Americans’ Views on Funding for Science, Medical, and Health Research
Survey Methodology

This online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in January 2020, among 1,003 adults. The 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
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Agreement Across Parties that Spending on Research to Prevent, Cure and Treat Disease Is Not Enough

Source: A Research!America poll of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2020
Nearly 8 out of 10 Americans Favor Doubling Federal Funding for Medical Research over the Next Five Years

Do you favor or oppose doubling federal spending on medical research over the next five years?

- Strongly favor: 38%
- Somewhat favor: 38%
- Somewhat oppose: 8%
- Strongly oppose: 5%
- Not sure: 12%
Do you favor or oppose doubling federal spending on medical research over the next five years?

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More than Two-Thirds Would Pay More in Taxes to Fund 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?

- Yes: 68%
- No: 17%
- Not sure: 15%

Source: A Research!America poll of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2020.
Parties Agree that Investing in Research is Important to Job Creation

How important is investing in research to job creation?

- **Democrat**
  - Very important: 55%
  - Somewhat important: 33%
  - Not too important: 9%

- **Republican**
  - Very important: 49%
  - Somewhat important: 34%
  - Not too important: 11%

- **Independent**
  - Very important: 41%
  - Somewhat important: 41%
  - Not too important: 8%
Parties Agree that Investing in Research is Important to Economic Growth

How important is investing in research to economic growth?

- **Democrat**
  - Very important: 56%
  - Somewhat important: 31%
  - Not too important: 9%
  - Not at all important: 2%
  - Not sure: 2%

- **Republican**
  - Very important: 49%
  - Somewhat important: 36%
  - Not too important: 10%
  - Not at all important: 2%
  - Not sure: 3%

- **Independent**
  - Very important: 46%
  - Somewhat important: 35%
  - Not too important: 11%
  - Not at all important: 2%
  - Not sure: 7%

Source: A Research!America poll of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2020.
9 out of 10 Americans Believe it is Important to Prioritize Faster Medical Progress

How important is it for the President and Congress to assign a high priority to ensuring faster medical progress?

- **Very important**: 53%
- **Somewhat important**: 35%
- **Not very important**: 4%
- **Not at all important**: 2%
- **Not sure**: 6%

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Agreement Across Parties on Importance of Prioritizing Faster Medical Progress

How important is it for the President and Congress to assign a high priority to ensuring faster medical progress?

- **Democrat**
  - Very important: 62%
  - Somewhat important: 30%
  - Not very important: 3%
  - Not at all important: 1%
  - Not sure: 4%

- **Republican**
  - Very important: 49%
  - Somewhat important: 40%
  - Not very important: 5%
  - Not at all important: 3%
  - Not sure: 4%

- **Independent**
  - Very important: 48%
  - Somewhat important: 35%
  - Not very important: 4%
  - Not at all important: 3%
  - Not sure: 10%

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Majority of Americans Think Public Investment in Mental Health Research Is Not Enough

Do you think public investment in mental health research is the right amount, not enough, or about right?

- 60%: Not enough
- 25%: The right amount
- 13%: Too much
- 2%: Not sure

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Most Americans Think Basic Research is Necessary and Should be Supported by the Federal Government

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.

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