



Your Congress-Your Health

March 2011

National Public Opinion Poll

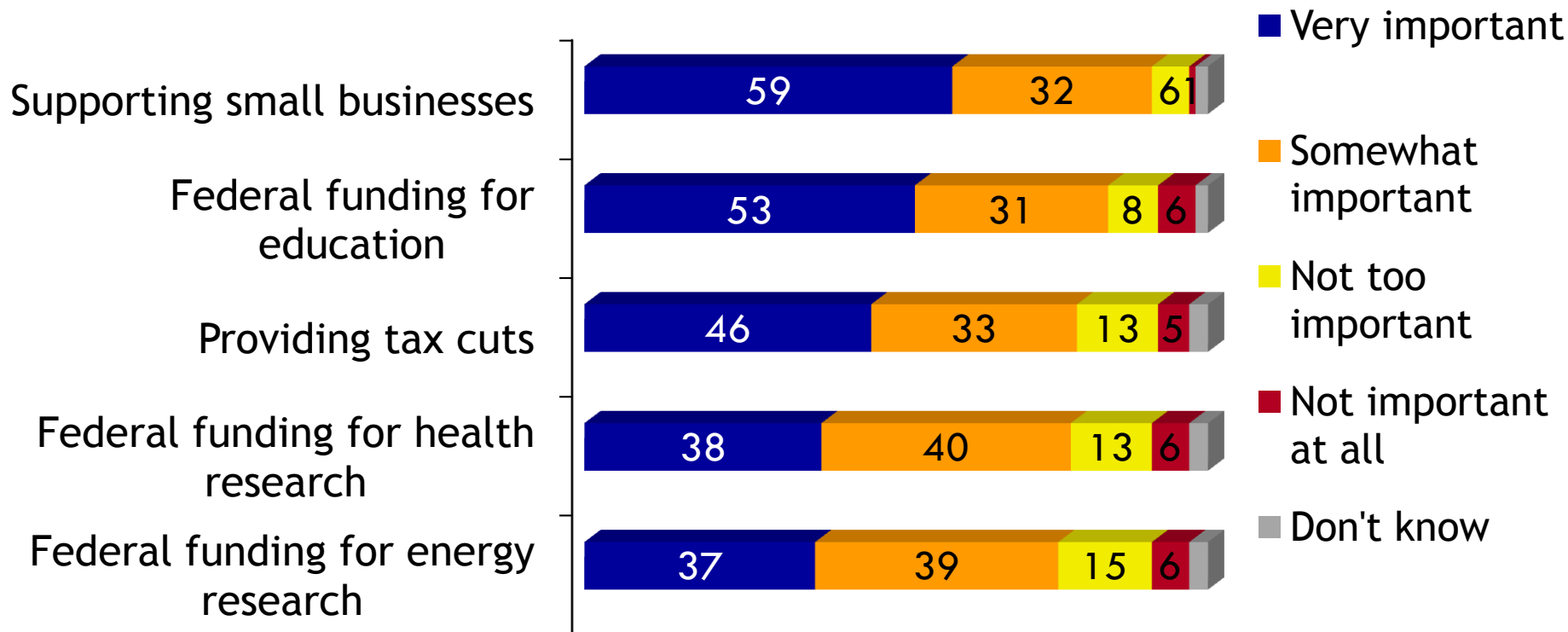
Methodology

The *Your Congress-Your Health* Poll was conducted online in March 2011 by Charlton Research Company for Research!America. The poll has a sample size of 1,000 registered voters with a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1%.

Historical poll data used for comparison have varying methodologies. For more information about methodology for this and other Research!America polls, please email programs@researchamerica.org.

Federal Funding Important for Job Creation & U.S. Economy

How important is each of the following to job creation and the U.S. economy?



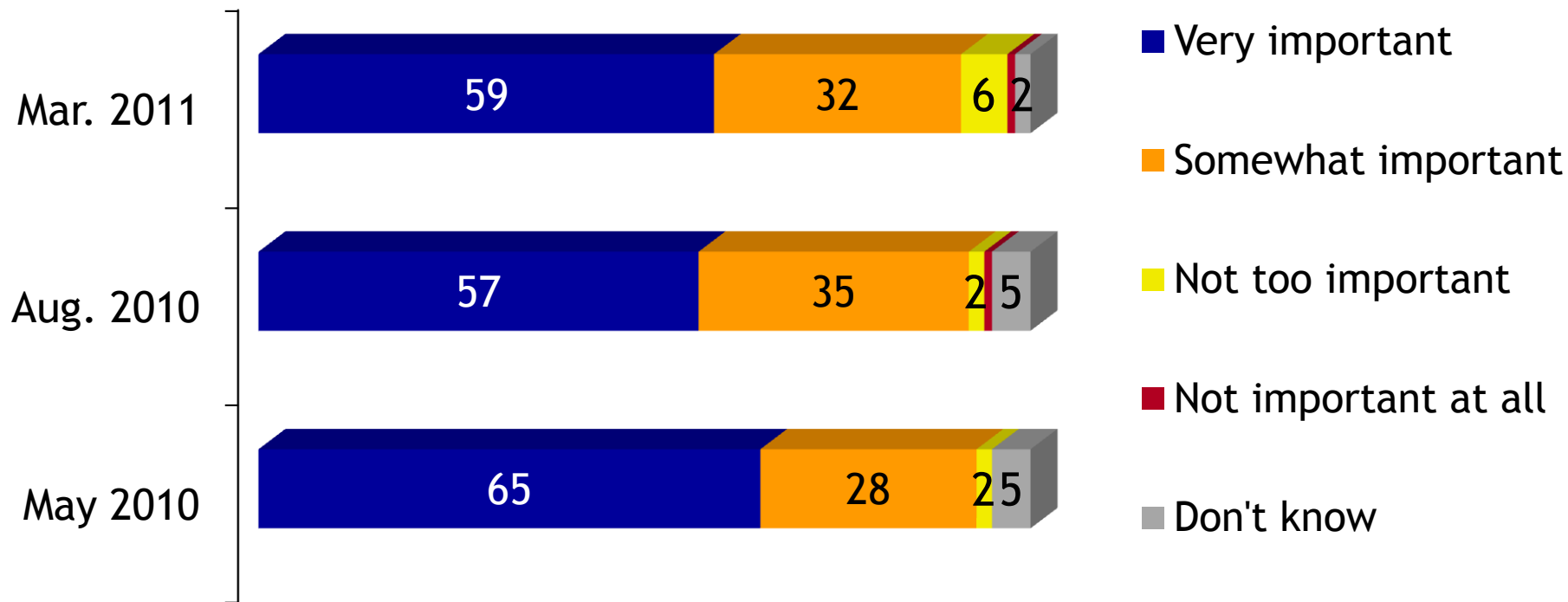
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Only “Providing tax cuts” & “Supporting small business” are comparable.

Significant wording changes; no other comparisons available.

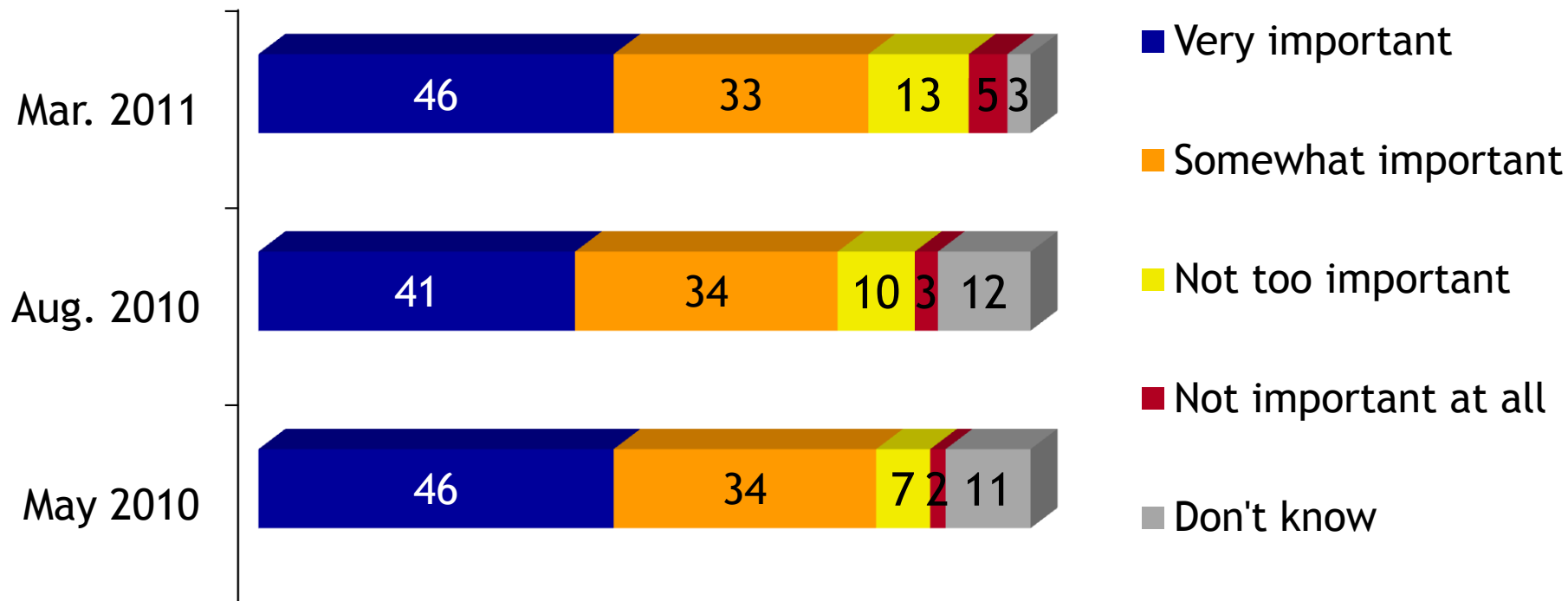
Supporting Small Businesses Very Important for Jobs & U.S. Economy

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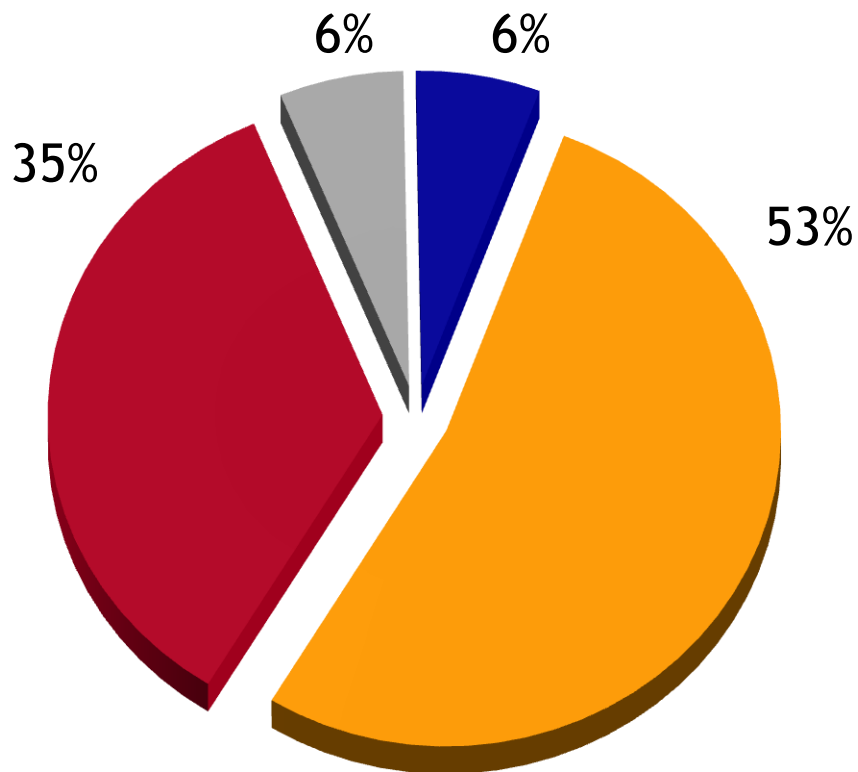
Providing Tax Cuts Important for Job Creation & U.S. Economy

How important is providing tax cuts to job creation and the U.S. economy?



Some Spending Cuts & Strategic Investment Needed for Economy

Considering the current economic situation, which statement comes closest to your view:



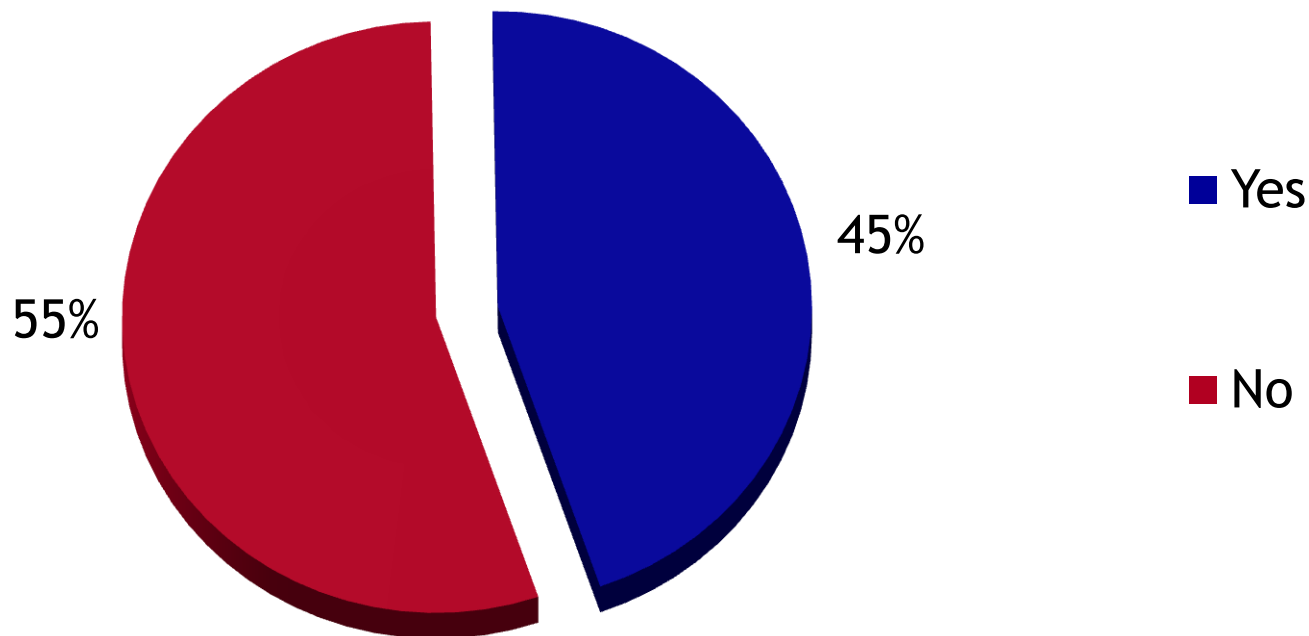
- Spending cuts are not a priority now, as our economy recovers from the recession
- Some spending cuts are necessary but the U.S. must invest strategically to improve the health of the economy
- Across-the-board spending cuts are necessary to reduce the federal budget deficit and improve the health of the U.S. economy
- Don't know

New Question

No comparison available.

Majority of Americans Favor Budget Cuts

Should federal funding for health and medical research be exempt from budget cuts?



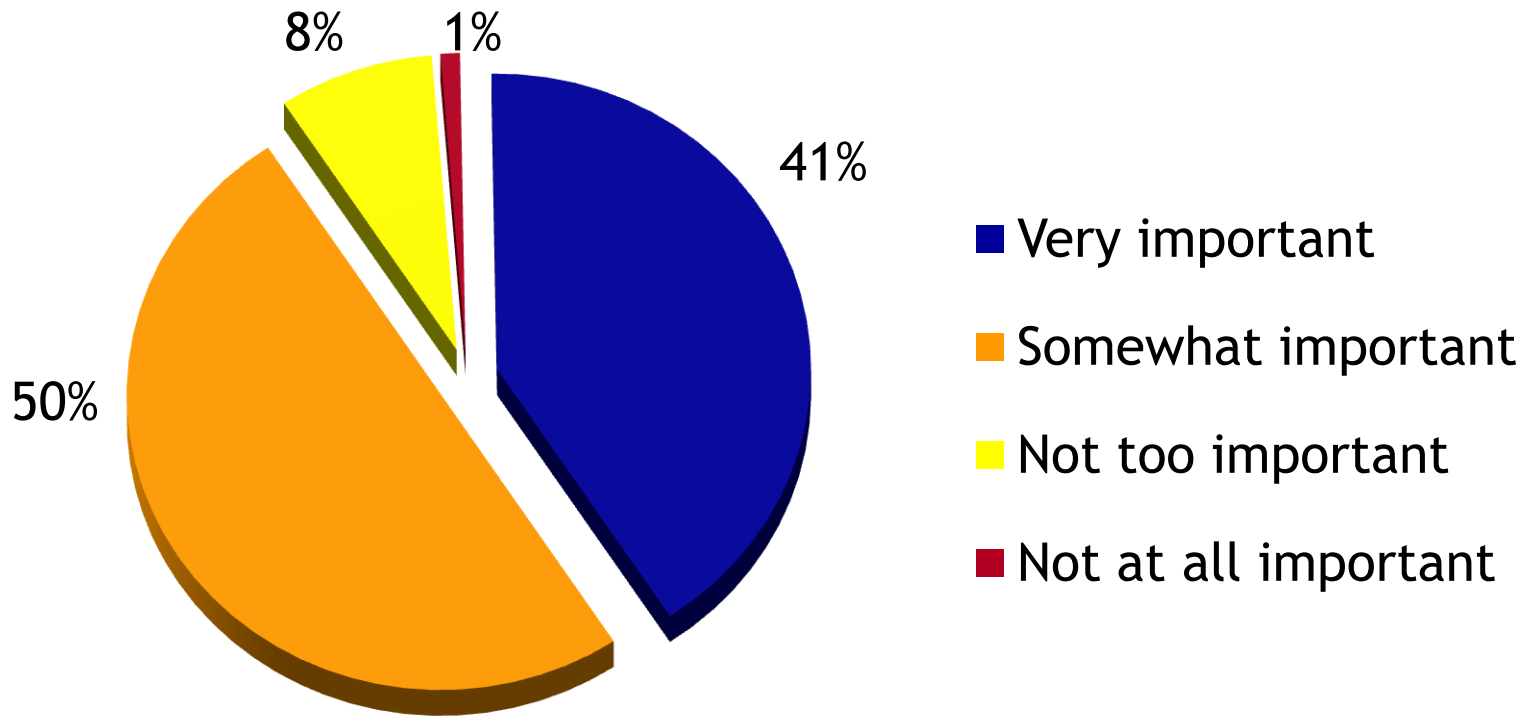
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Americans Think R&D is Important to State Economies

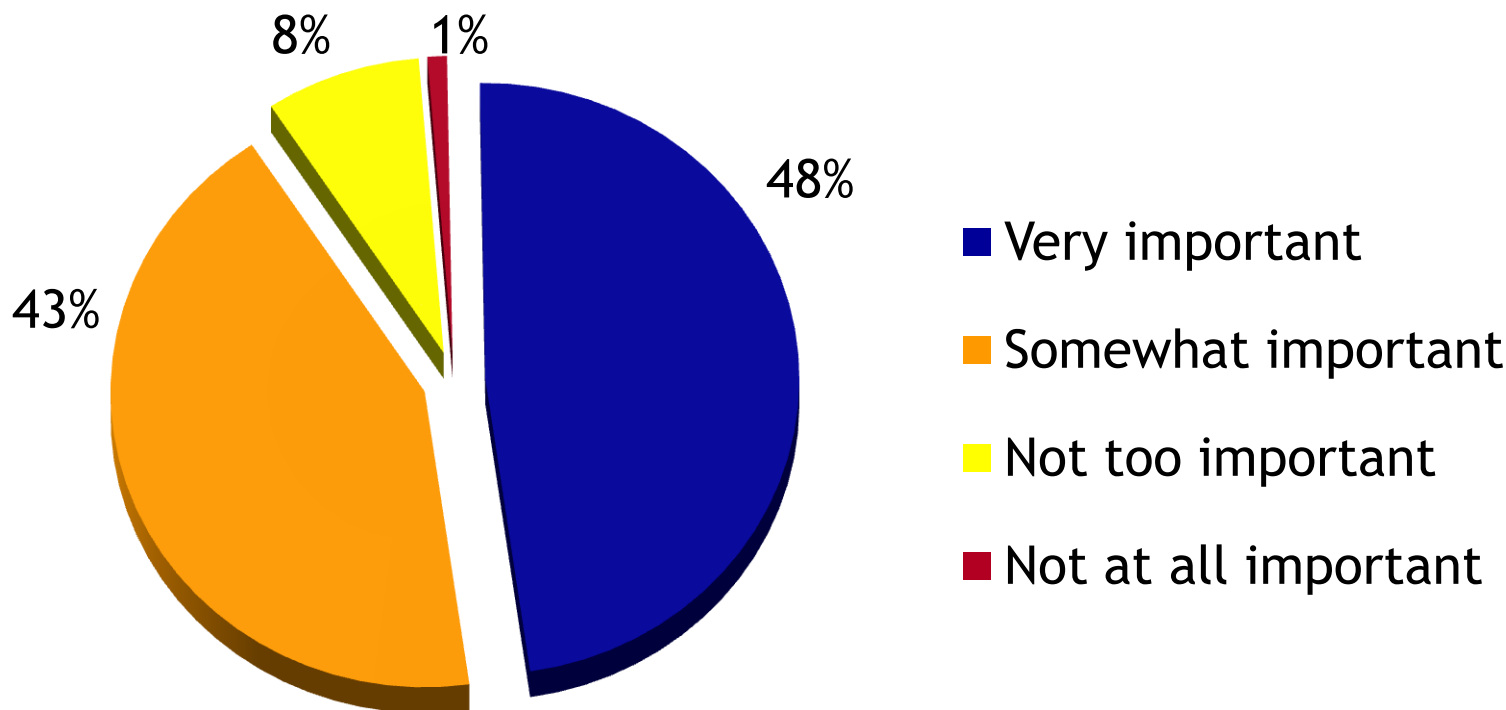
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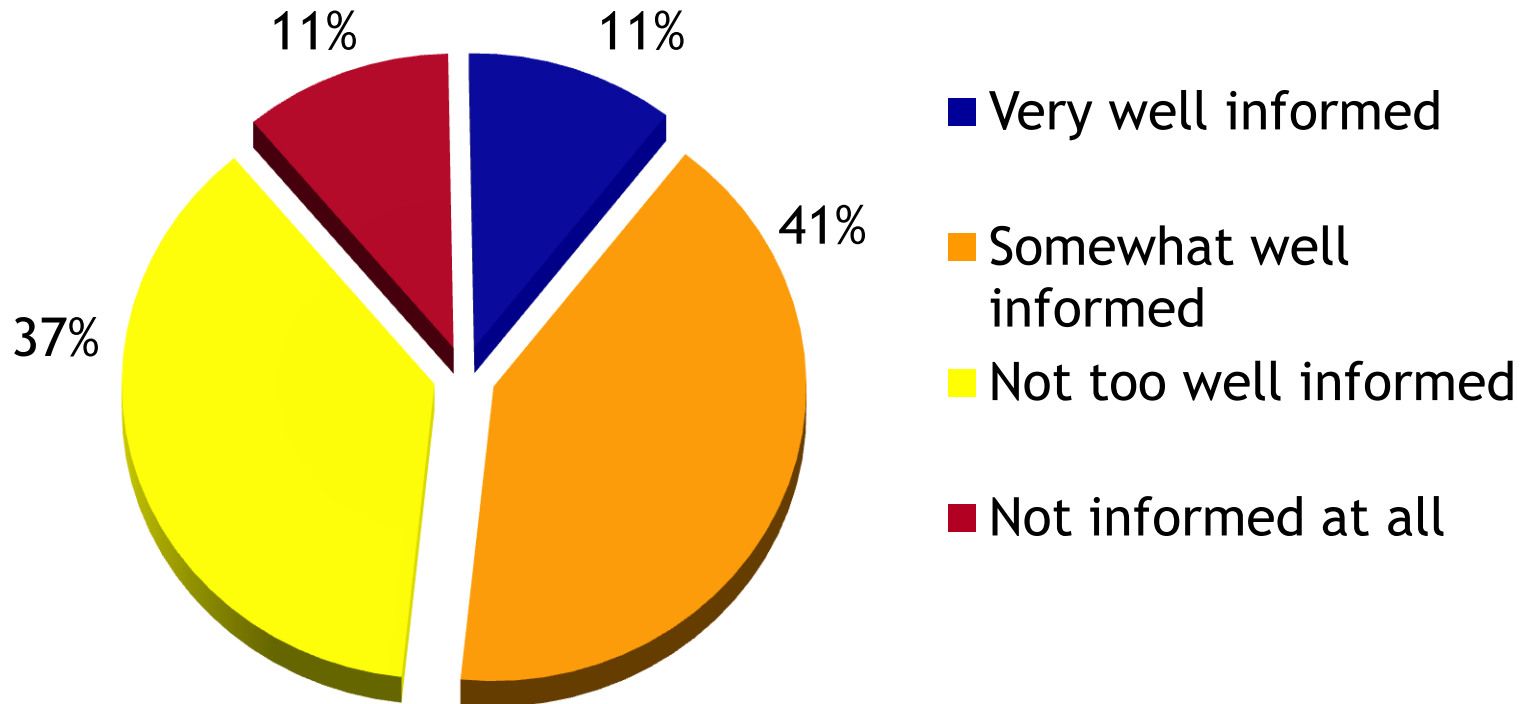
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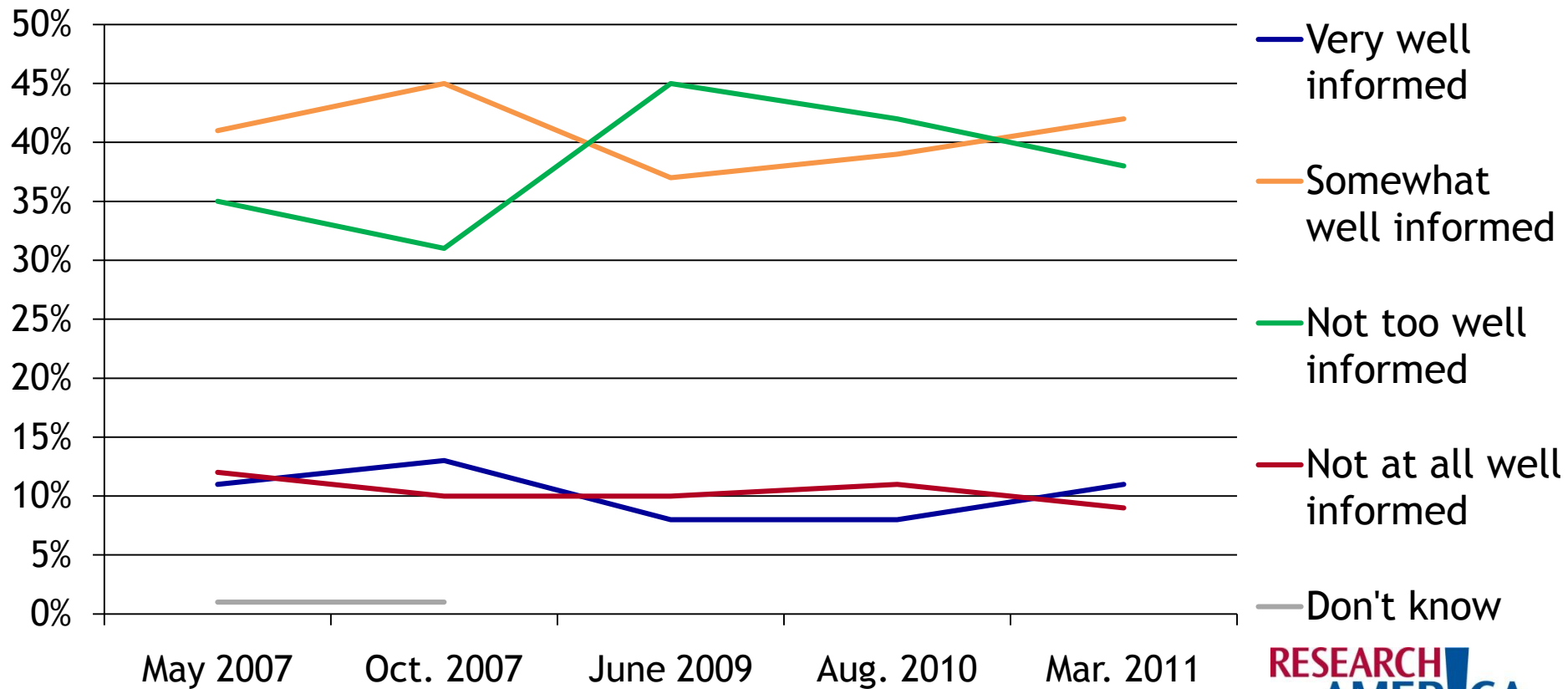
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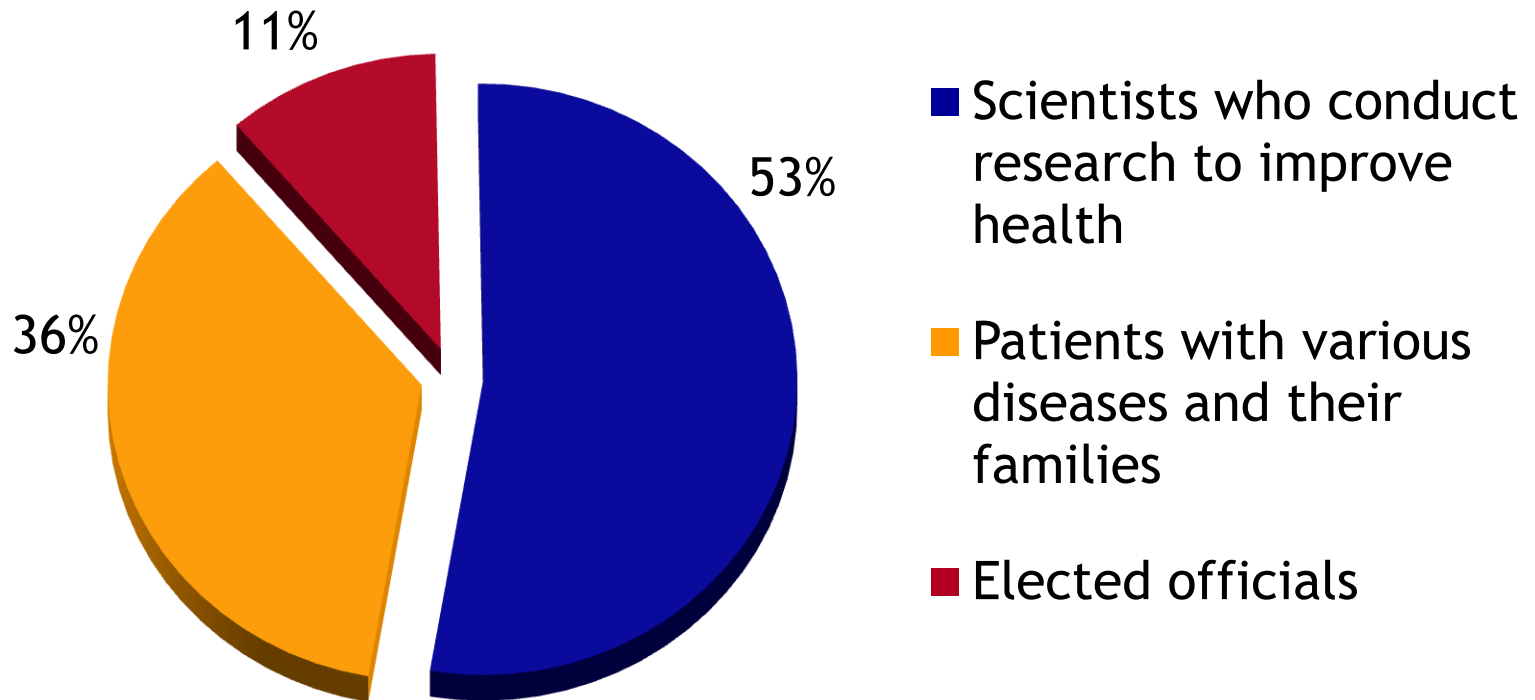
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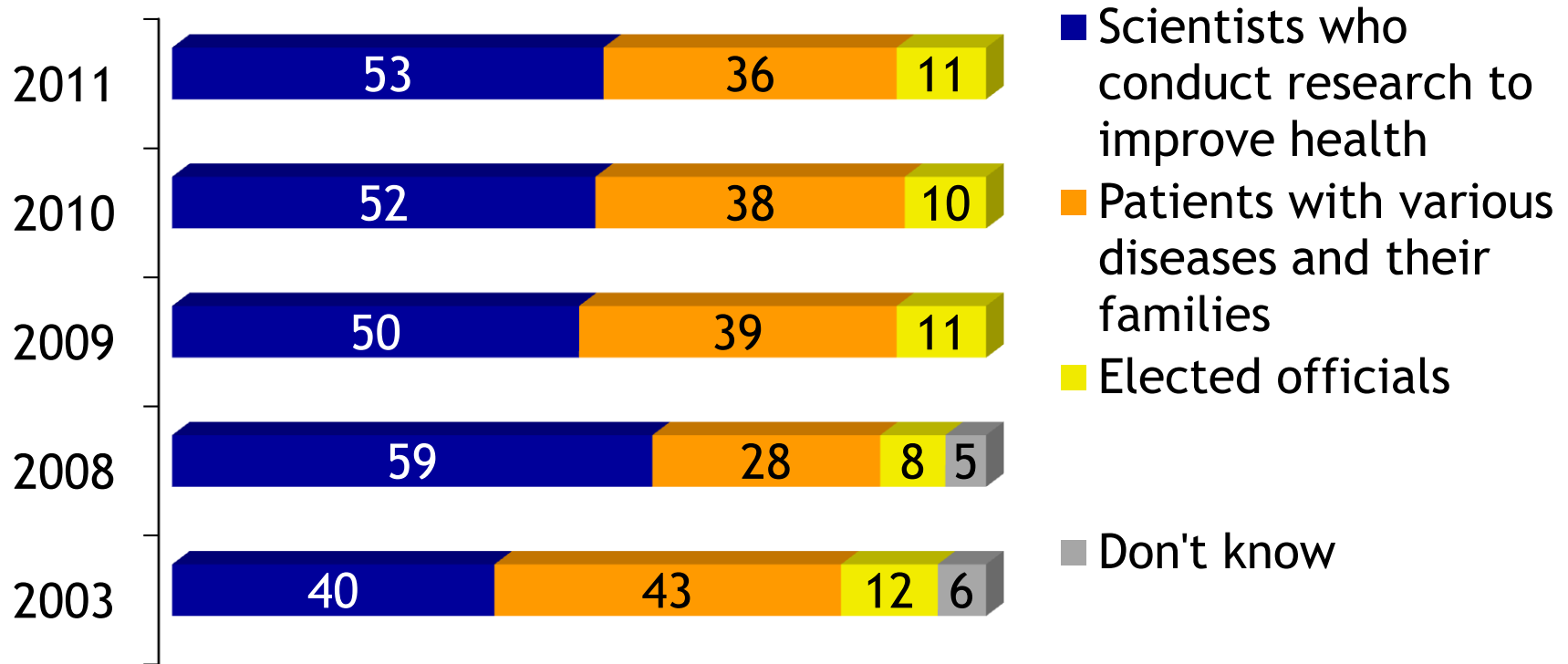
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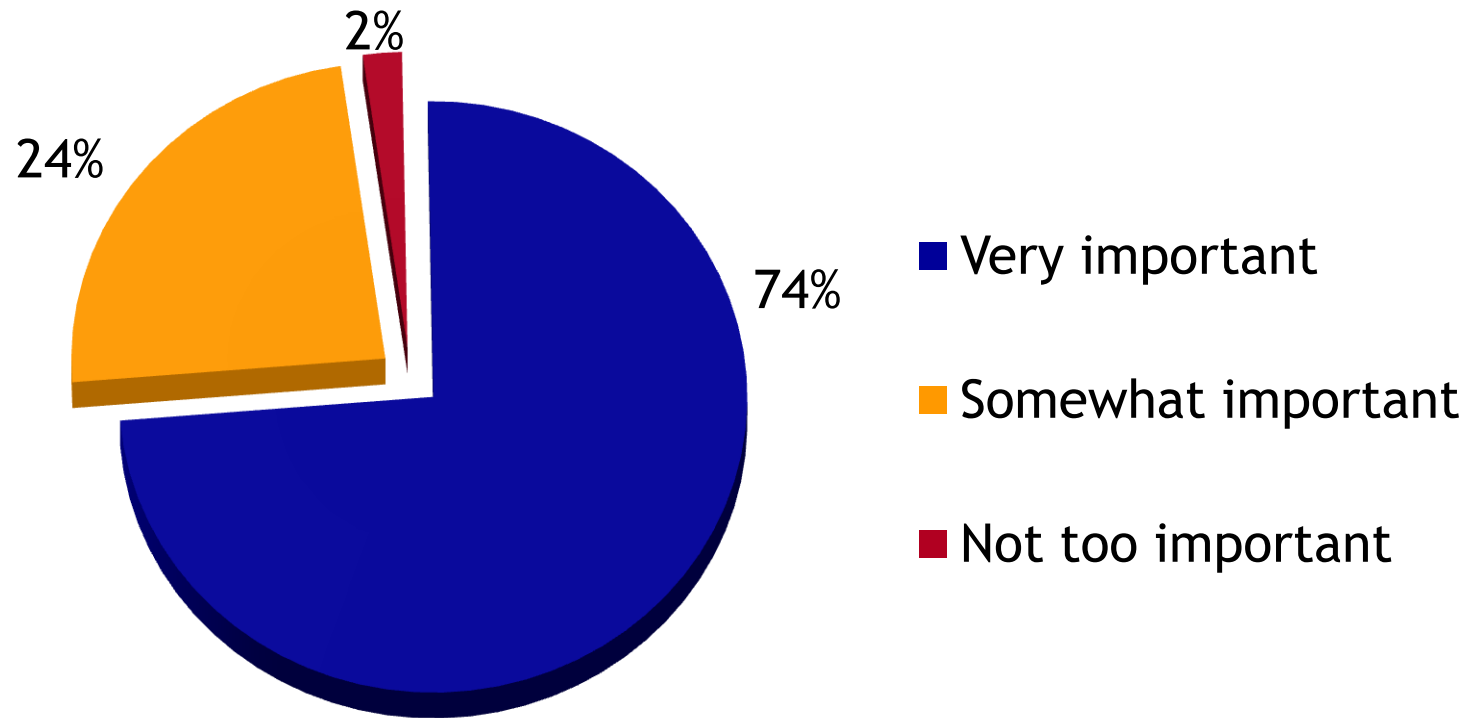
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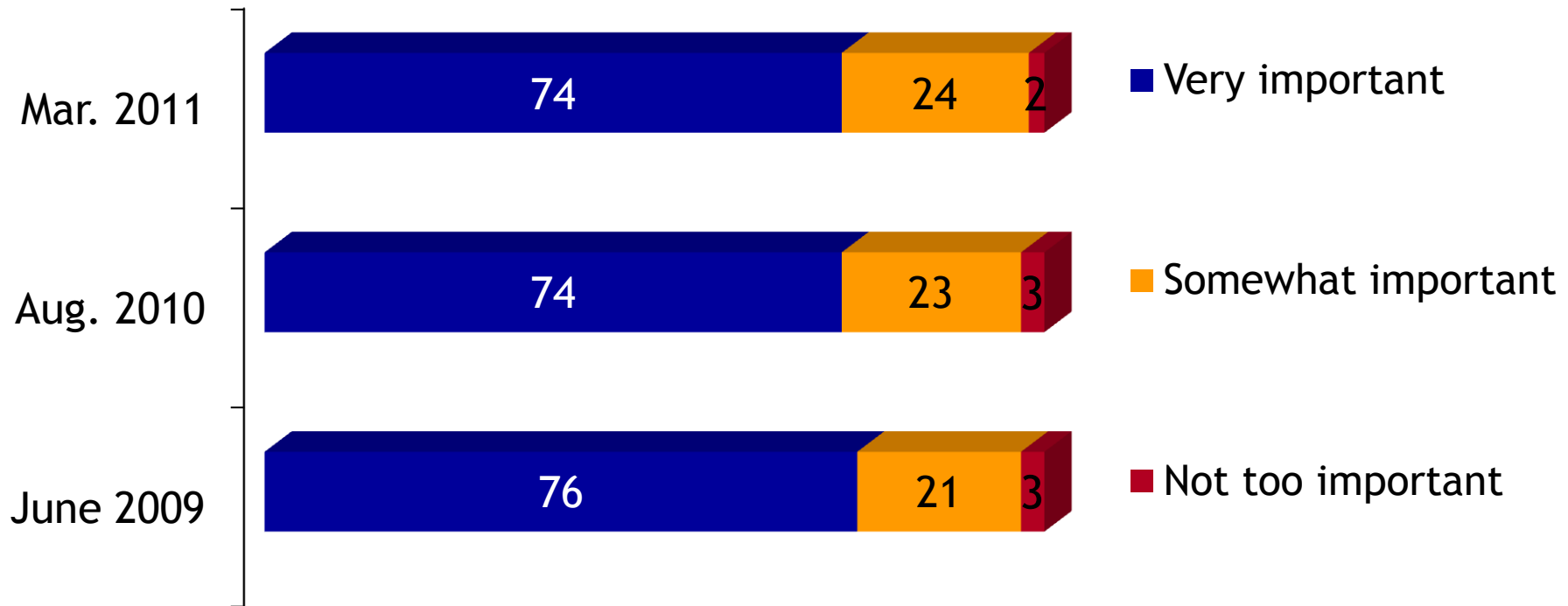
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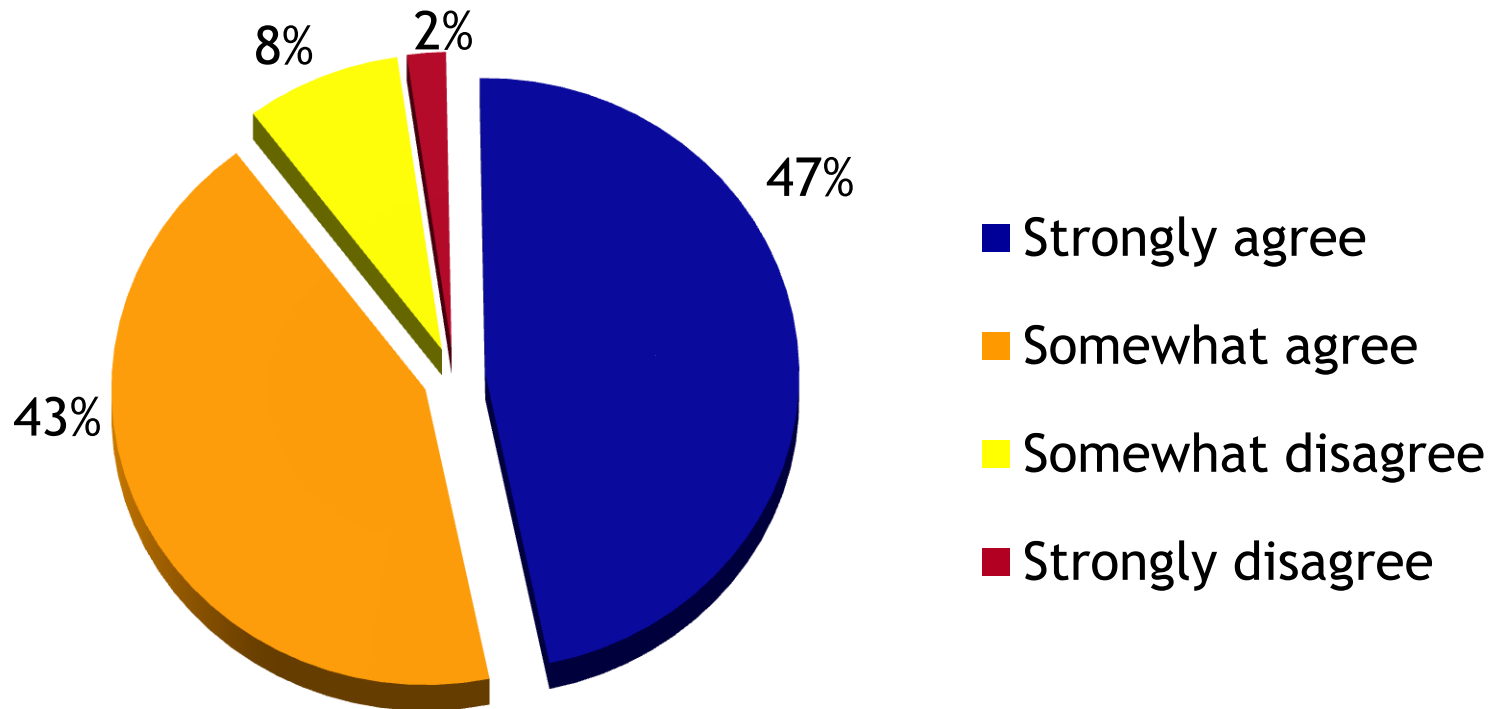
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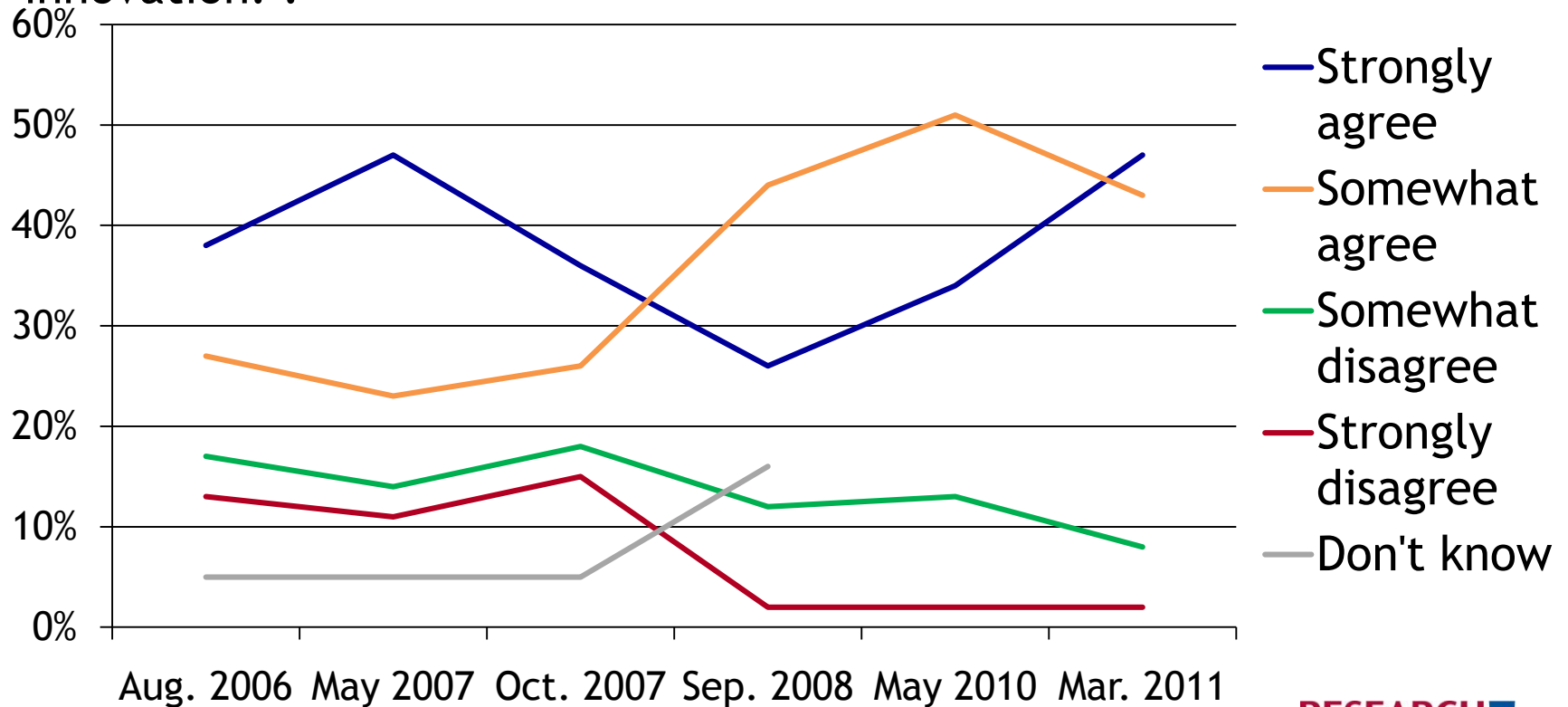
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The U.S. is in danger of losing its global competitive edge in science, technology and innovation."



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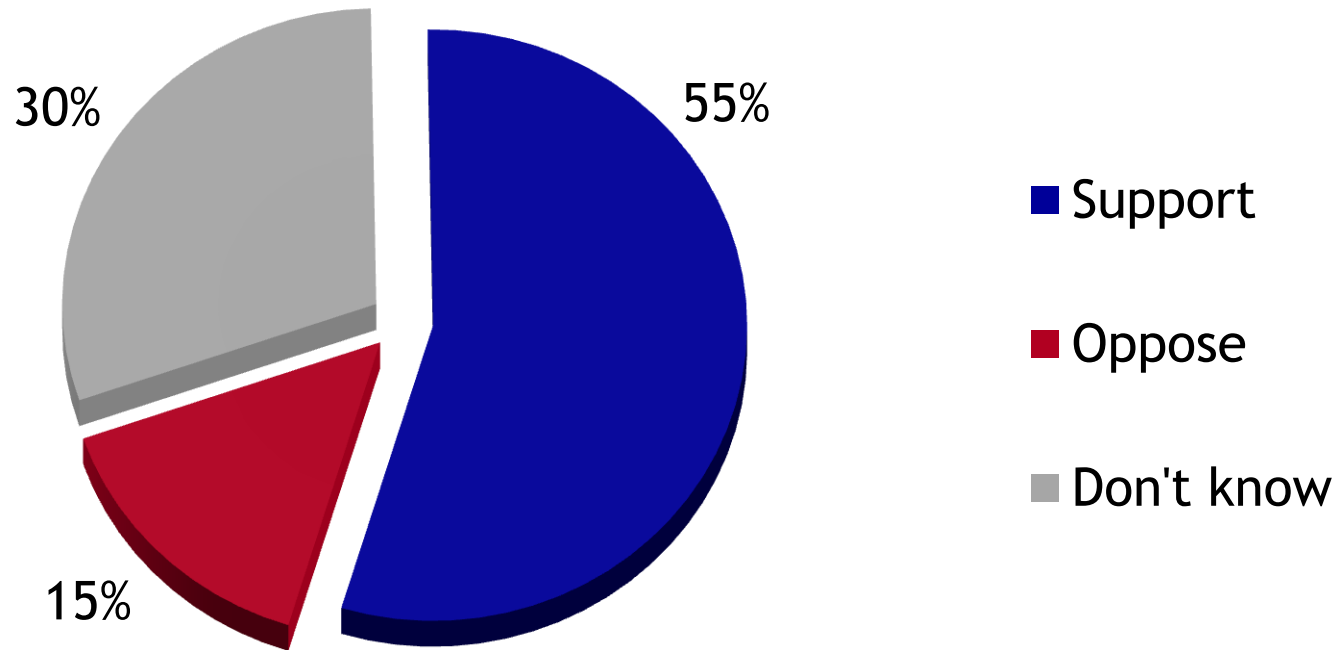
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Many Americans Support Incentives for Companies Doing Research

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



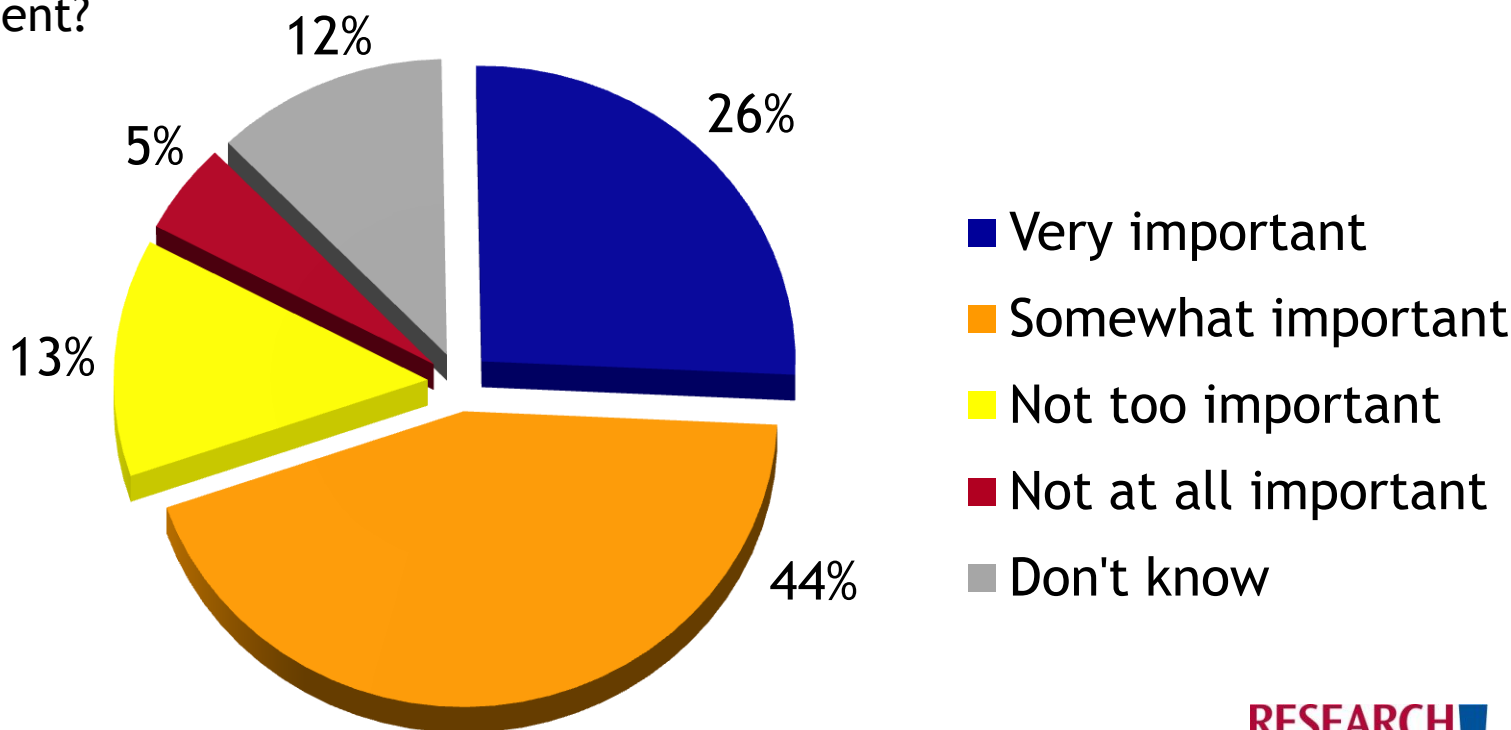
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New Question

No national comparison available.

Important to Make R&D Tax Credit Permanent

Since 1981, the federal government has offered a tax credit to businesses pursuing research and development activities. This credit is not permanent, however, and has only lasted through successive extensions. How important is it that the federal research and development tax credit is made permanent?



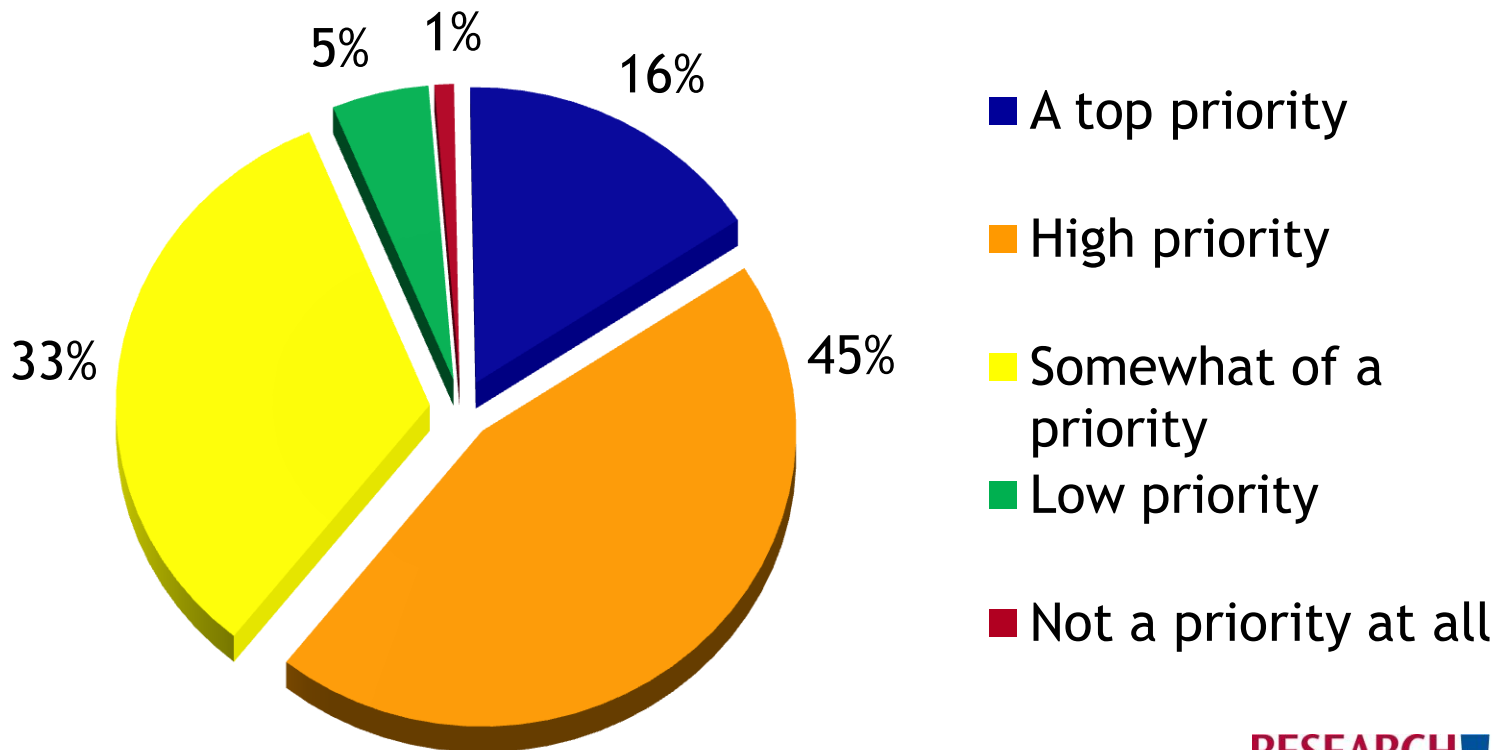
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Accelerating Investment in Health Research is a High Priority

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



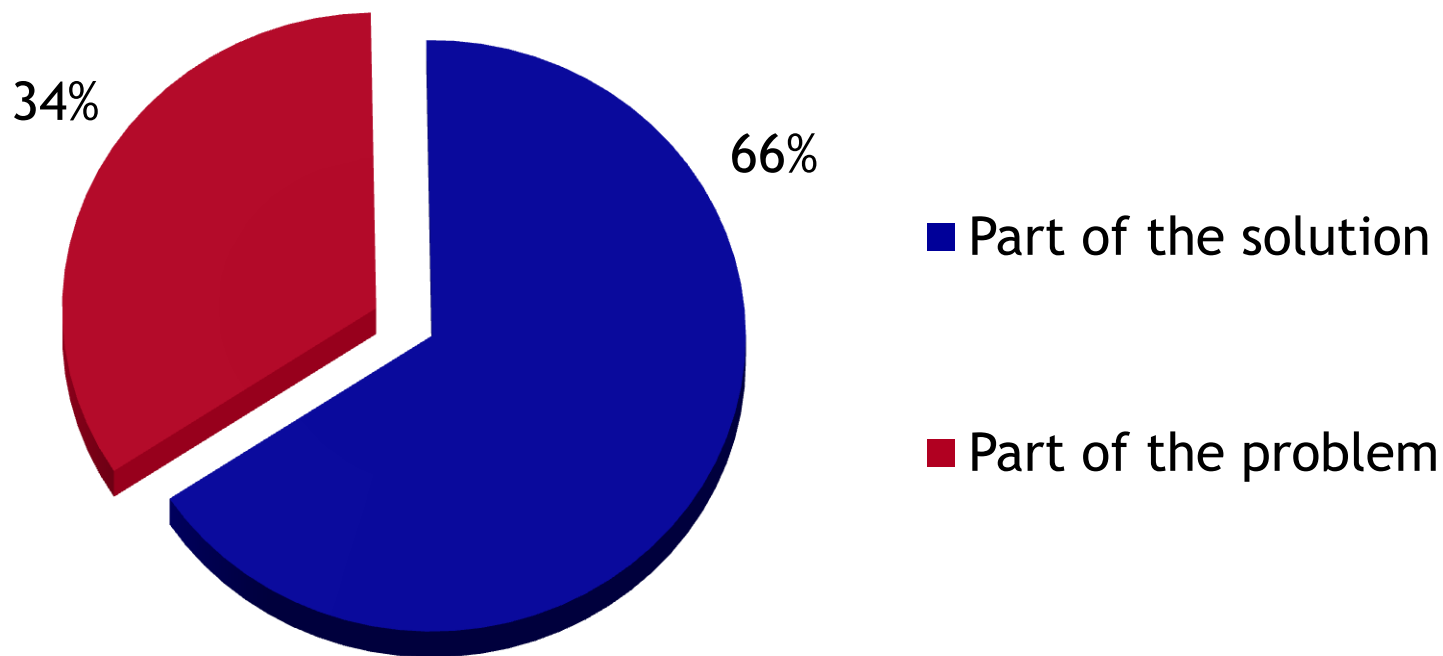
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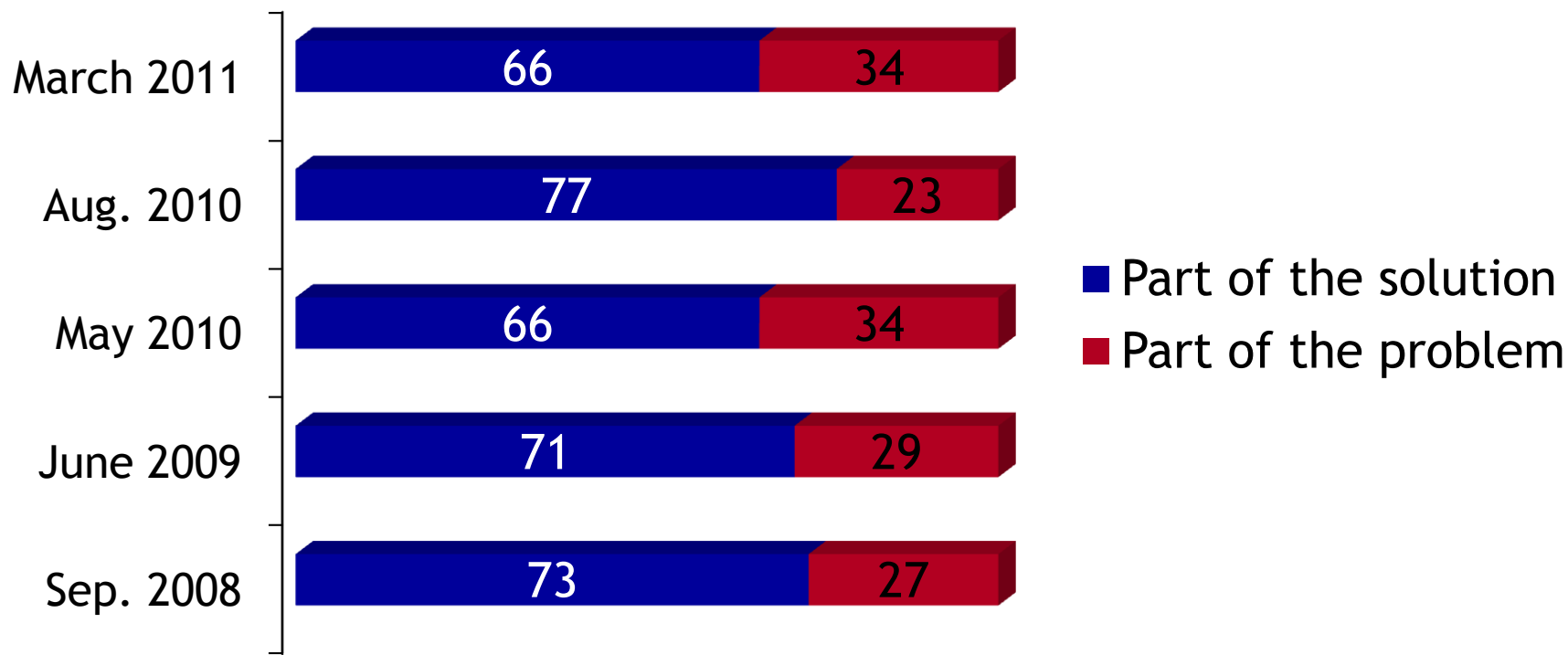
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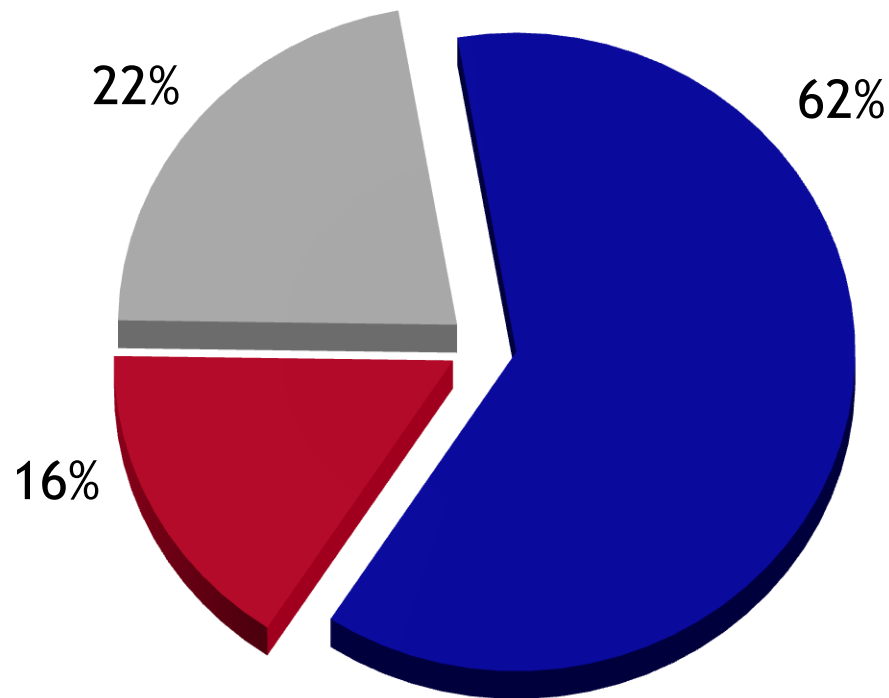
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When it comes to rising health care costs, would you say research to improve health is part of the problem or part of the solution? (% response)



CER Should Identify Most Effective Treatments Regardless of Cost

Comparative effectiveness research (CER) is meant to compare ways to prevent, diagnose, treat and monitor health conditions in order to match the right treatment to the right patient at the right time. Which is closest to your own view?



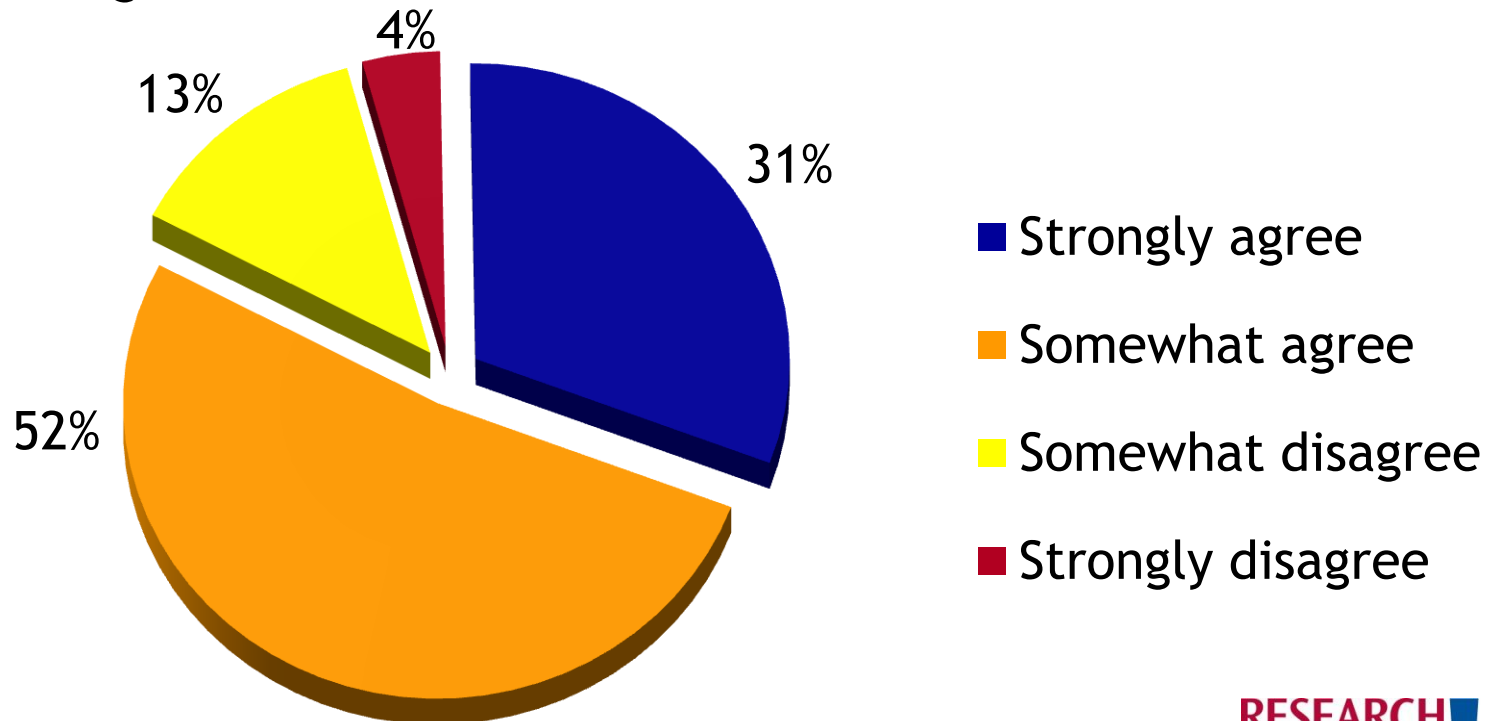
- Comparative effectiveness research should be used to inform patients and doctors about the most effective treatments, regardless of cost.
- Comparative effectiveness research should be used to limit health care to the most affordable treatments.
- No opinion

New Question

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Most Agree That Basic Research is Necessary

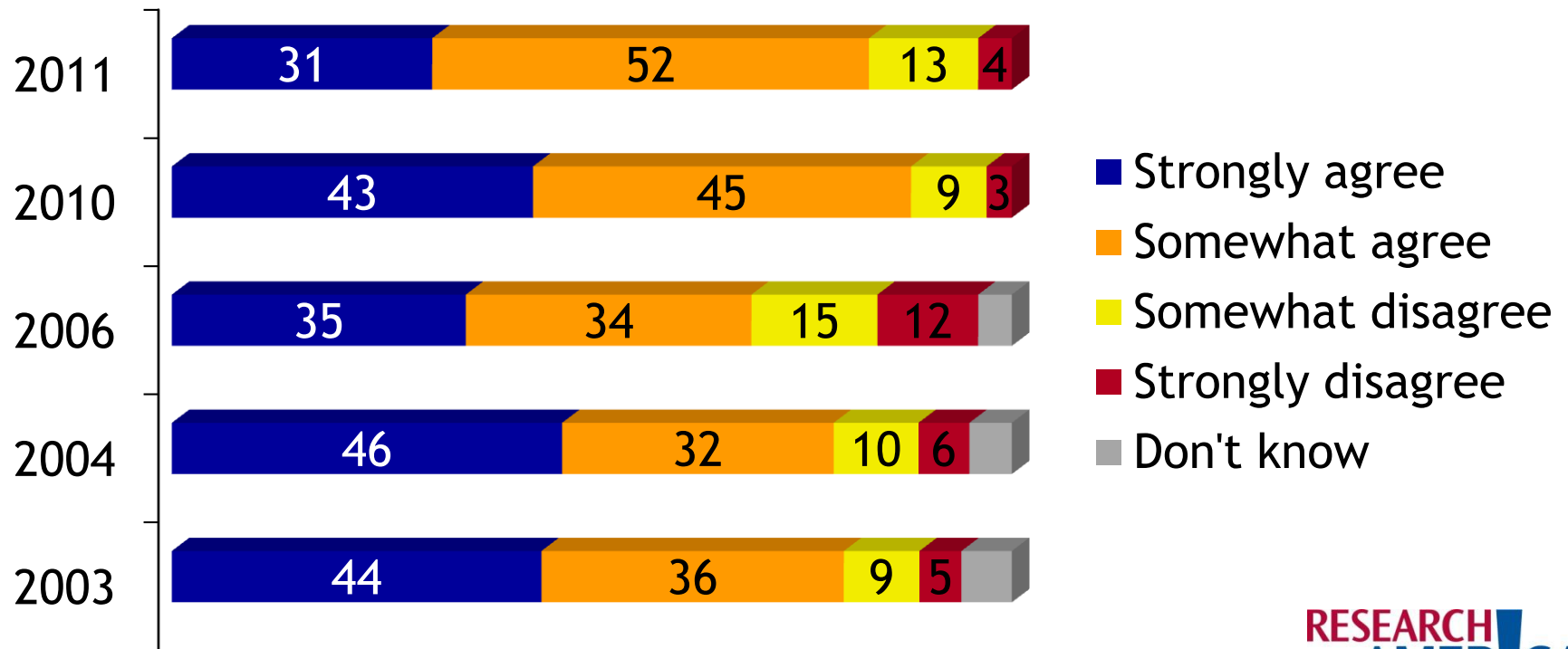
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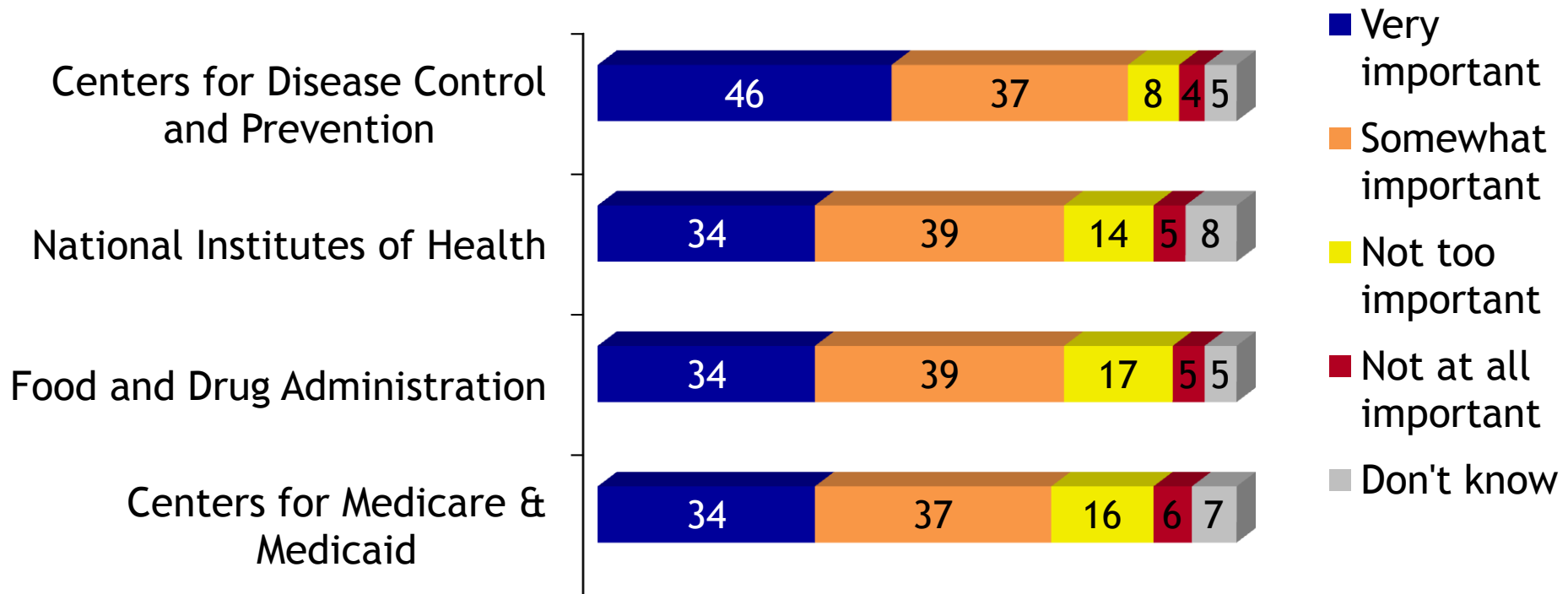


Source: National Public Opinion Polls, 2004 to 2011

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question.

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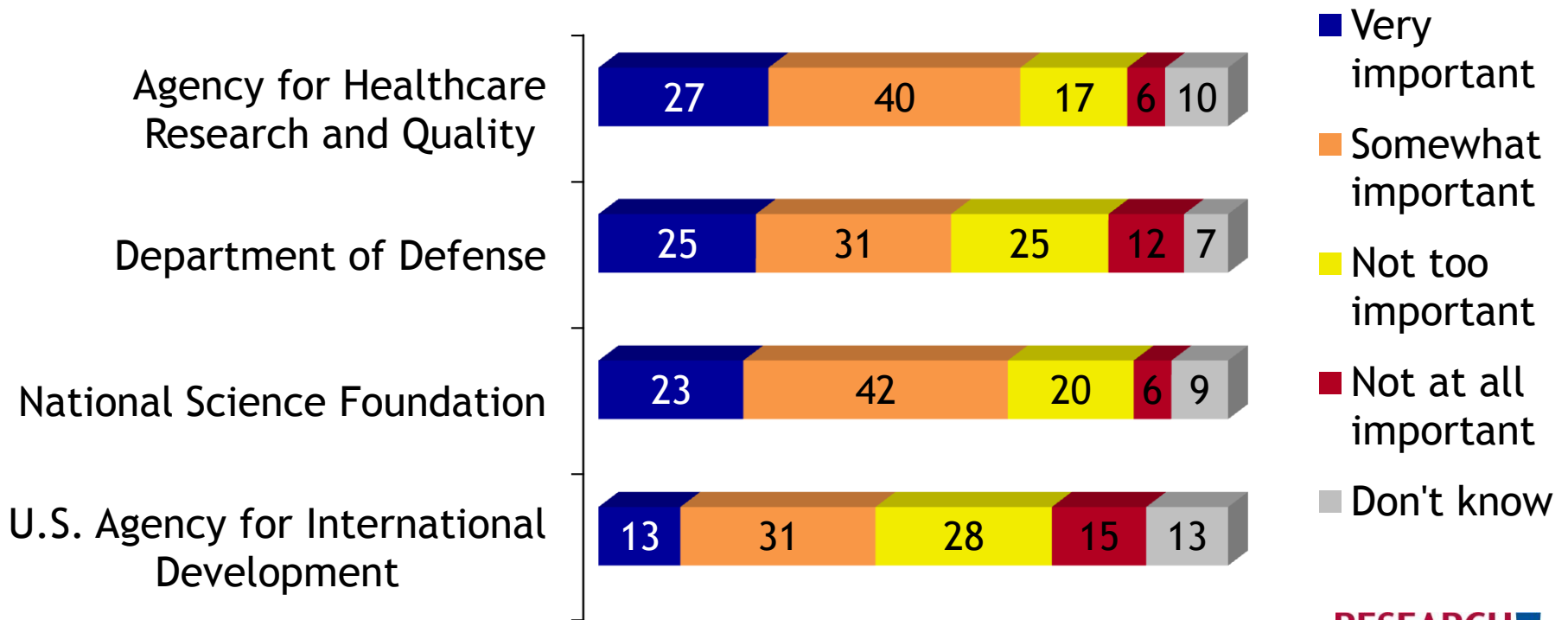
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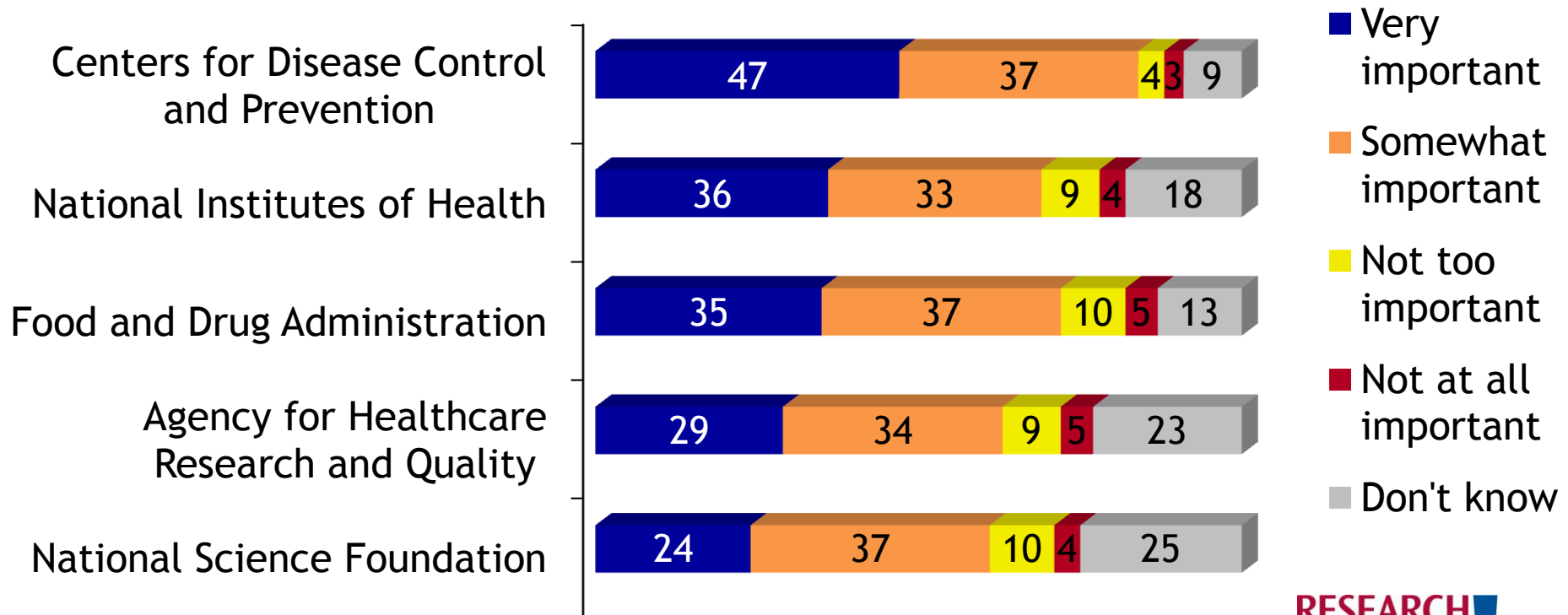
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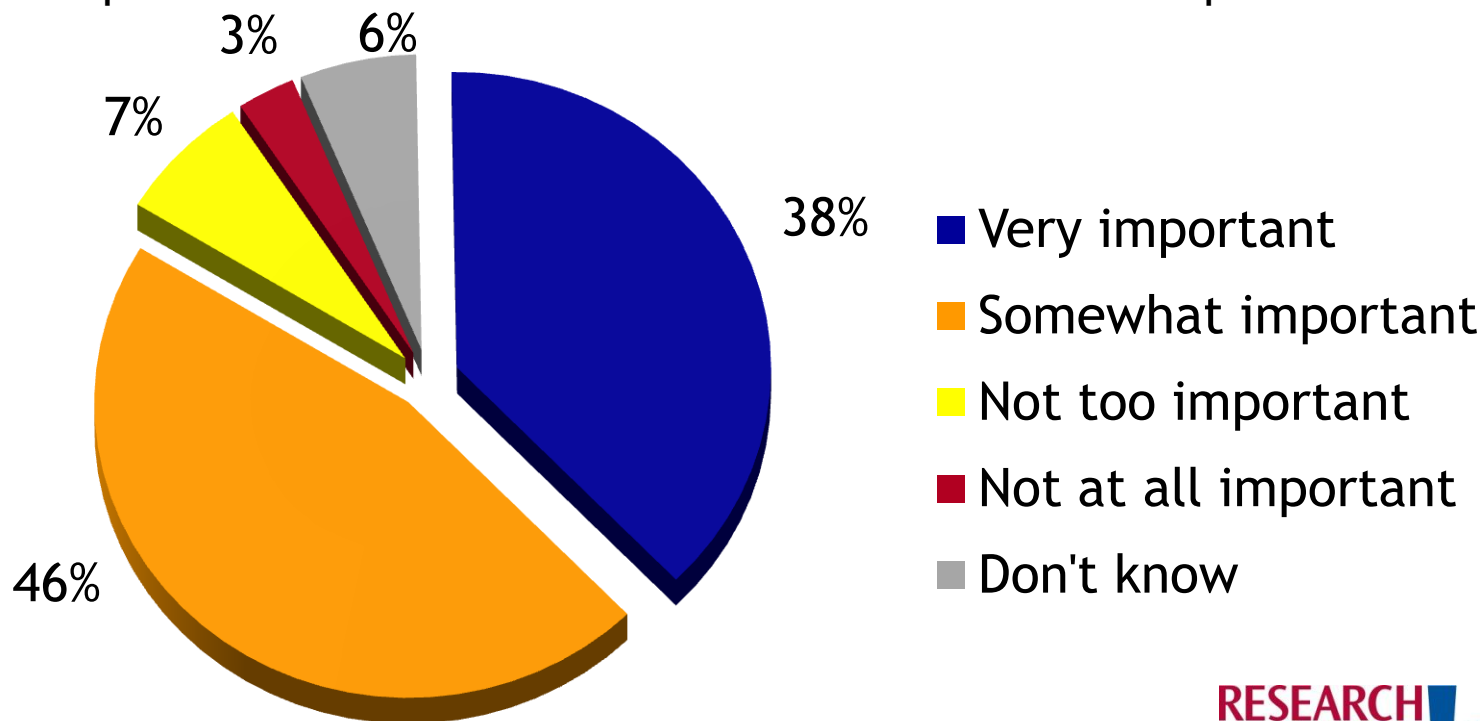
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Many Americans Say Investment in Regulatory Science is Important

Regulatory science is a field that develops new tools, standards and approaches to assess the safety, effectiveness, quality and performance of all FDA-regulated products. How important would you say it is that the U.S. invest in advancing regulatory science to make the drug and device development process more efficient for businesses and safer for patients?



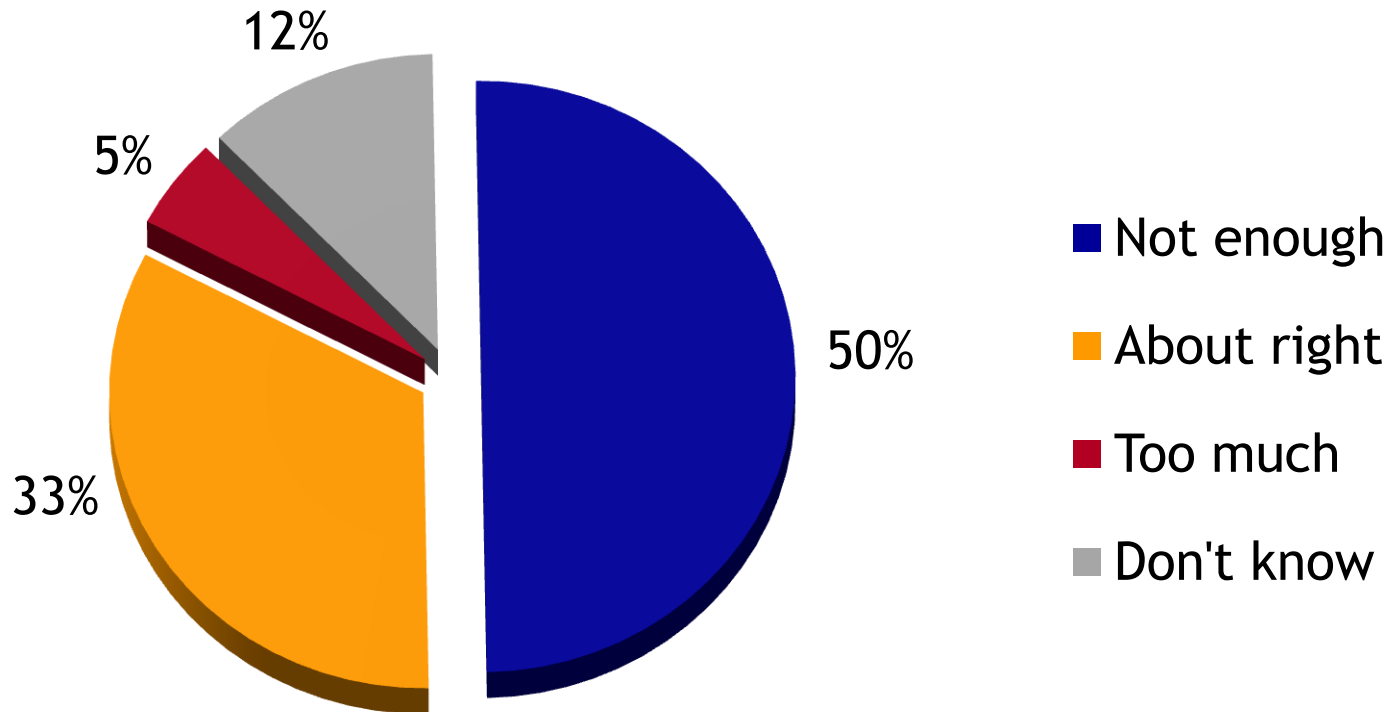
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Not Enough Support for Military Health Research

Would you say government support for health research for the benefit of military veterans and service members is...



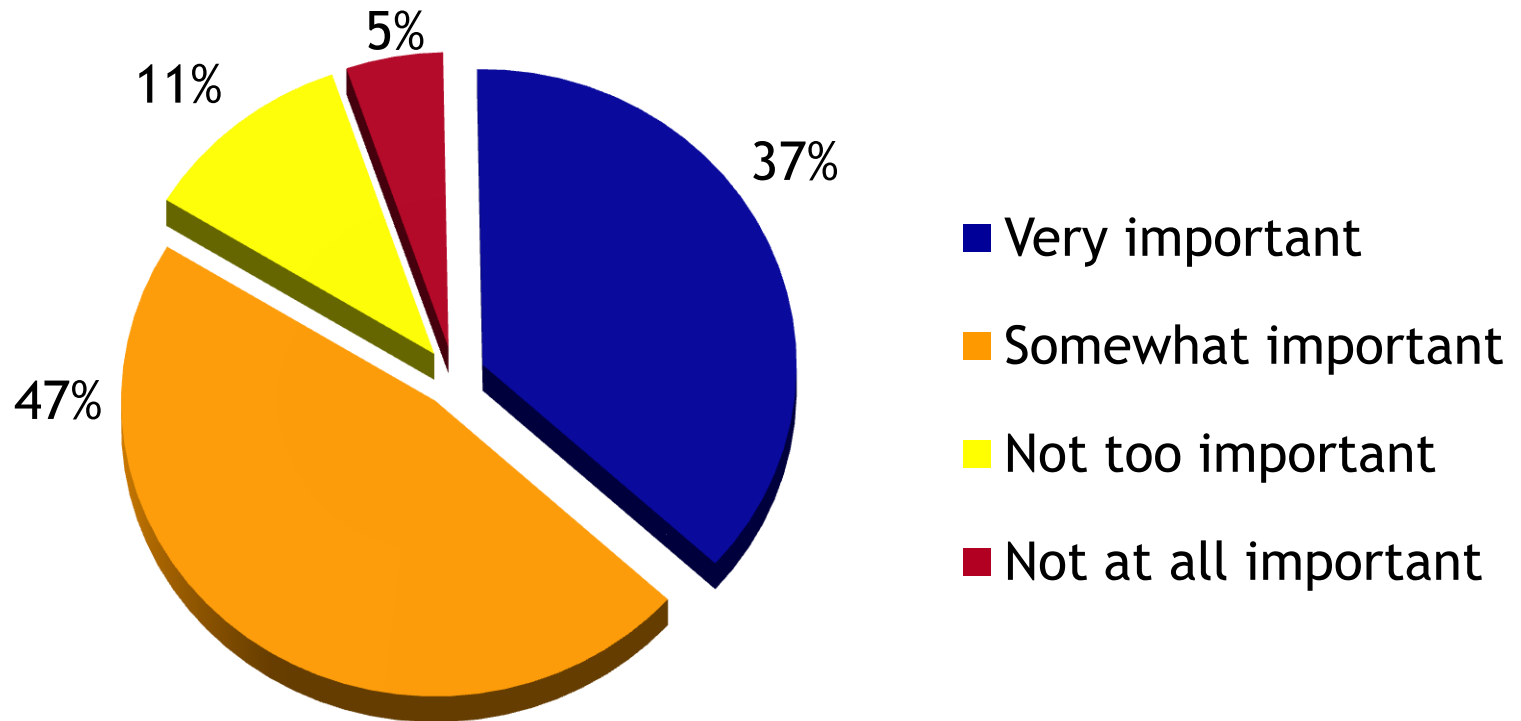
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Government Role in Prevention & Wellness Research Important

How important is it that the federal government plays a role in research for prevention and wellness?



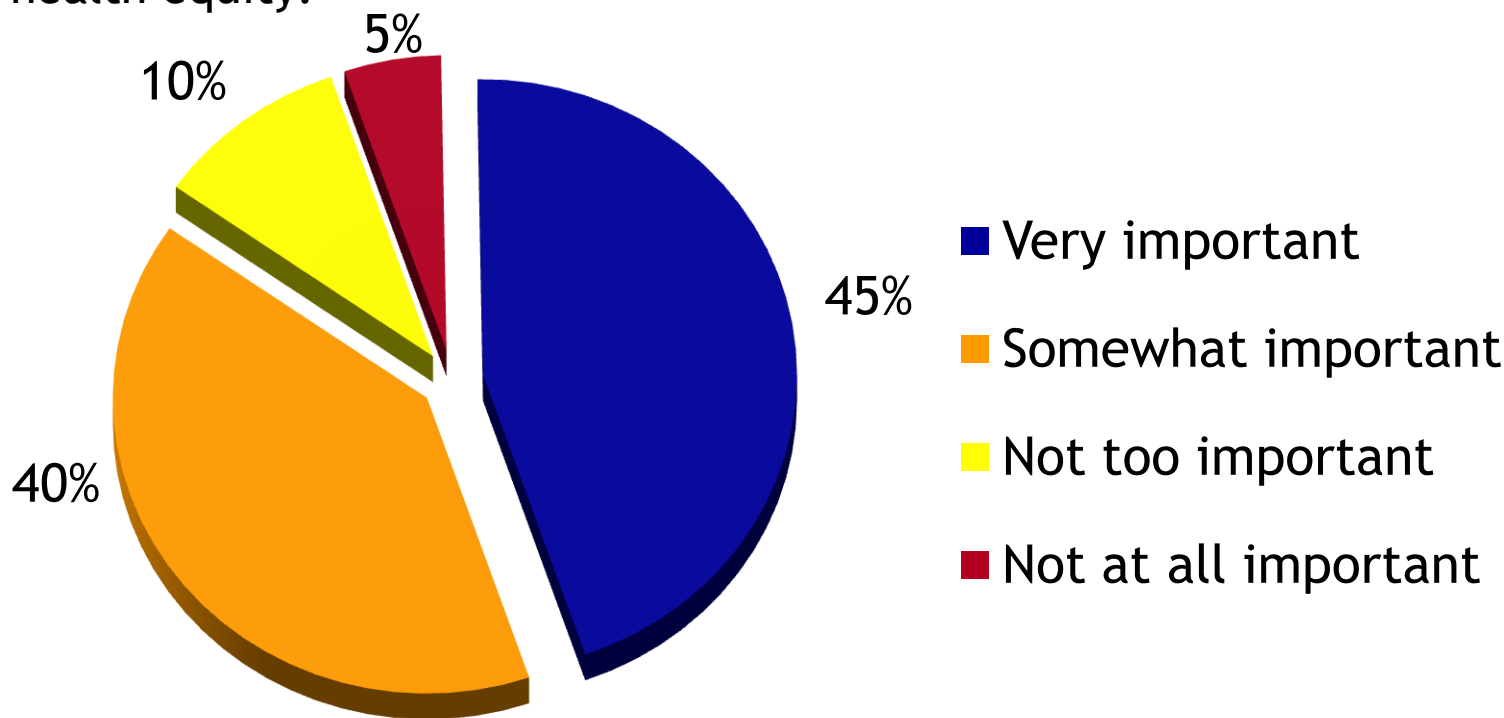
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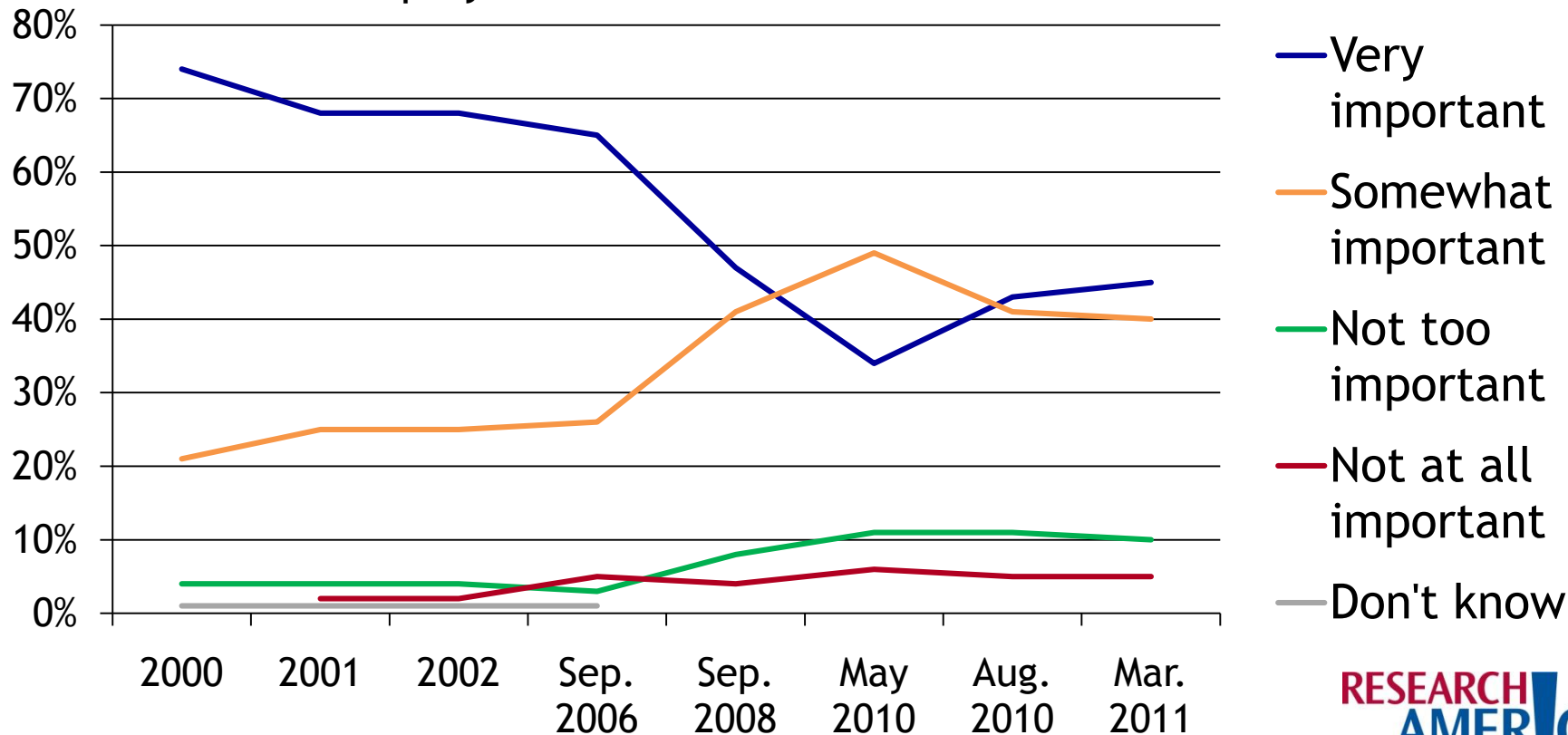
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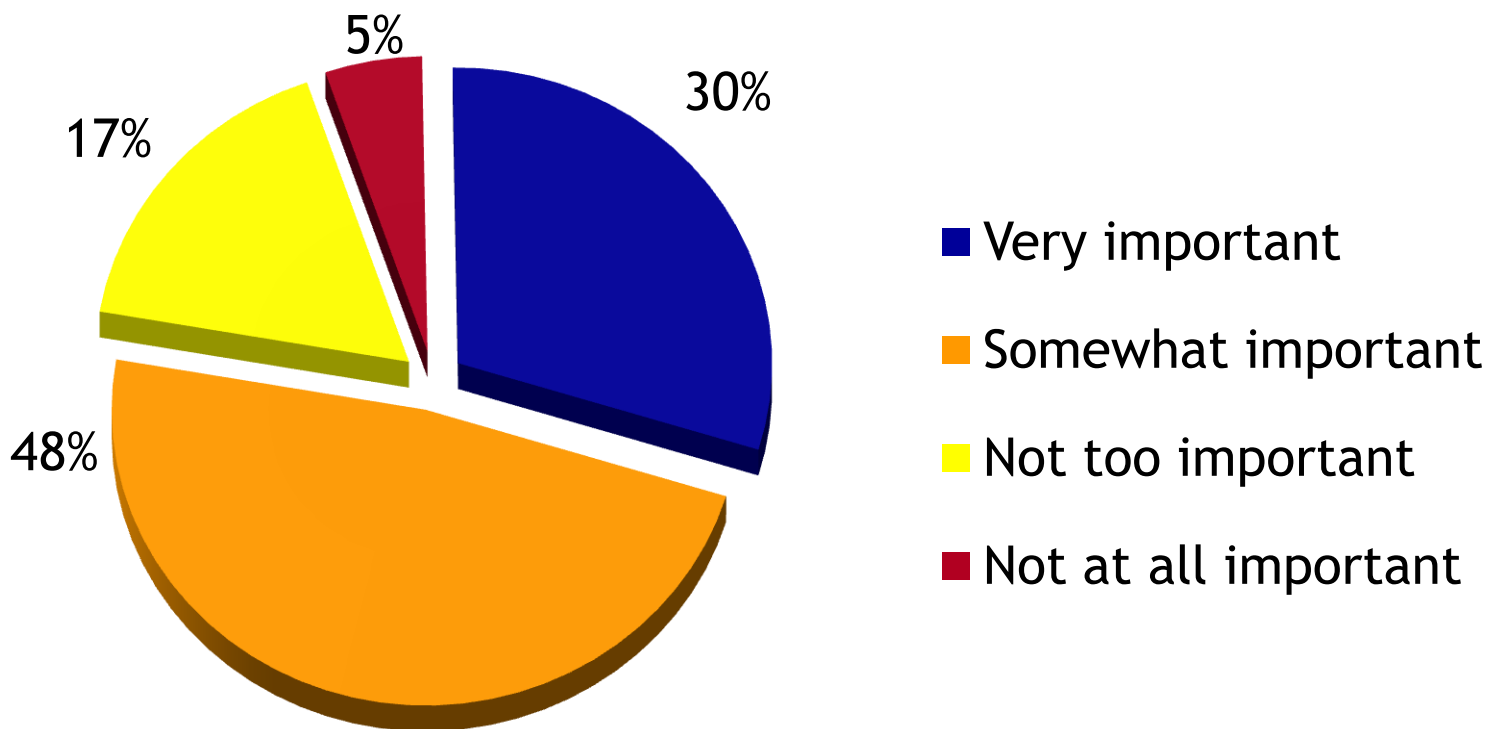
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Majority Say U.S. Global Health R&D is Important

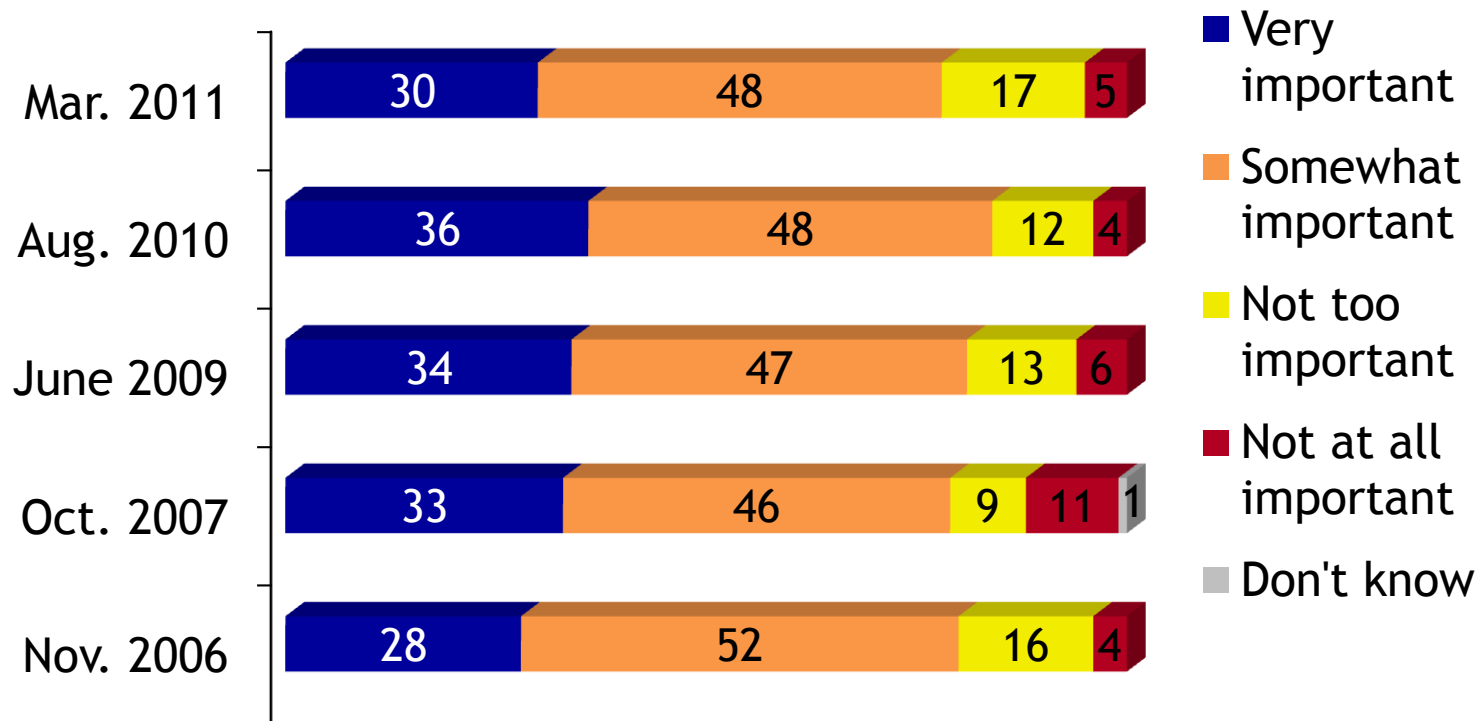
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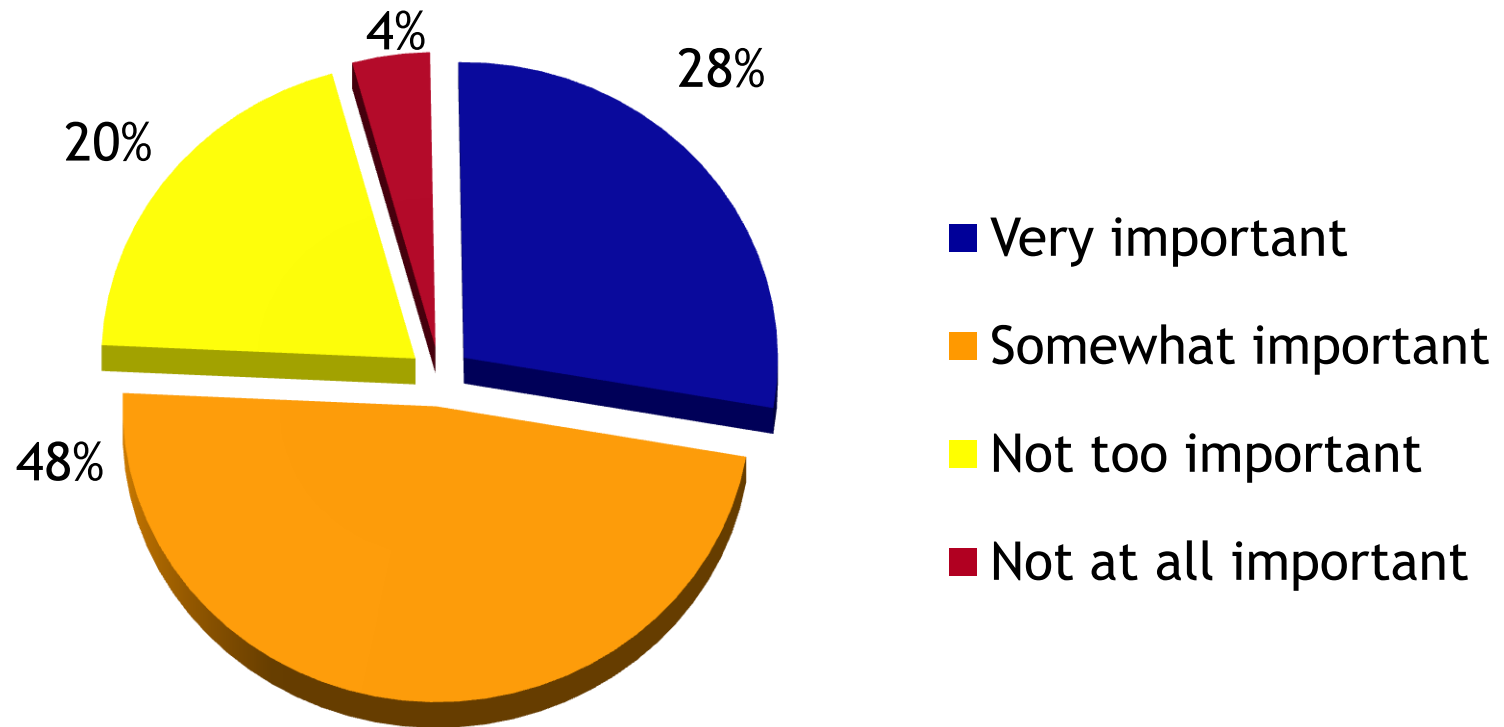
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Americans Think Global Health R&D is Important to U.S. Economy

How important do you think global health research and development is to the U.S. economy?



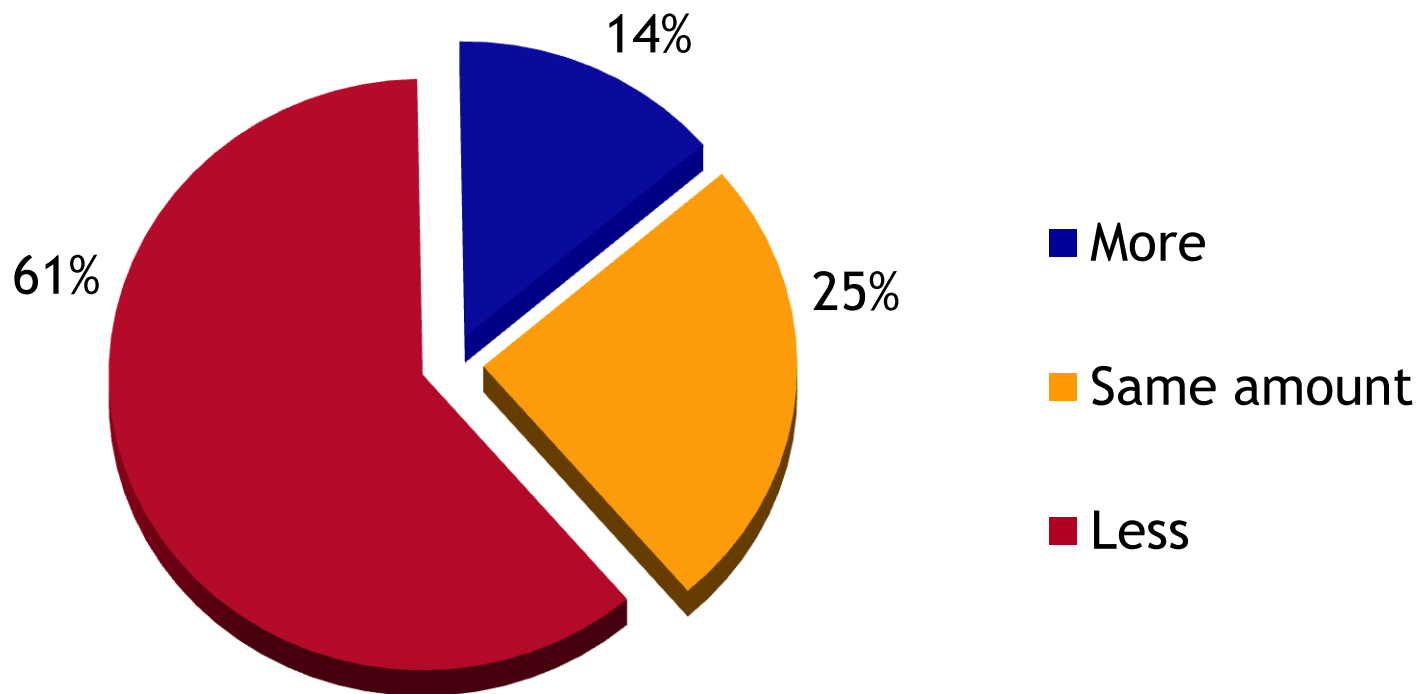
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Americans Trust Scientific Community Less Today

Compared to five years ago, would you say you trust the scientific community more, less, or about the same amount?



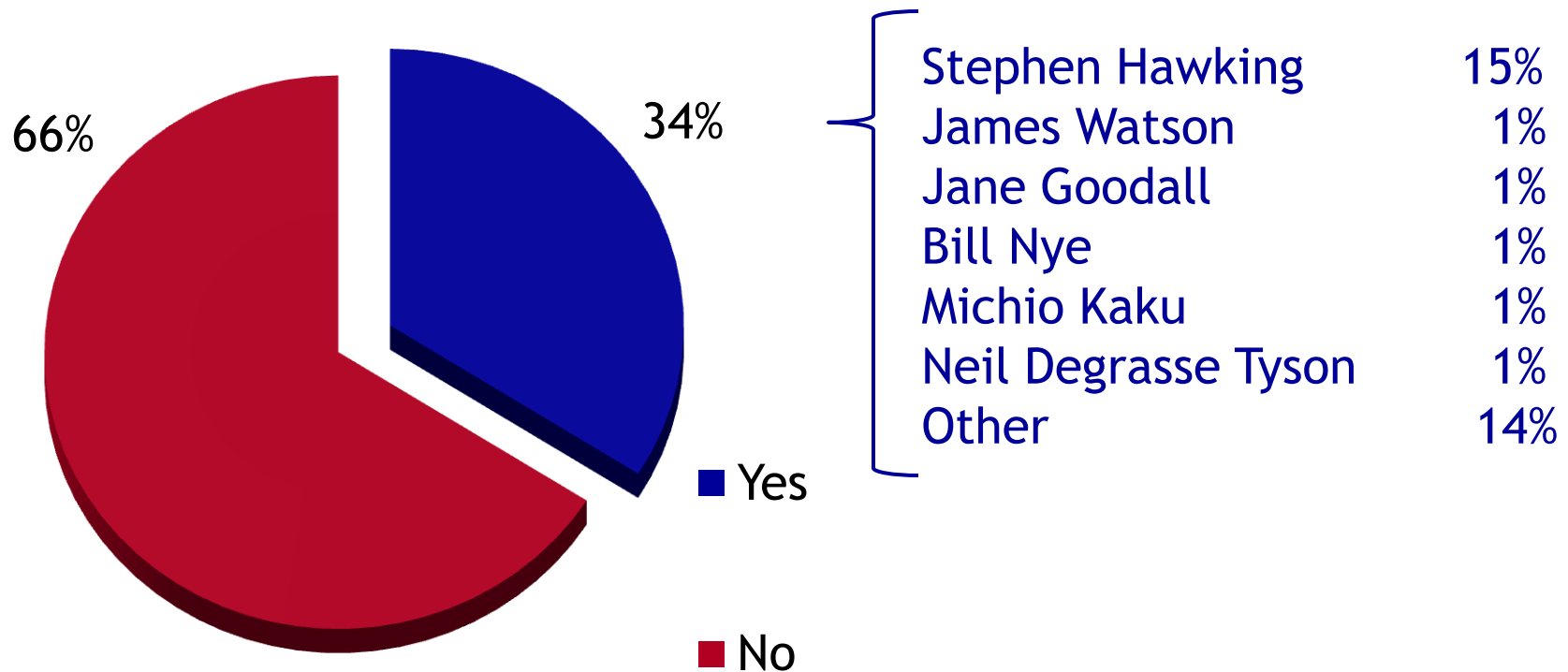
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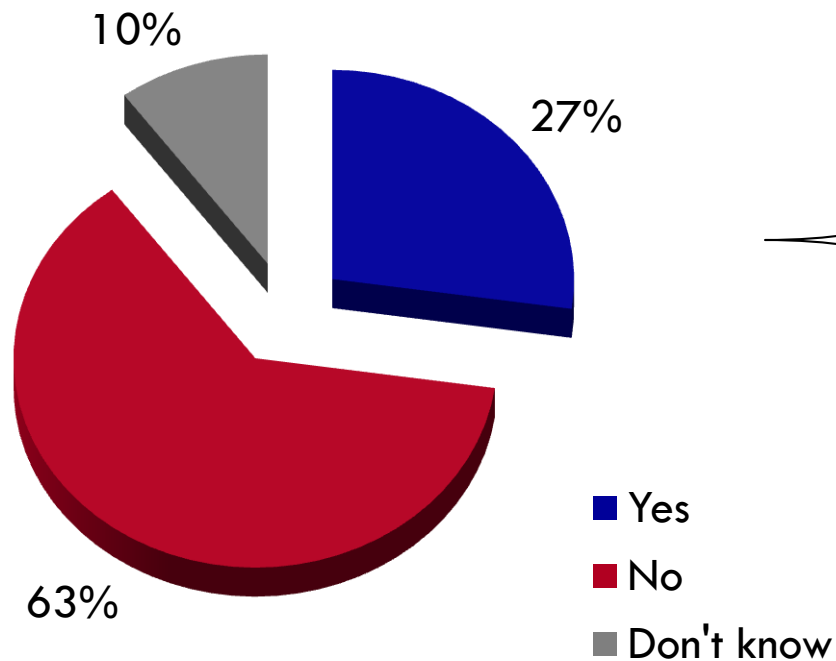
Most Americans Can't Name a Living Scientist

Can you name a living scientist? (first volunteered responses)



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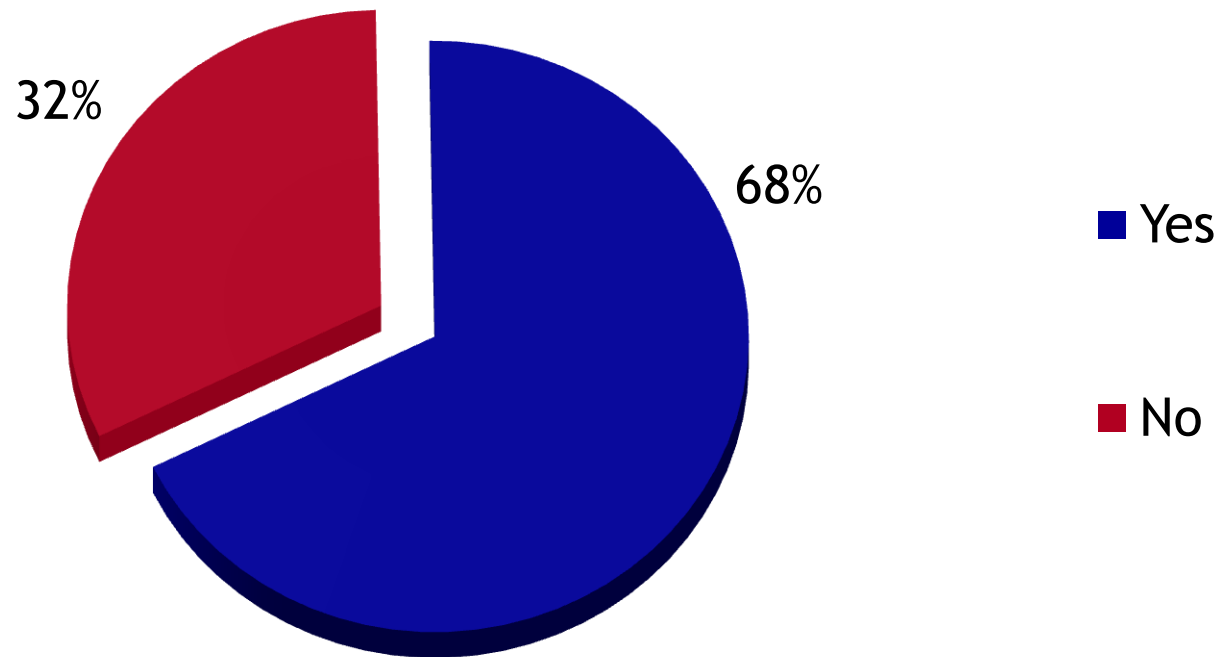
Can you name any living scientists? (% total volunteered responses)



Stephen Hawking	13%
James Watson	2%
Jane Goodall	2%
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Richard Dawkins	1%
Other	14%

Animal Research is Necessary for Progress in Human Health

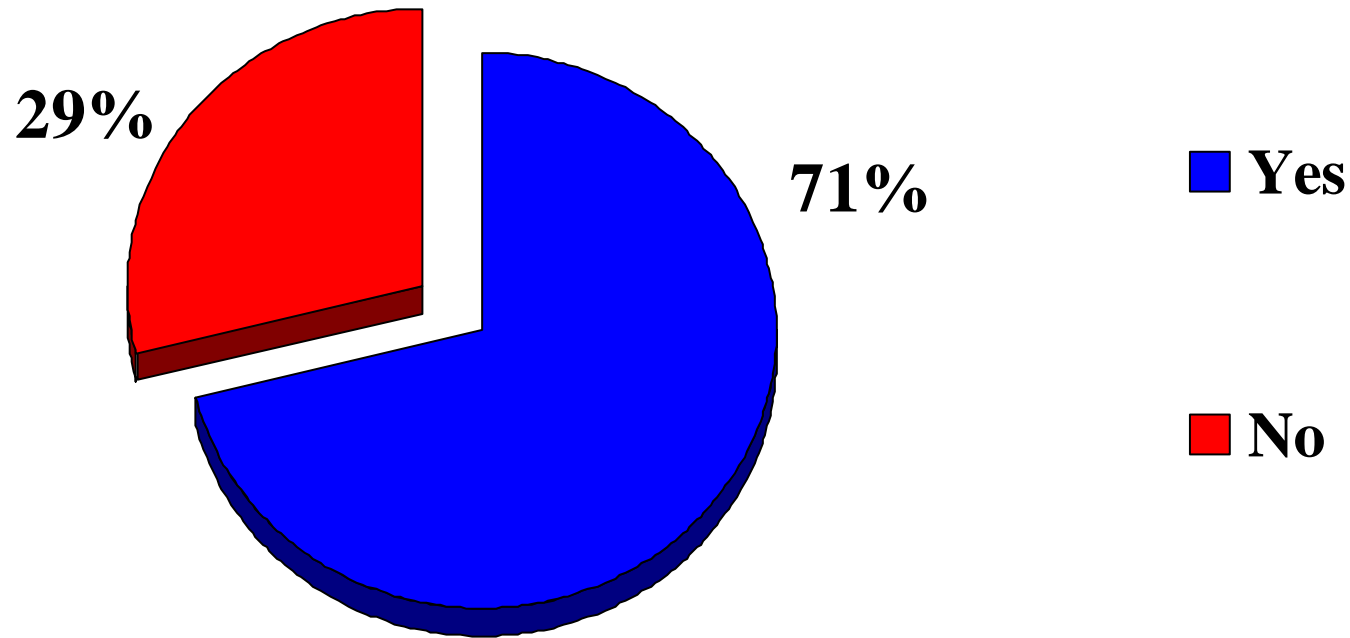
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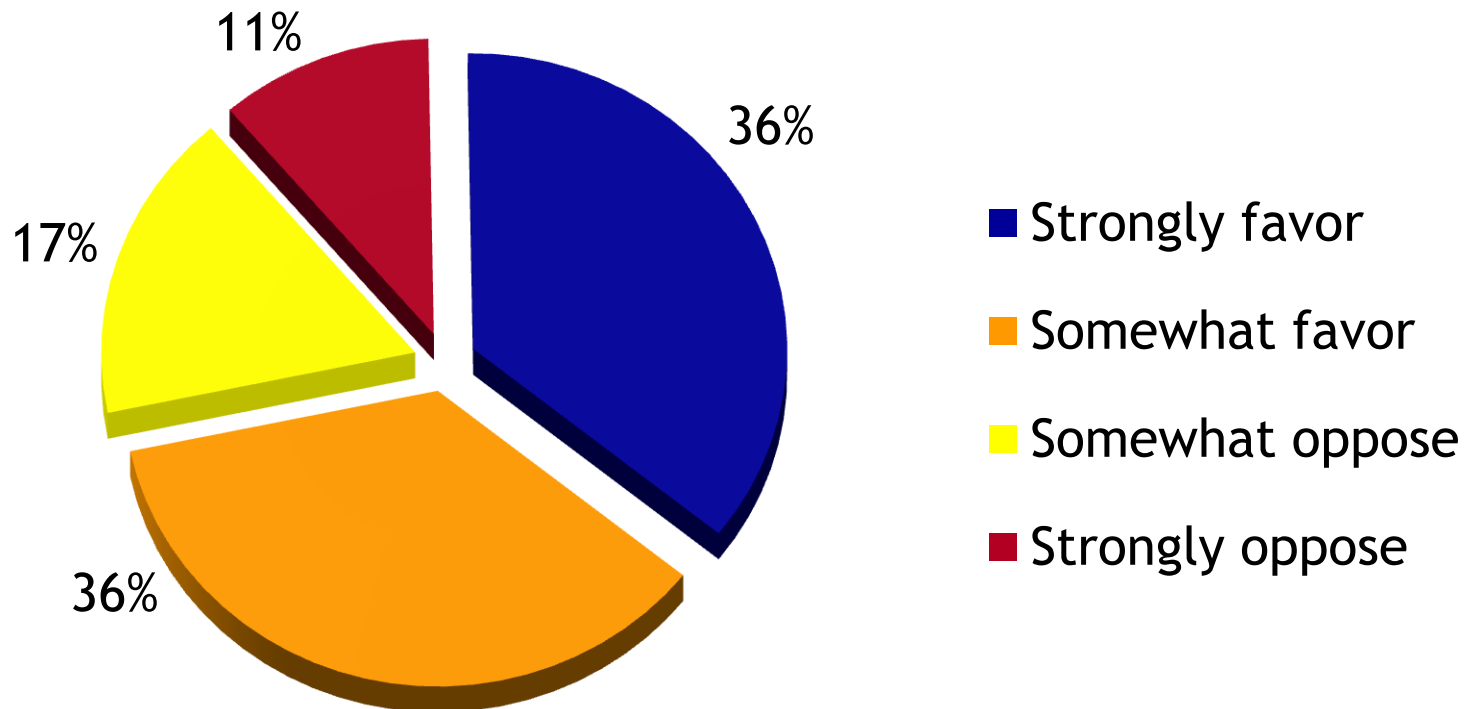
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Americans Favor Expanding Funding for ESC Research

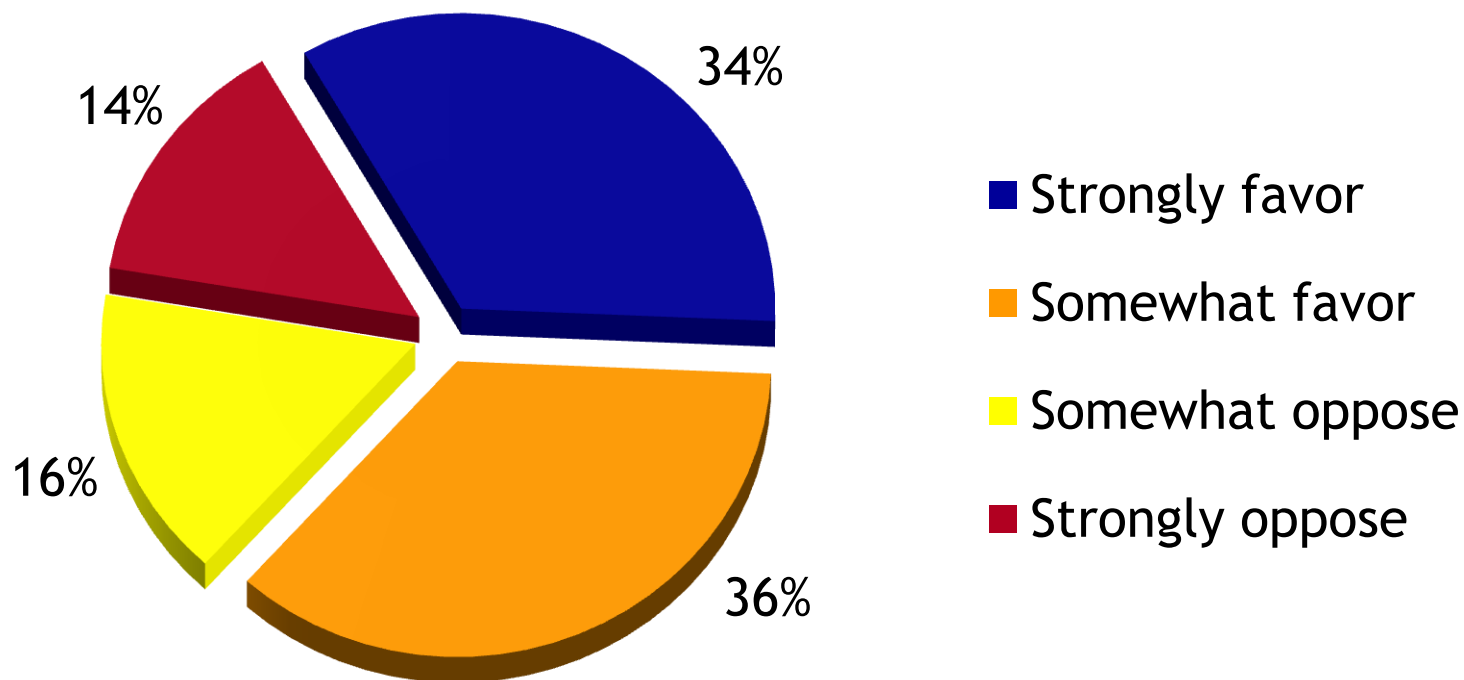
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