



Americans' Views on Antibiotic Resistance

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National Public Opinion Survey Conducted by
Research!America

Partners

A national public opinion survey commissioned by Research!America in collaboration with the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA). The survey was supported in part by Pfizer Inc.



Source: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in October 2018.



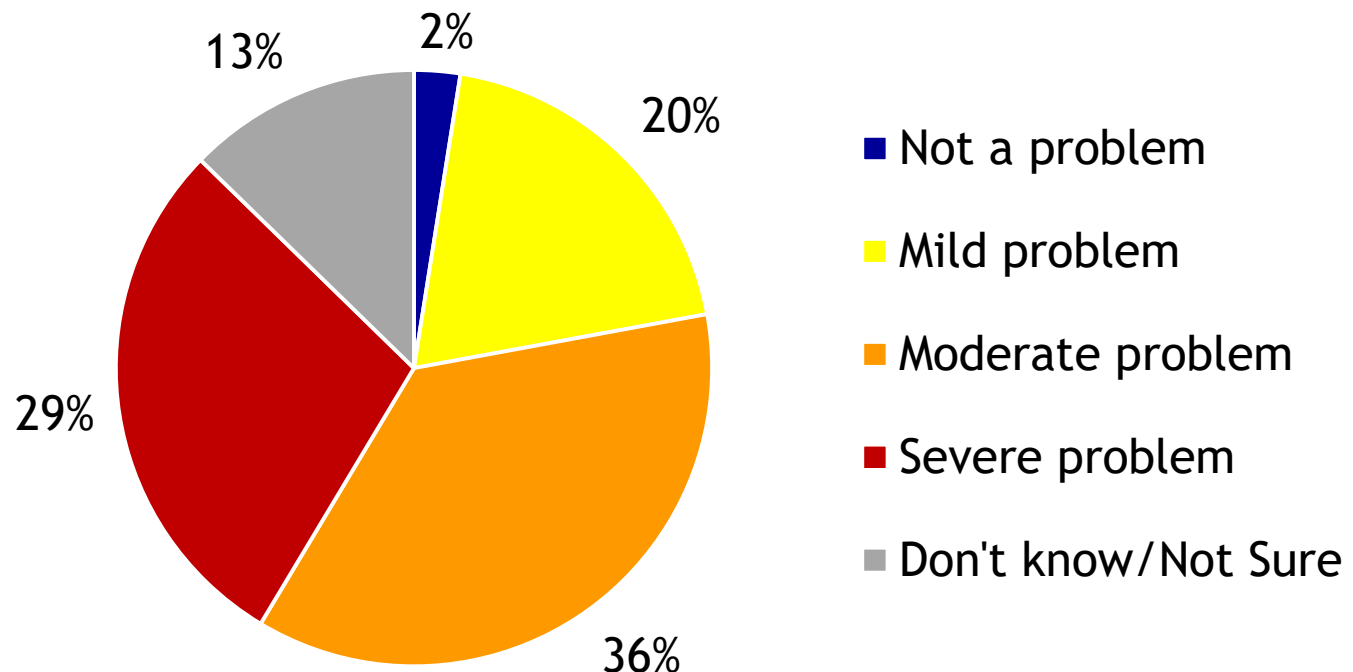
Methodology

This nationwide online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in October 2018 among 1,004 adults in the U.S. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.*

*Due to rounding, the total may not add to 100% on some charts.

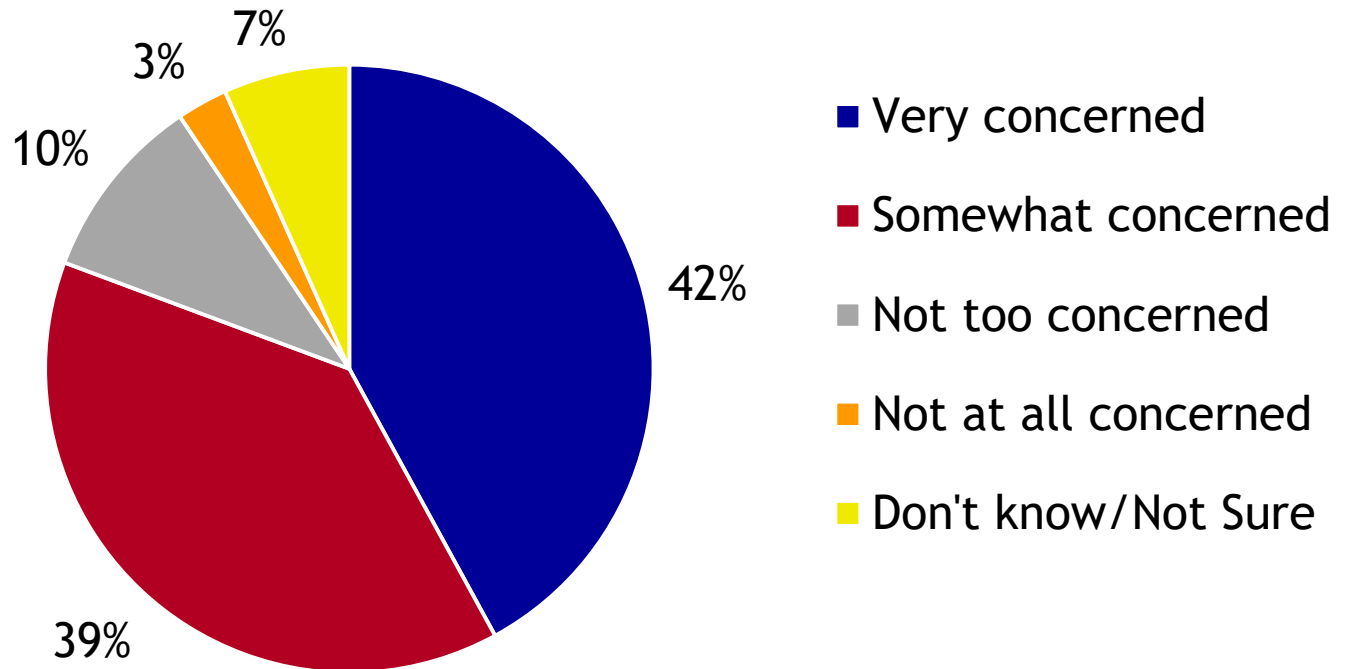
Two Thirds Say Antibiotic Resistance is a Threat to Public Health

How big of a problem do you believe antibiotic resistance is to public health?



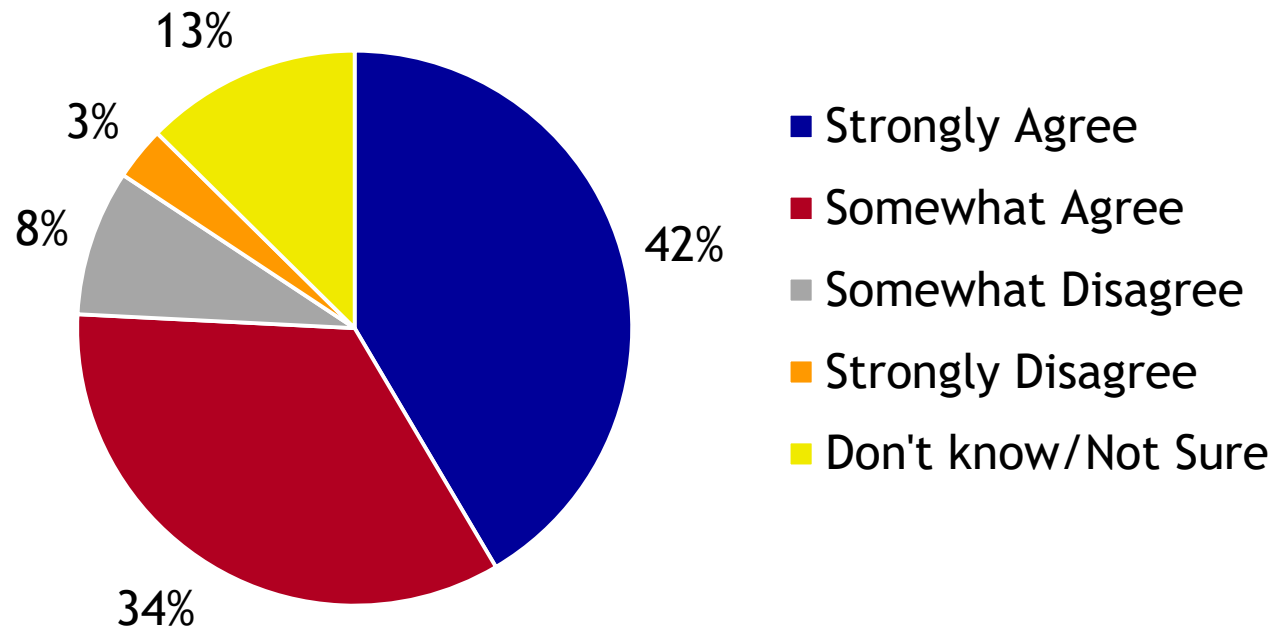
Over 80% Concerned About Antibiotic Resistance

How concerned are you that antibiotic resistance will make more infections difficult or impossible to treat and even deadly?



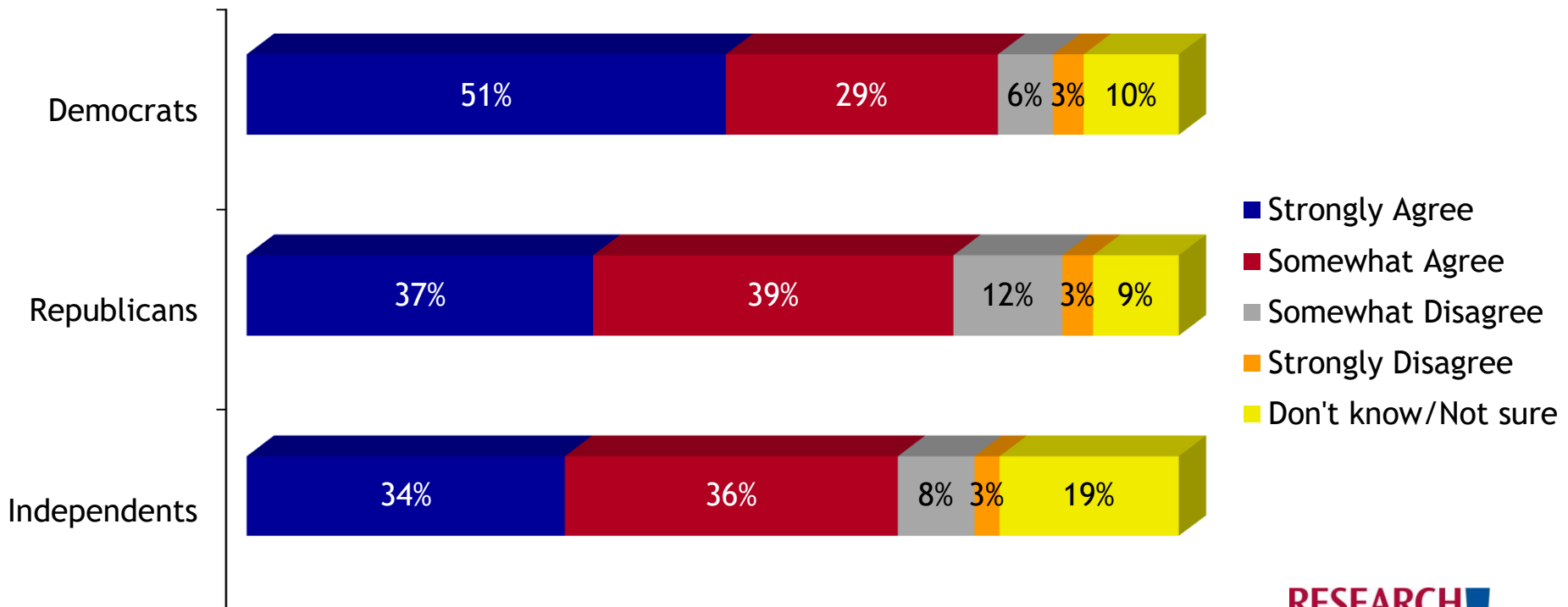
Strong Support for Federally Funded Research to Address Antibiotic Resistance

Do you agree or disagree: The federal government should increase funding for research and public health initiatives to address antibiotic resistance



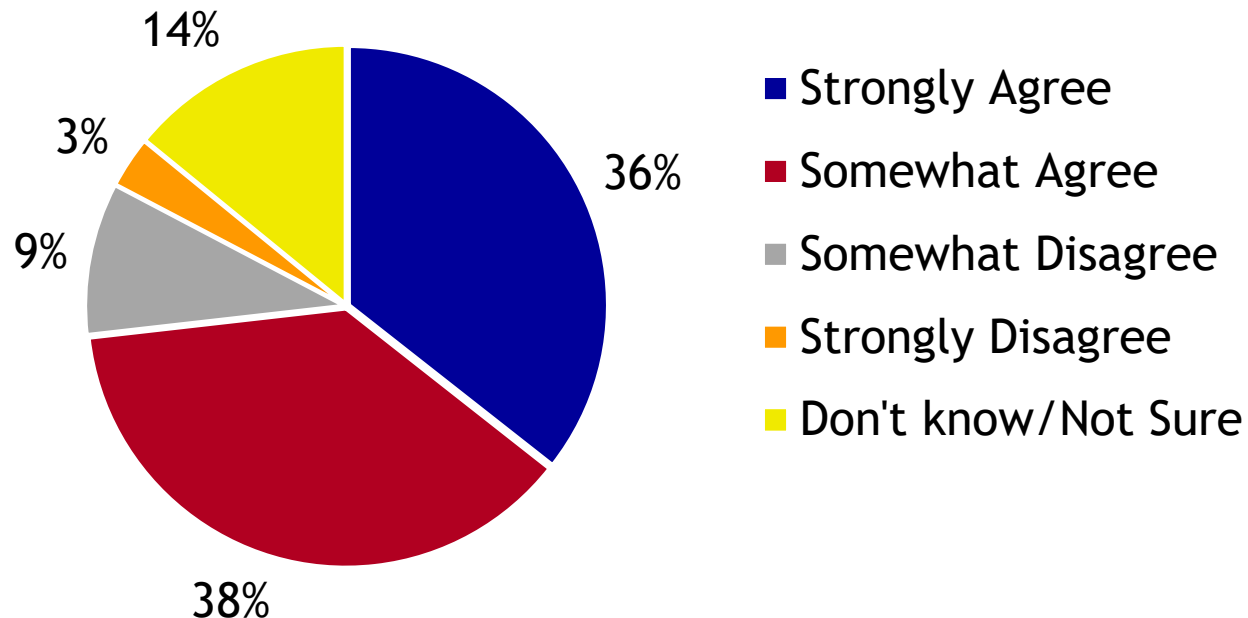
Strong Agreement to Increase Federal Funding for Antibiotic Resistance

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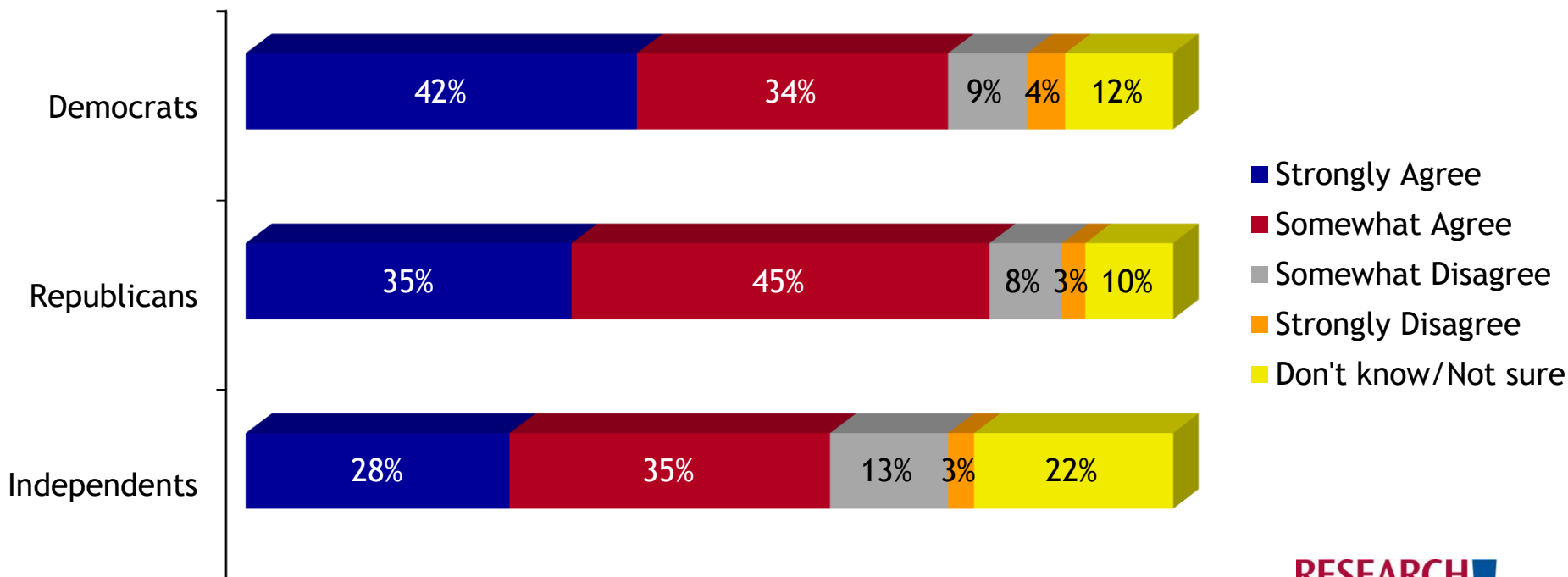
Strong Support for Incentives for Private Sector Investment in New Antibiotics

Do you agree or disagree: The federal government should provide incentives to encourage increased private sector investment in the development of new antibiotics



Support for Federal Government Incentives to Develop New Antibiotics Across Political Spectrum

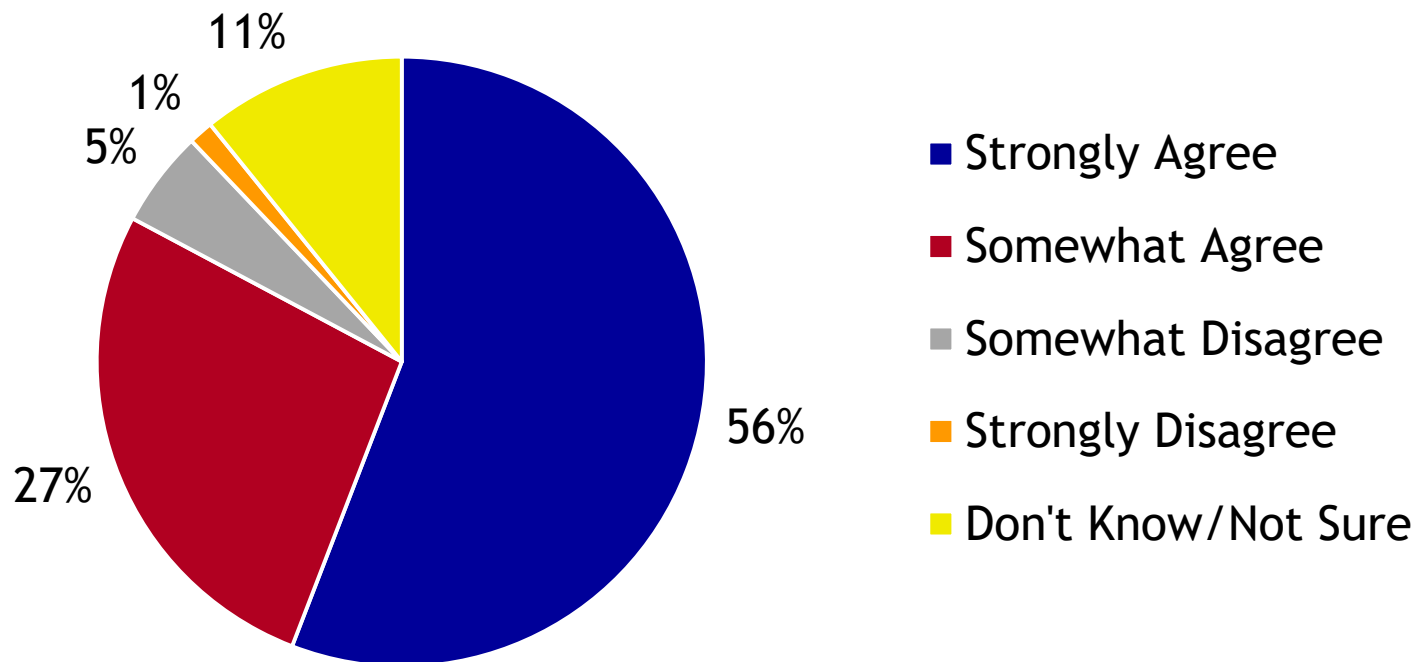
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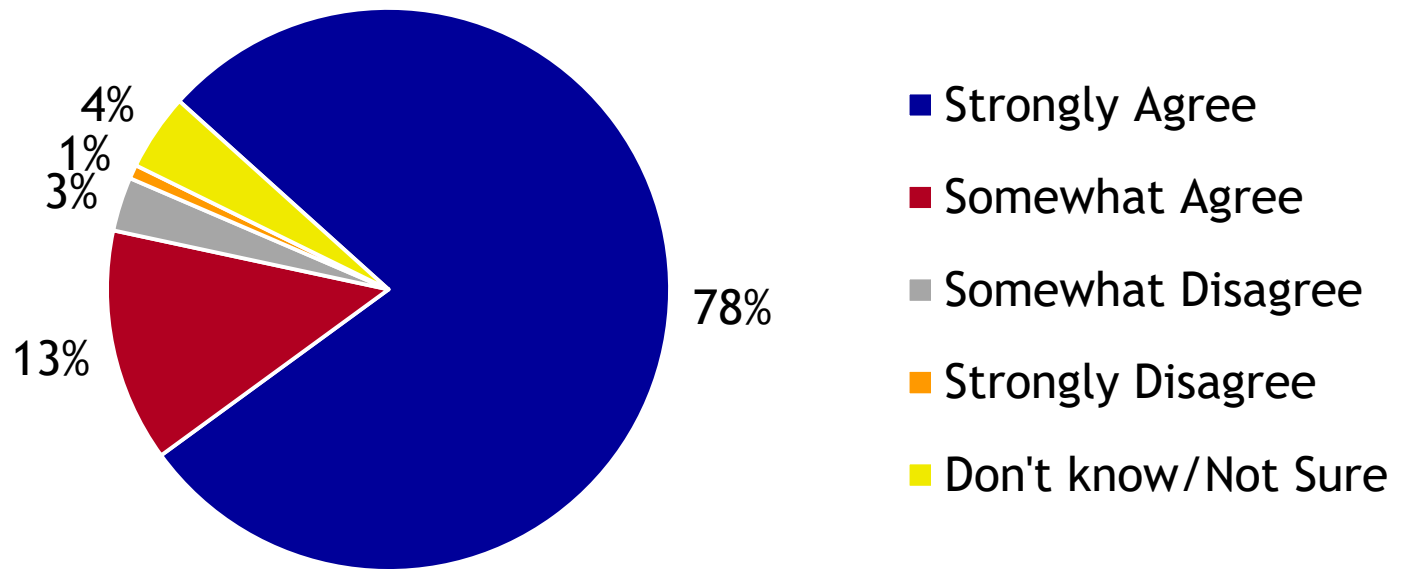
Strong Support for Industry Development of New Antibiotics

Do you agree or disagree: Pharmaceutical companies should develop new antibiotics



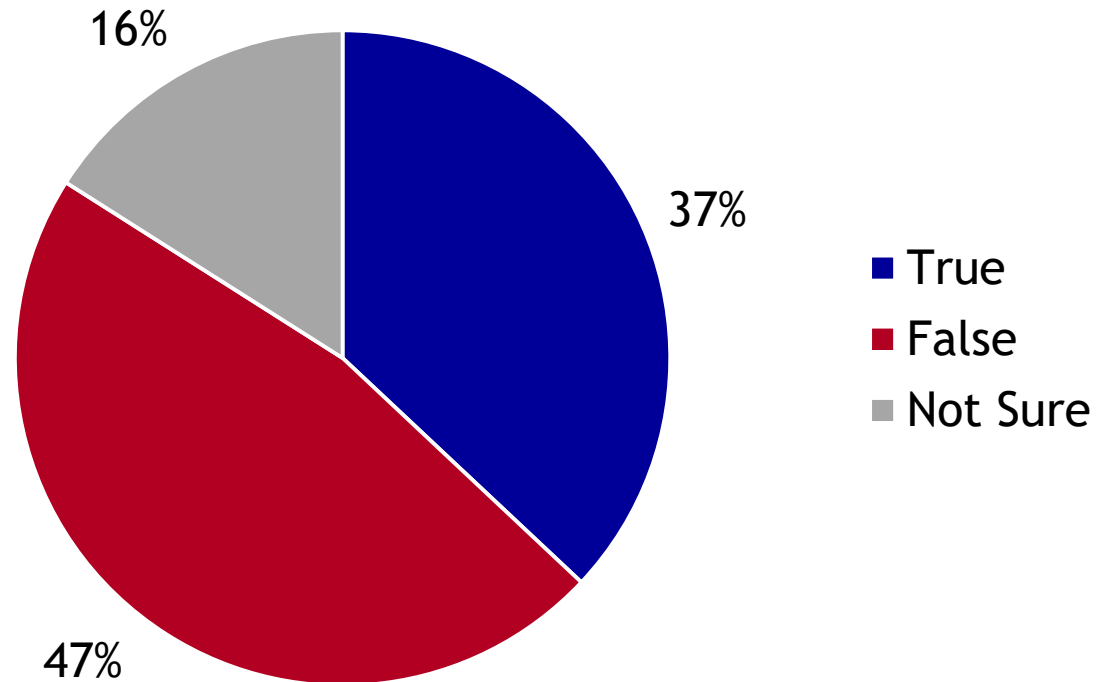
Strong Awareness Of Only Prescribing Antibiotics When Needed

Do you agree or disagree: Doctors and other healthcare professionals should only prescribe antibiotics when they are needed



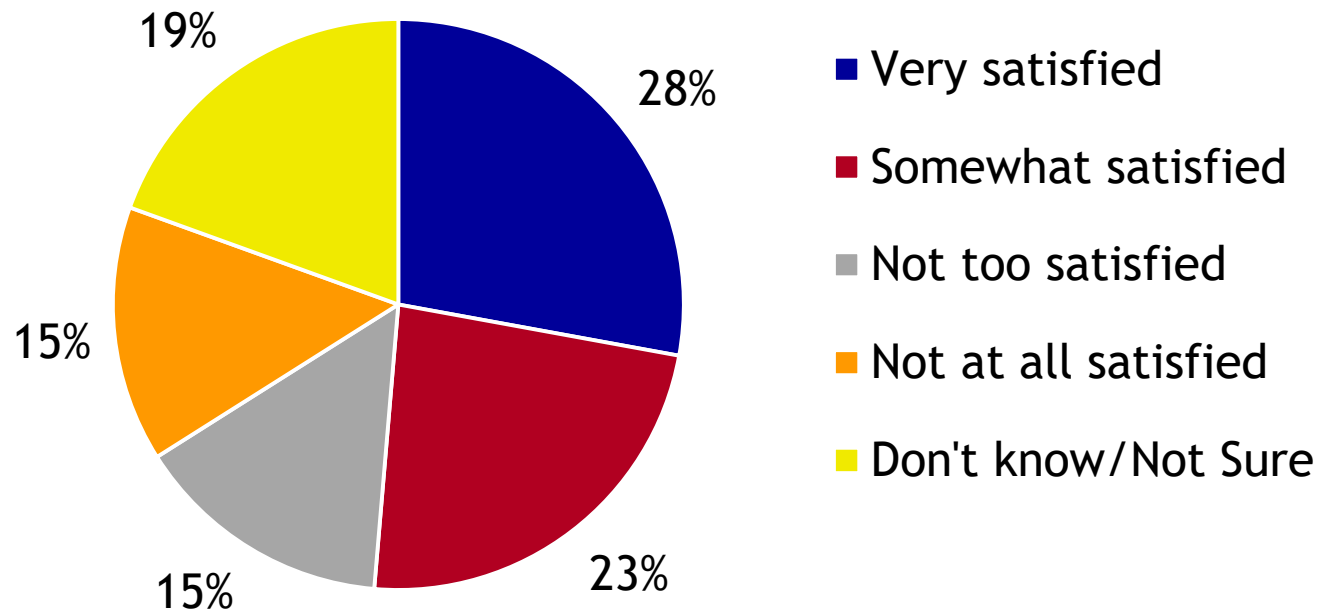
Third of Americans Wrongly Say Antibiotics Effective for Viral Infections; many Unsure

True or false: Antibiotics are effective for treating viral infections.
(false)



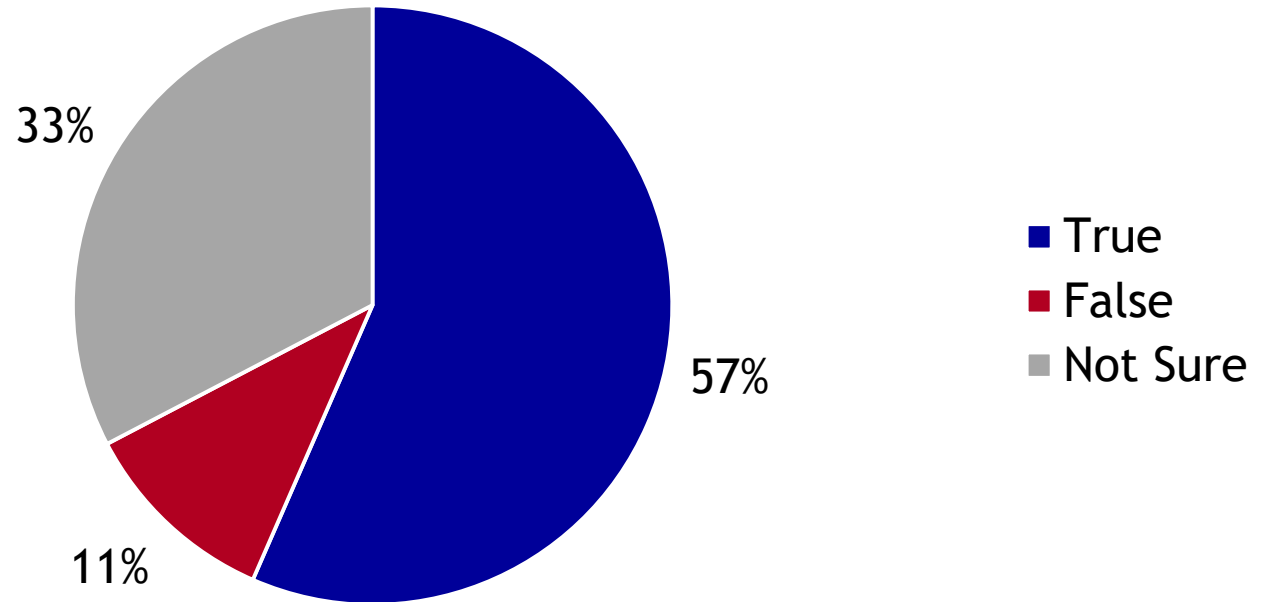
Nearly One Third Would Be Dissatisfied If Not Prescribed *Unnecessary* Antibiotic

If you or your child has an upper respiratory infection (e.g. common cold, bronchitis, etc.) that is caused by a virus, and your doctor does not prescribe you an antibiotic, would you be satisfied or dissatisfied by not receiving the antibiotic?



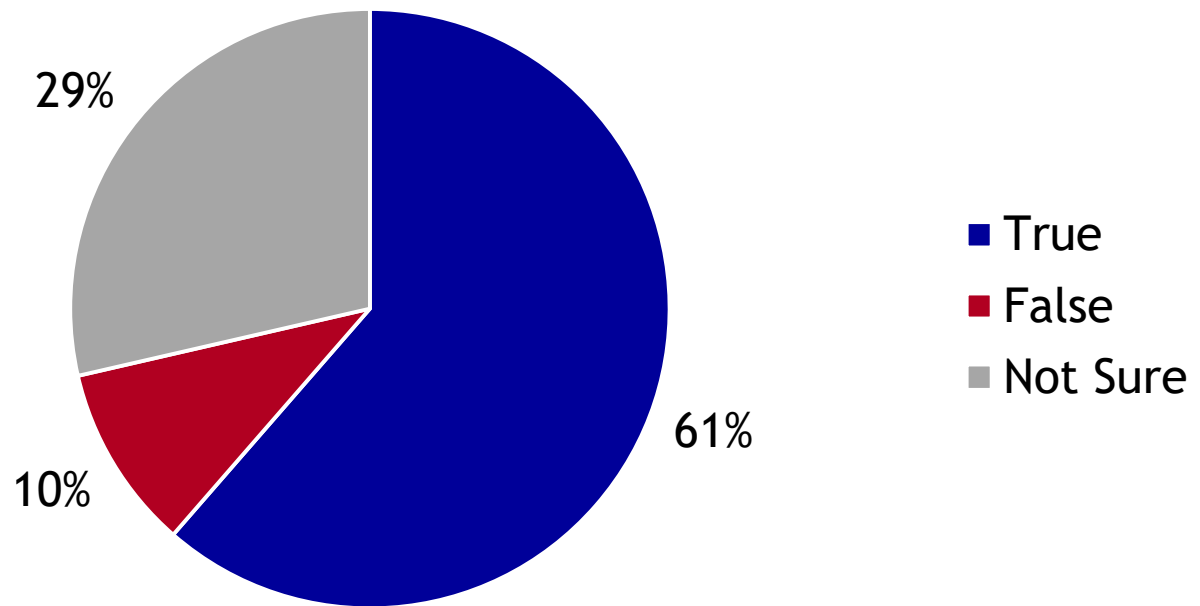
Many Don't Know: Inappropriate Antibiotic Use Leads to Resistance

True or false: Even a single course of antibiotics taken when not appropriate by an individual can contribute to the development of antibiotic resistance (true)



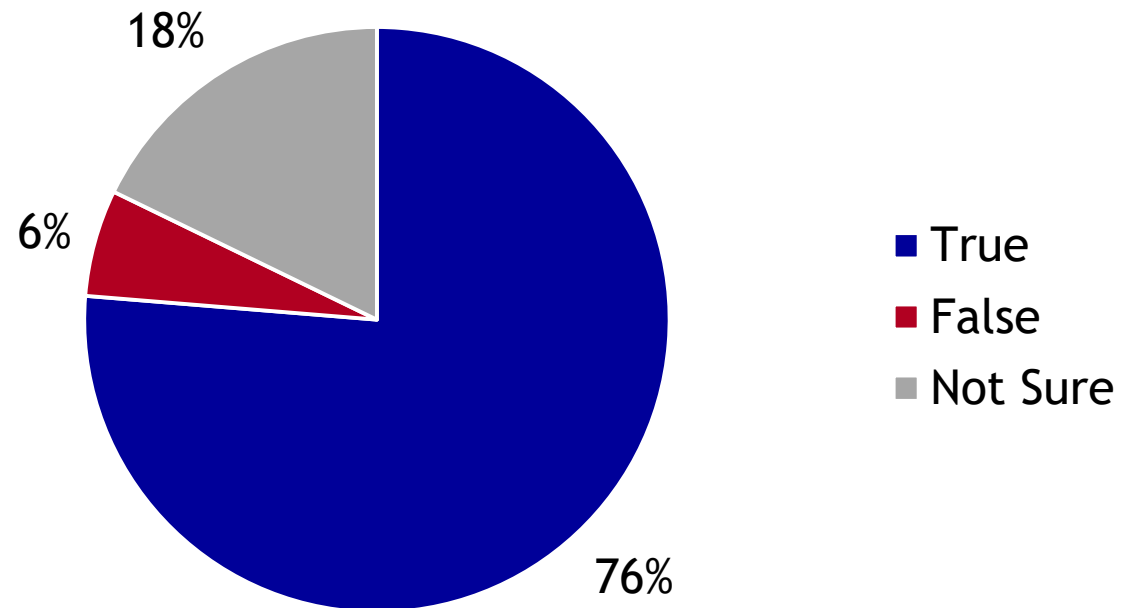
Majority are Aware that Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Can Be Spread from Person to Person

True or false: Bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics can be spread from person to person (true)



High Awareness of the Dangers of Antibiotic Resistance; many Unsure

True or false: Antibiotic-resistant infections make medical procedures like surgery, organ transplants and cancer treatment much more dangerous. (true)



Few say Federal Government *Should Not* Act on Antibiotic R&D

Do you agree or disagree: No action is needed from the federal government on antibiotic research and development at this time

