Louisianans Speak Out on Medical and Health Research
State Survey Methodology

This state online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in February 2016, among 800 adults ages 18+ in Louisiana. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.5 percentage points*

*Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides
Important for Louisiana to lead in Research and Technology

How important do you think it is for Louisiana to be a leader in the following categories? (% saying very and somewhat important)

- Agriculture: 90%
- Education: 92%
- Medical and Health Research: 89%
- Oil and Energy: 90%
- Tourism: 85%
- Information Technology: 79%

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
State Funds Should Support Research at Public Universities

Do you agree or disagree that Louisiana state (taxpayer) funds should be used to support scientific research at public universities?

- **27%** Strongly Agree
- **42%** Somewhat Agree
- **16%** Somewhat Disagree
- **8%** Strongly Disagree
- **7%** Not Sure

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Investments in Medical Research Important to Louisiana Economy

In terms of jobs and incomes, how important do you think spending money on medical research is to Louisiana's economy?

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
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 for Louisiana to fund and conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Some types of prevention research aim to help people make behavioral changes that can help them overcome health threats such as smoking. Do you believe the Louisiana state legislature should help fund this prevention research?

- **58%** Yes
- **22%** No
- **20%** Not Sure

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
State Should Fund Obesity, Hypertension and Diabetes Research

Some types of prevention research aim to help people make behavioral changes that can help them overcome health threats such as obesity, hypertension and diabetes. Do you believe the Louisiana state legislature should help fund this prevention research?

- 62% Yes
- 20% No
- 18% Not Sure

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Majority say Mental Health and Physical Health are Treated Differently

Do you think our health care system treats mental health and physical health the same?

- Yes: 15%
- No: 66%
- Not Sure: 19%

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Physical Health Treated with More Importance than Mental Health

Which one do you think is treated with greater importance (in our health care system)?

- 75% Physical health is treated with more importance
- 12% Physical and Mental health are treated with equal importance
- 6% Mental health is treated with more importance
- 7% Don’t Know/Refused

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Access to Mental Health Services is Getting Worse

Do you think access to mental health services, such as counseling, is getting better, getting worse, or staying the same in Louisiana?

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Louisiana Should Assign a Higher Priority to STEM Education

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

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Louisianans Willing to Share Personal Health Data for Research

For which of the following would you be willing to share your personal health information? (Choose all that apply)

- To advance medical research: 47%
- So health care providers can improve patient care: 46%
- So public health officials can better track disease and disability and the causes: 30%
- None: 16%
- Not Sure: 16%

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Majority Support Gene Therapy

Based on what you know of gene therapy, that is, the altering of human genes to treat disease, do you think that research into gene therapy should be continued or should it be stopped?

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.
Important for Candidates to Support Increased Funding for Medical Research

How important is it for candidates running for national office this year to assign a high priority to increasing funding for medical research?

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