Medical Research and the Election

Americans say political candidates are not listening to and understanding their health concerns and expectations.

Only one-third of Americans say Presidential candidates listen to and understand their health concerns.

Only 24% of Americans say Congressional candidates listen to and understand their health concerns.

In your view, how important is it for the President (or Congress) to assign a high priority to putting health research and innovation to work to assure continued medical progress?

Next President

- Important: 14%
- Not Important: 76%
- Not Sure: 0%

Next Congress

- Important: 15%
- Not Important: 77%
- Not Sure: 8%

Minority populations agree

For President

- Non-Hispanic Whites: 62%
- African-Americans: 48%
- Hispanics: 34%
- Asians: 34%

For Congress

- Non-Hispanic Whites: 49%
- African-Americans: 49%
- Hispanics: 54%
- Asians: 54%

Would you support paying an additional $5 per week in taxes if you knew for sure that it would go towards the U.S. investing more in research to improve health?

- Hispanics: 62%
- African-Americans: 60%
- Asians: 60%
- Non-Hispanic Whites: 54%

The findings hold true across the political spectrums:

- Republicans: 58%
- Independents: 50%
- Democrats: 54%

To the best of your recollection, in the last 30-60 days, have you heard any of the candidates for President (or Congress) discuss medical research?

For President...

- Only 12%
  - Democrats: 18%
  - Republicans: 11%
  - Independents: 6%

For Congress...

- Only 9%
  - Democrats: 12%
  - Republicans: 11%
  - Independents: 3%

How important do you think it is that the U.S. remains the global leader in bringing new medicines to patients?

- Important: 85%
- Not Important: 10%
- Not Sure: 5%

Do you agree or disagree that medicines available today have improved your quality of life?

- Agree: 81%
- Disagree: 10%
- Not Sure: 10%

Americans say it is important to develop better medicines for conditions we currently treat

- Not Important: 4%
- Not Sure: 5%