comments

6. According to a March 2011 poll commissioned by Research!America, 90% of Americans agree that the U.S. is in danger of losing its global competitive edge in science, technology, and innovation. Earlier this year, it was reported that China is catching up to the U.S. in R&D investment, surpassing Japan as second to the U.S.

If you are elected, will maintaining America's global competitive edge in science, technology, and innovation be a priority for you, or not?

A high priority

A priority

A low priority

Not a priority

Comments

7. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plays a lead role in protecting the everyday health of Americans by supporting state and local health departments, conducting epidemiological and other health research, and addressing food-borne illnesses, potential pandemics and other public health threats. The CDC budget received a deep cut in fiscal year

2011. Do you support or oppose making funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a higher national priority?

Support

Oppose

Comments

8. Since 1981, the federal government has offered a tax credit to businesses pursuing research and development activities. However, because the tax credit is temporary and must be reauthorized periodically, businesses are never certain about receiving the benefits of the credit for longer-term investments. Do you support or oppose making the R&D tax credit permanent, even if that means a permanent reduction in tax revenues?

Support

Oppose

Comments

9. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) also plays a key role in the nation's health, supporting research to improve the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care. The AHRQ budget received a deep cut in fiscal year 2011. Do you support or oppose making funding for AHRQ a higher national priority?

Support

Oppose

Comments

10. Does your campaign have a scientific advisor, or not?

Yes

No

Comments

11. Our nation's health care costs attributable to smoking and obesity are estimated at \$243 billion. One of the key aims of prevention research is to help Americans make behavioral changes that can help them overcome these and other hazardous and costly health threats. Do you believe the government should play a role in prevention research, or not?

Yes

No

Comments

12. Do you support or oppose expanding federal funding for research using embryonic stem cells?

Support

Oppose

Comments

13. The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for ensuring the safety and effectiveness of medical treatments, including over-the-counter and prescription drugs and medical devices such as pacemakers. It is also responsible for ensuring the safety of much of the U.S. food supply.

Do you believe the FDA receives adequate funding to accomplish its mission, or not?

Yes

No

Comments