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## National Poll

January 2014

Results of a New Public Opinion Poll

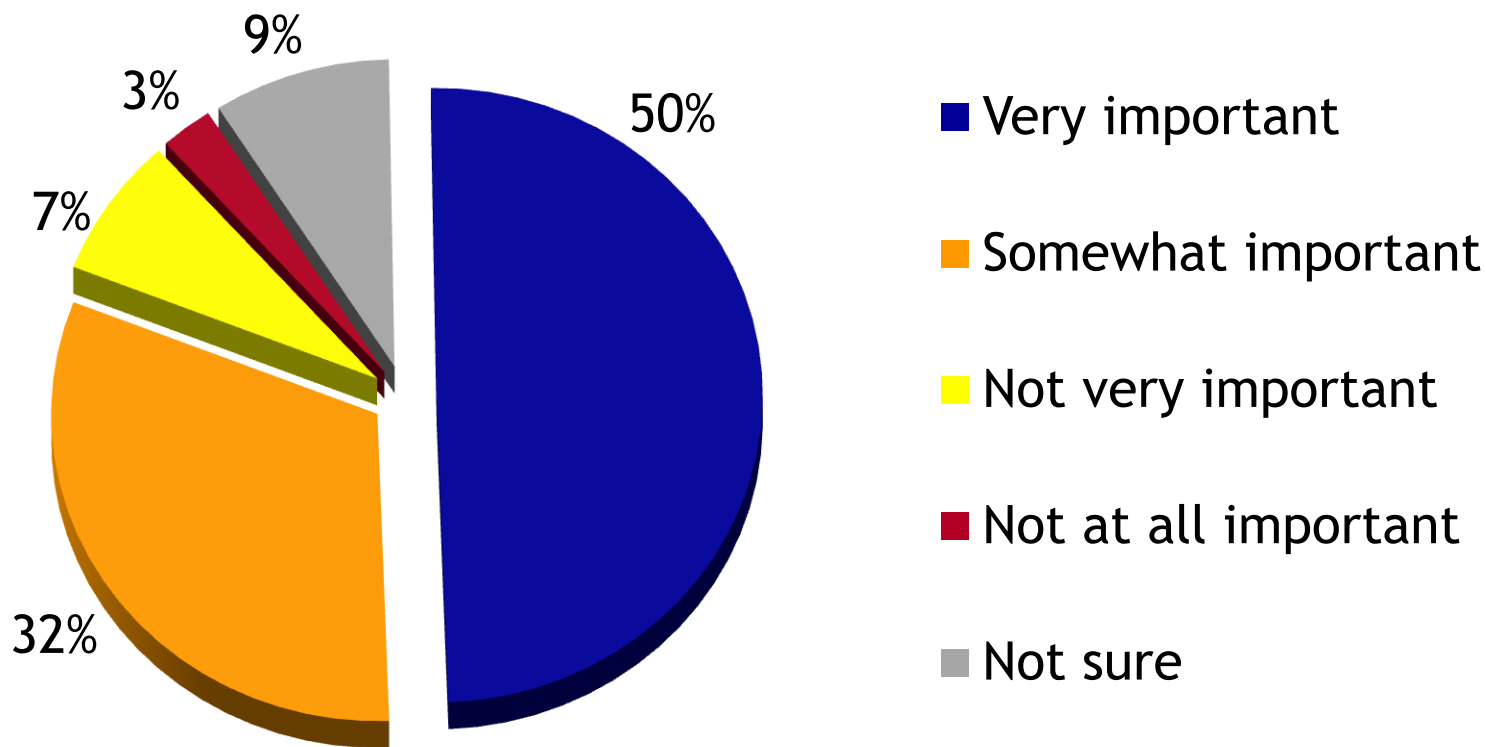
# National Poll

The **National Poll** was conducted online in January 2014 by Zogby Analytics for Research!America. The survey has a sample size of 1,000 U.S. adults with a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.2%.

\*Due to rounding, the total may not add to 100 on some slides.

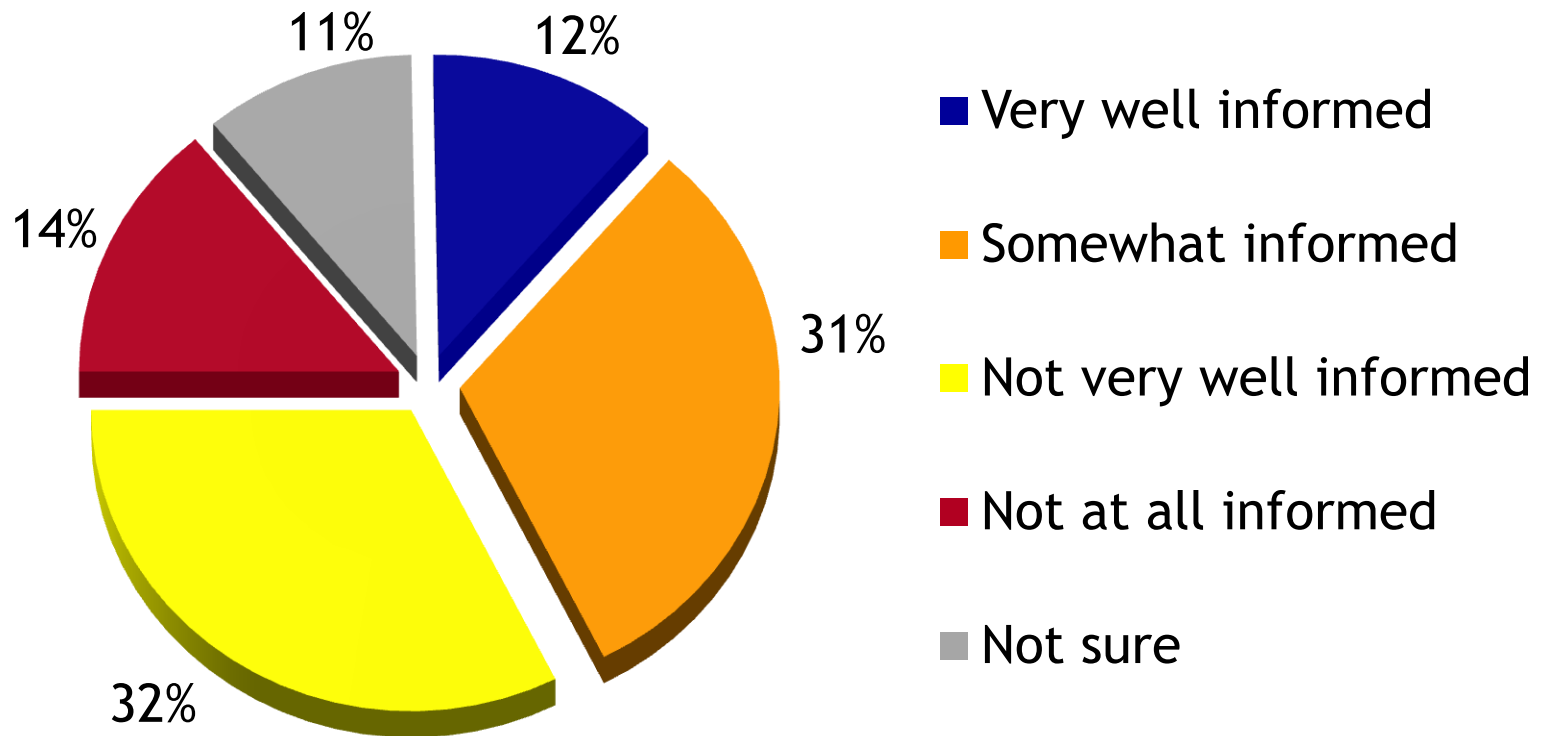
# Important for Elected Officials to Listen to Scientists

How important would you say it is that elected officials and candidates at all levels listen to advice from scientists about better ways to combat disease and disabilities?



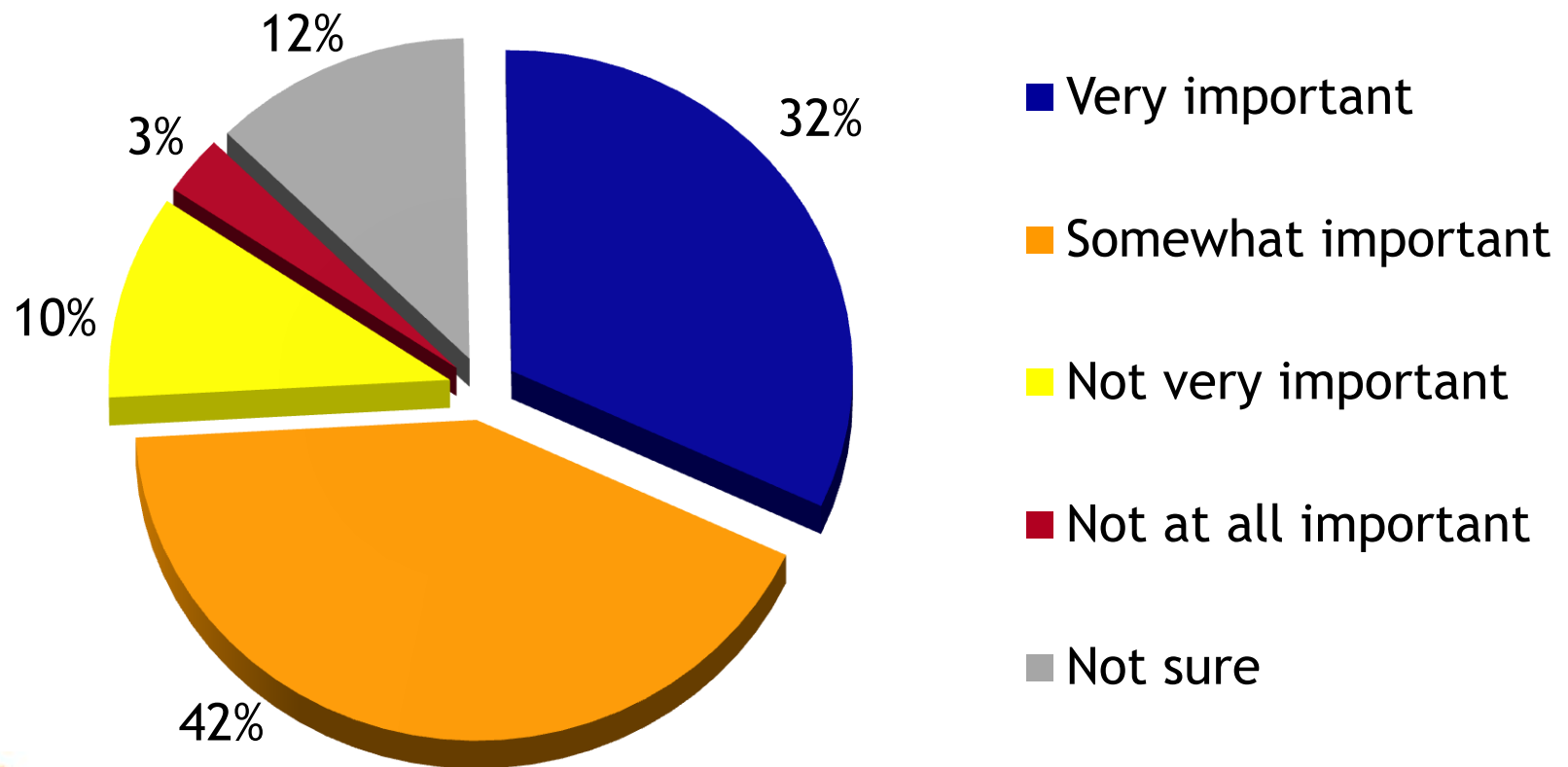
# Most Not Well Informed on Elected Officials' Positions on Research

How well informed would you say you are about the positions of your senators and representative when it comes to their support of medical and scientific research?



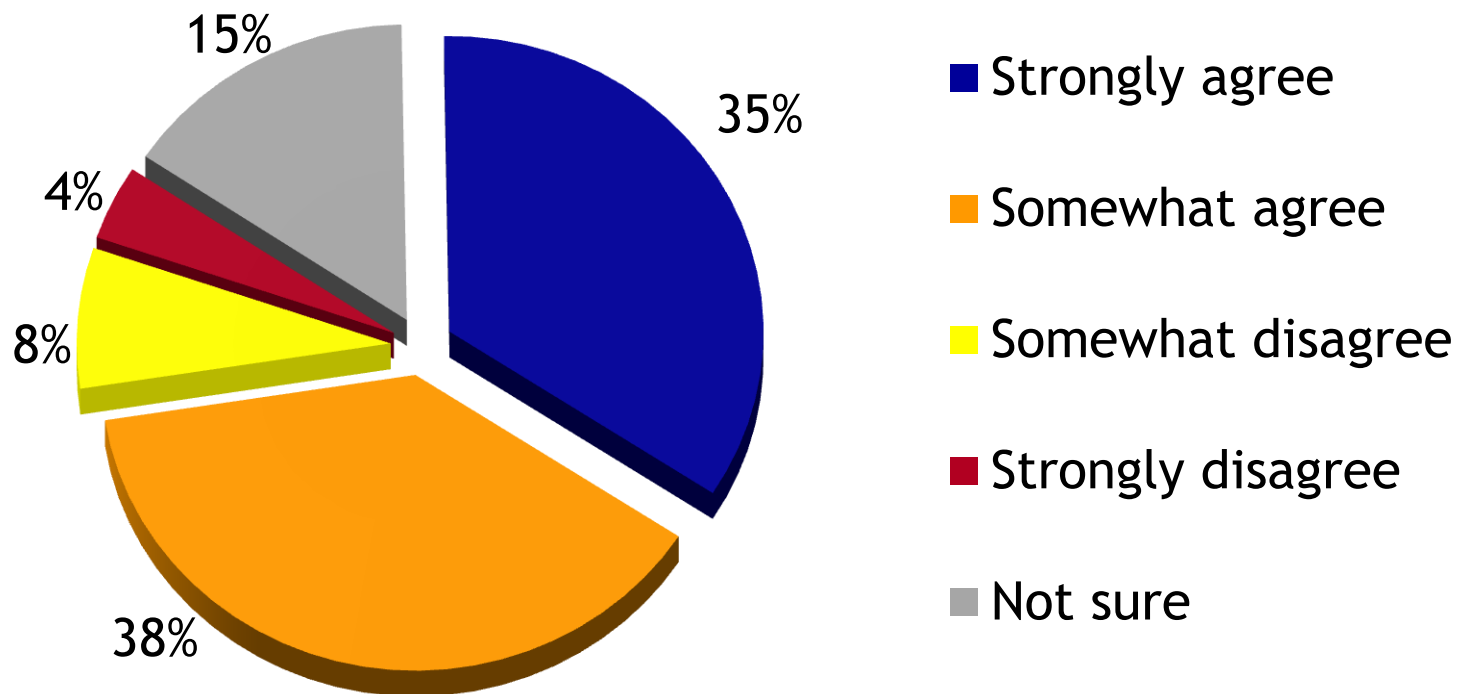
# Three-Quarters Say It's Important to Know Where Candidates Stand

How important is it for you to know whether your candidates for Congress are supportive of scientific and medical research?



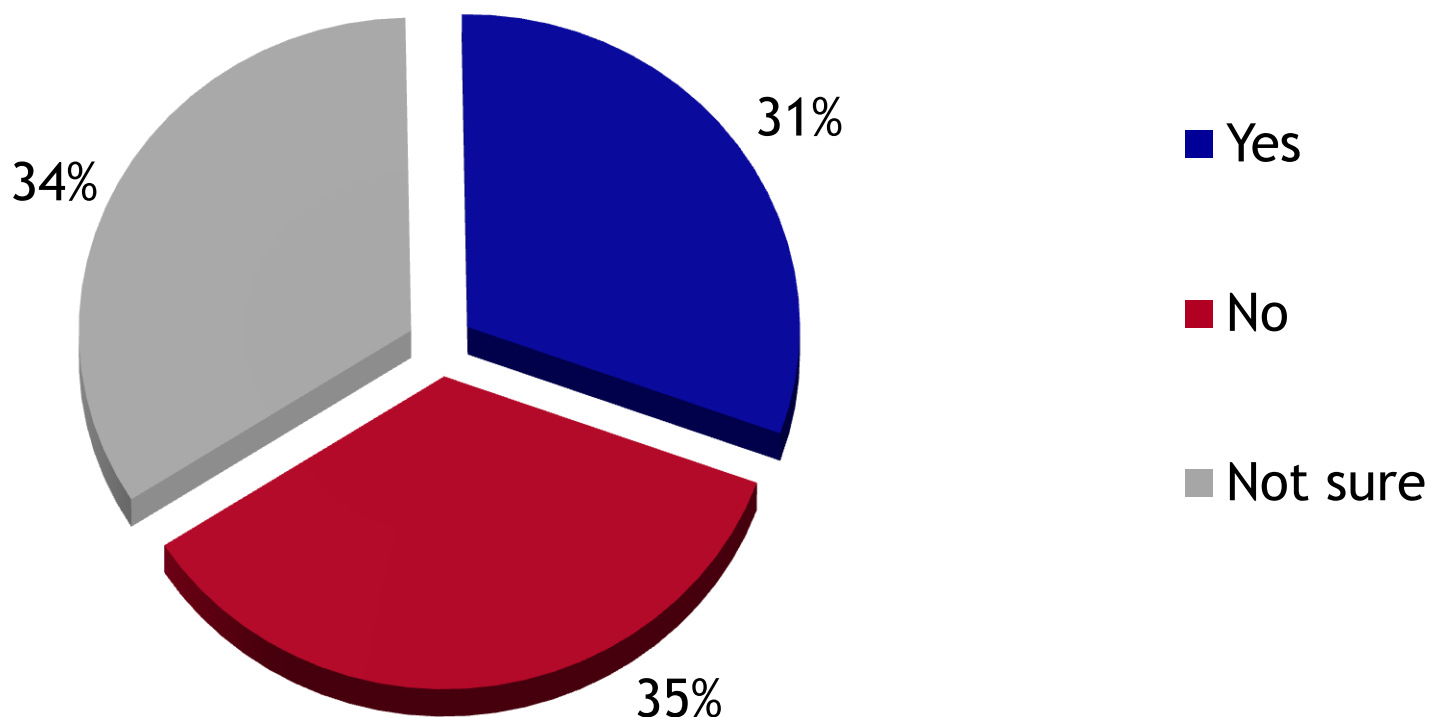
# Many Believe Government Should Prioritize STEM Education, Careers

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



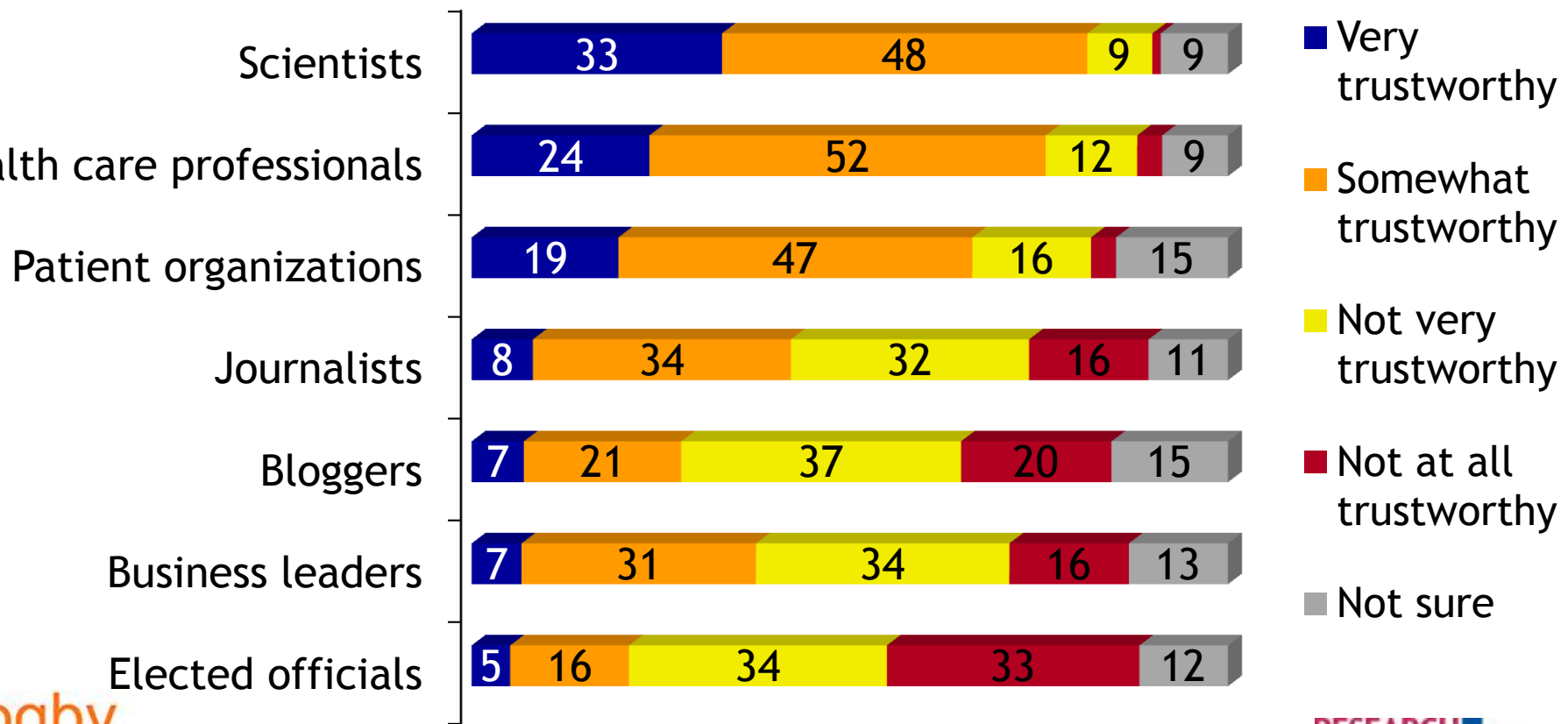
# Opinions Split on If Scientists Communicate Effectively

In general, do you believe scientists effectively communicate the impact of their work on the nation's health and the economy?



# Scientists Most Trusted Spokespersons for Science

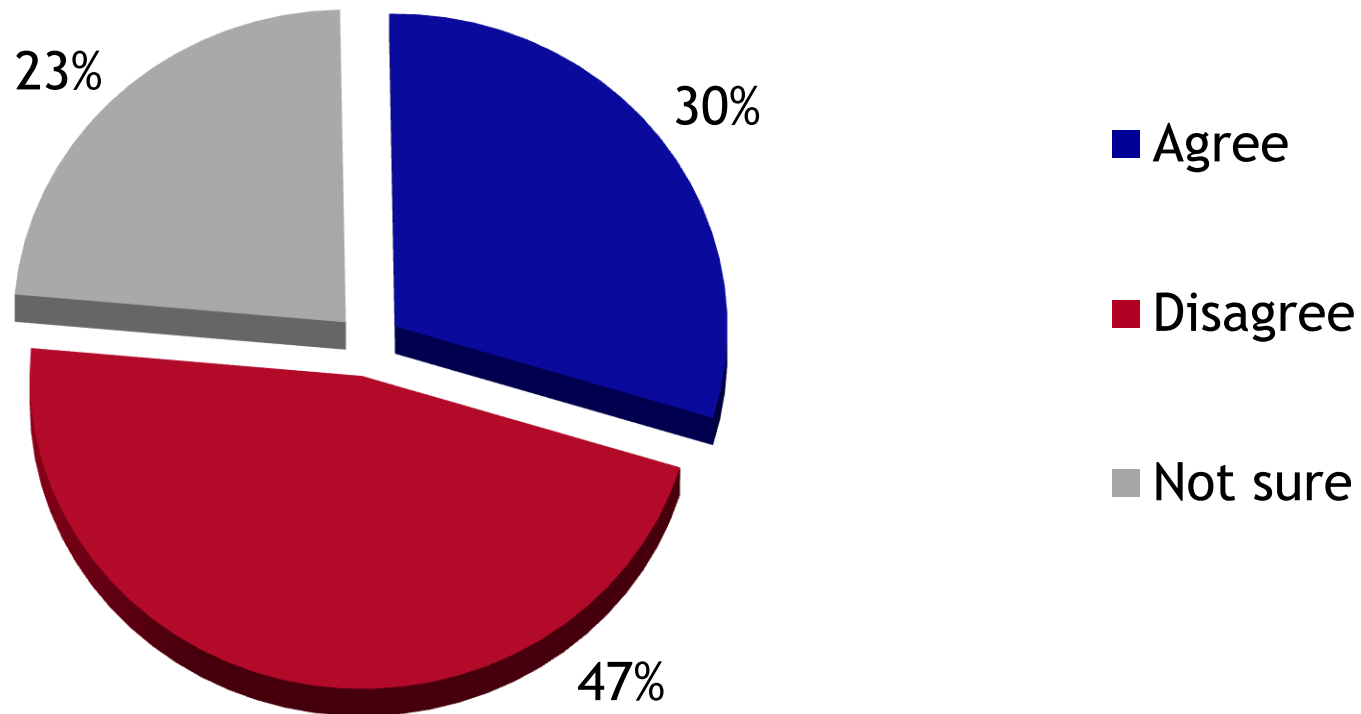
How trustworthy do you consider each of the following to be as spokespersons for science?





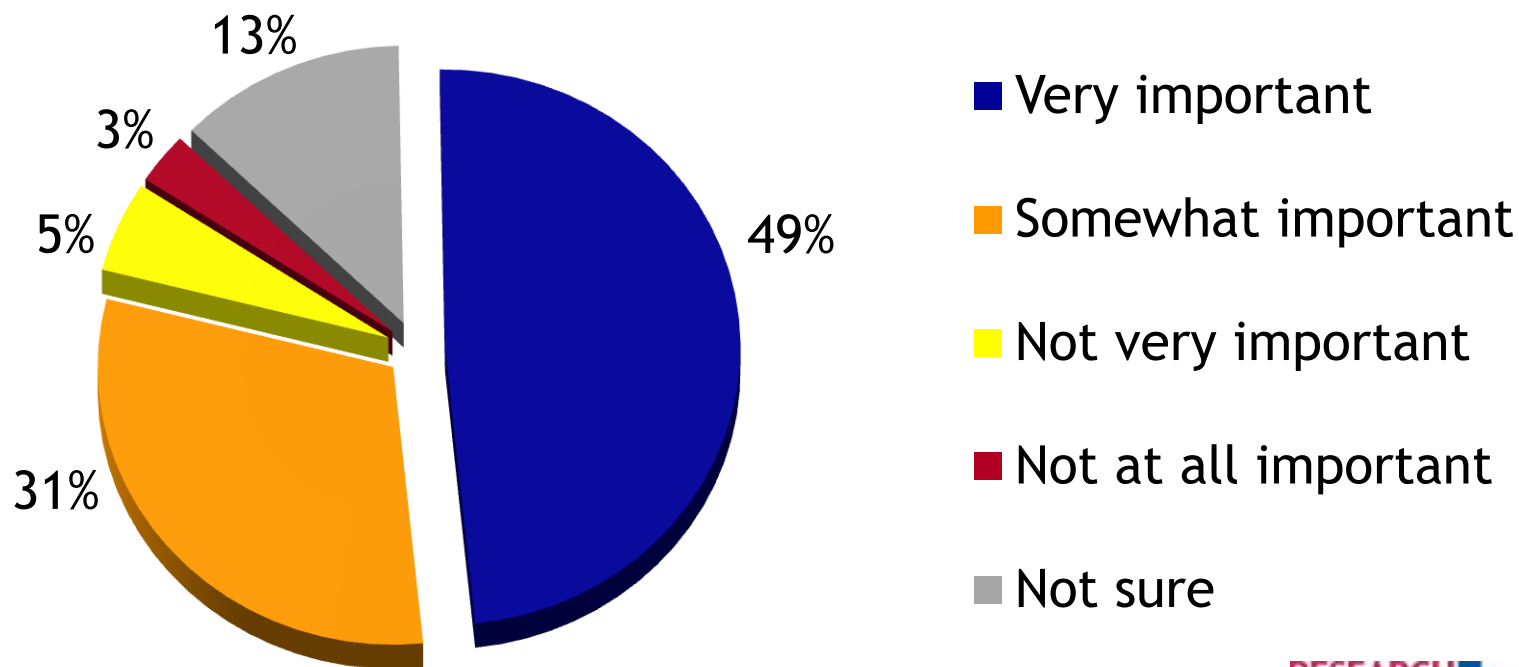
# Nearly Half Say U.S. Does Not Have the Best Health Care System

Do you agree or disagree that the United States has the best health care system in the world?



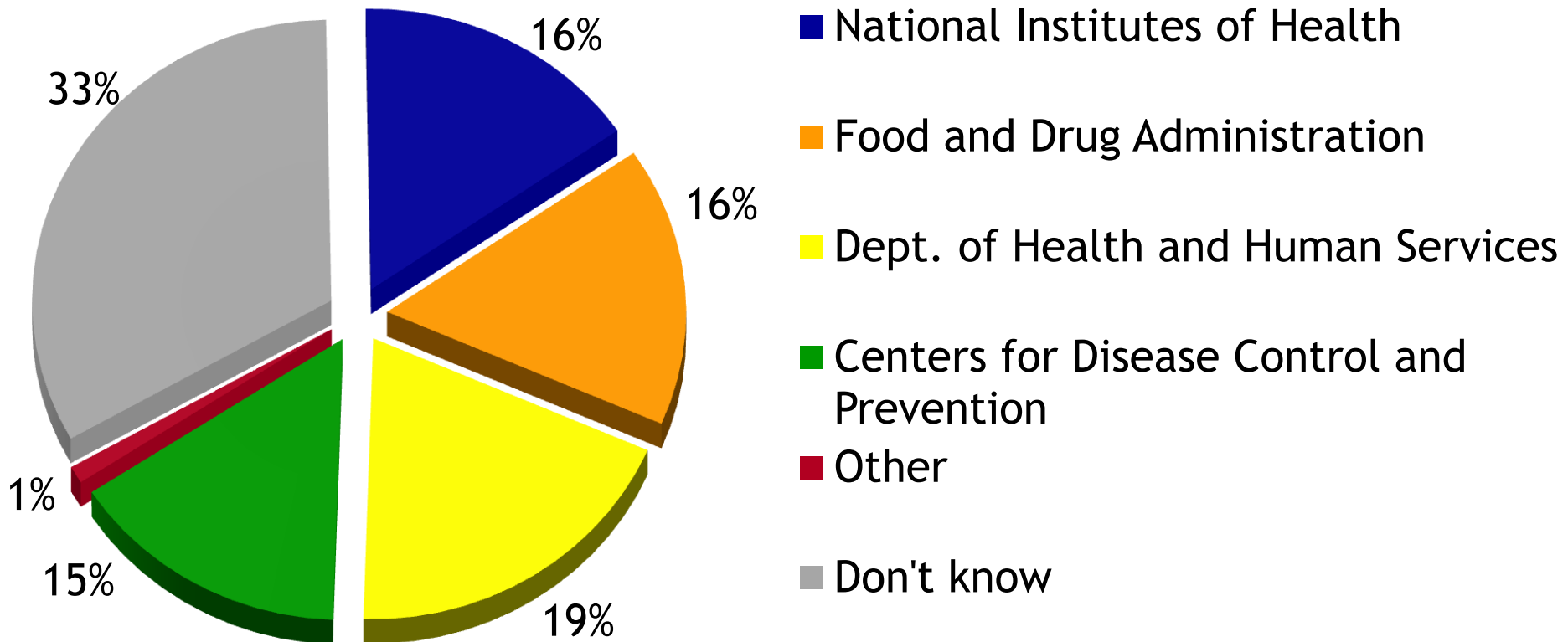
# Nearly Half Say Health Research is Very Important

The field of health research identified the most effective ways to deliver high quality care; reduce medical errors; reduce health care costs; and improve patient safety. How important is it for the federal government to support such research?



# Few Americans Recognize the National Institutes of Health

What is the name of the government agency that funds most of the medical research paid for by taxpayers in this country?



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