Texans Following the Issue of Stem Cell Research

How closely have you been following the issue of stem cell research?

- Very closely: 16%
- Somewhat closely: 21%
- Not too closely: 14%
- Not at all: 49%

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Texans Favor Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR)

Do you favor or oppose medical research using embryonic stem cells?

- **Strongly favor**: 33%
- **Somewhat favor**: 23%
- **Somewhat oppose**: 9%
- **Strongly oppose**: 13%
- **Don't know**: 22%

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Of Those Opposed to ESCR, Many Cite Religious Objections

Would you say your opposition to embryonic stem cell research is based on religious objections, or is your opposition based on other grounds?

- Religious objections: 56%
- Other grounds: 40%
- Don’t know: 4%

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
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# Objections Other Than Religious

If not religious concerns, what is your opposition based on?

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Majority of Texans Favor Federal Funding for ESCR

Do you favor or oppose federal funding for medical research using embryonic stem cells?

- Favor: 53%
- Oppose: 37%
- Don't know: 10%

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Texans Favor Research Using Donated Eggs from Fertility Clinics

There is legislation pending that would allow scientists to receive federal funding for extracting embryonic stem cells from fertilized eggs that are voluntarily donated by fertility clinic patients. These fertilized eggs would otherwise be discarded. Do you favor or oppose this legislation?

- Favor: 59%
- Oppose: 35%
- Don't know: 6%

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Texans Favor Cloning Technology to Make Embryonic Stem Cells

There is additional legislation pending that would allow scientists to receive federal funding to make embryonic stem cells for medical research by merging an unfertilized egg with a skin cell, for example. In other words, no fertilization takes place and there is no merger of egg and sperm. Do you favor or oppose this legislation?

- Favor: 60%
- Oppose: 30%
- Don't know: 10%

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Embryonic Stem Cell Research Offers Hope

Do you or anyone you care about suffer from a disease or condition that you hope will become treatable or curable as a result of embryonic stem cell research?

- Yes: 34%
- No: 62%
- Don't know: 4%

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Reproductive cloning is the use of cloning technology to create a child. Do you think that research into reproductive cloning should be allowed?

80% No
15% Yes
5% Don't know

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Therapeutic cloning is the use of cloning technology to help in the search for possible cures and treatments for diseases and disabilities. Do you think that research into therapeutic cloning should be allowed?

Source: Texas Survey, 2005
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