Maryland on Global Health
Public Opinion Poll
October 2011

Marylanders Concerned About Infectious Diseases
How concerned are you that infectious diseases elsewhere in the world will impact us here at home?

- Very concerned: 3%
- Somewhat concerned: 21%
- Not too concerned: 30%
- Not at all concerned: 46%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
Charlton Research Company for Research!America

Health Research Funding Should Be Exempt from Budget Cuts
Should federal funding for health and medical research be exempt from budget cuts?

- Yes: 48%
- Don’t know: 19%
- No: 33%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
Charlton Research Company for Research!America

Marylanders Are Concerned About Global Health
Global Health includes conditions and diseases that disproportionately affect individuals living in low- and middle-income countries. When you hear the term global health, do you think it is an issue about which Maryland residents should be concerned?

- Yes: 28%
- No: 72%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
Charlton Research Company for Research!America

Marylanders’ Voting Preferences
Global health research is research to prevent, treat and cure diseases that disproportionately affect the world’s poorest nations. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate in the 2012 elections who made global health research a top priority?

- More likely: 16%
- No difference: 35%
- Less likely: 48%
- Don’t know: 1%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
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Many Marylanders Think Global Health Research Creates Jobs

Do you think global health research creates jobs in Maryland?

- Yes: 58%
- Don’t Know/Refused: 22%
- No: 20%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
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Marylanders Think Civilians Benefit from Military Health Research

How much do you think American civilians benefit from health research conducted by the U.S. military?

- A great deal: 37%
- Some: 45%
- Not Much: 15%
- No benefit: 3%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
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Marylanders Say Americans Should Be Concerned About Global Diseases

Should Americans be concerned about diseases - like malaria, dengue fever, and cholera - that mostly affect poorer countries?

- Yes: 24%
- No: 76%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
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Marylanders Think U.S. Global Competitive Edge is in Danger

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.”

- Strongly agree: 17%
- Somewhat agree: 33%
- Somewhat disagree: 45%
- Strongly disagree: 5%

Source: Maryland Global Health Survey, October 2011
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Very Important for Elected Officials to Listen to Scientists

In thinking about threats to our health, how important is it that elected officials at all levels listen to advice from scientists and public health professionals?

- Very important: 36%
- Somewhat important: 59%
- Not too important: 1%
- Not at all important: 4%

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The Maryland Global Health Poll was conducted online in October 2011 by Charlton Research Company for Research!America. The poll has a sample size of 800 adult residents of Maryland with a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.5%.

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