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2012 Responses

By Party Affiliation

- 98 Democrats
- 33 Republicans
- 25 Third-Party

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“I believe that by maintaining and growing our support for key basic research we are strengthening our communities; this is why I have made a commitment to double our investment in scientific research over the next 10 years.”

President Barack Obama
“Research, especially basic research in the STEM fields, is critical to improving health and preventing disease long term.”

Rep. Dan Benishek, MD (R-MI)
“I believe investments in research and innovation have broad economic benefits for our society. If we can invest in medical research that creates jobs today and solves health care challenges tomorrow, everyone wins.”

Rep.-elect Joseph P. Kennedy III (D-MA)
“America spends more on health care per capita than any other nation in the world, and yet our health status and longevity do not reflect that. To reduce inpatient hospitalizations and the costs associated with chronic diseases, we must continue to invest in prevention and early detection.”

Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)
• Supports increased funding for NIH
• Supports increased funding for CDC
• Supports increased funding for FDA
• Supports increased funding for AHRQ
• Supports making the R&D tax credit permanent
“AHRQ’s work gives both patients and doctors better information about the effectiveness of treatments. AHRQ also provides important data about how we can use technology to improve patient care. Overall, AHRQ’s work improves patient care while also reducing costs.”

Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA)
“I strongly support the service the CDC provides and will attempt to prevent any further significant cuts to worthwhile and needed programs the entity provides. However, running annual budget deficits in excess of $1 trillion has forced Congress to make difficult decisions to protect future federal funding for any and all federal programs.”

Rep. Don Young (R-AK)
Media Attention for Your Candidates - Your Health
Can Biomedical and Health Research Be Common Ground for the New Congress?
Areas of Agreement
Research is Part of the Solution to Rising Health Care Costs

When it comes to rising health care costs, would you say research to improve health and prevent disease is part of the problem or part of the solution?

Those saying part of the solution:

Democrats: 95%

Republicans: 94%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
Maintaining Competitiveness is a High Priority

If you are elected, will maintaining America’s global competitive edge in science, technology, and innovation be a priority for you, or not?

Those saying it will be a priority:

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Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
NIH Should Be a Higher National Priority

Do you support or oppose making health research sponsored by NIH a higher national priority, or not?

Those saying yes:

Democrats: 99%

Republicans: 85%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
Government Should Work to Increase STEM Students

Do you believe the federal government should place more emphasis on increasing the number of young Americans who pursue careers in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, or not?

Those saying yes:

Democrats: 99%

Republicans: 94%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
R&D Tax Credit Should Become Permanent

Do you support or oppose making the R&D tax credit permanent, even if that means a permanent reduction in tax revenues?

Those supporting:

Democrats: 80%

Republicans: 73%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
Areas of Disagreement
Adequate Funding for FDA

Do you believe the Food and Drug Administration receives adequate funding to accomplish its mission, or not?

Those saying no:

Democrats: 84%

Republicans: 15%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
Supporting Increased Funding for CDC

Do you support or oppose making funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a higher national priority?

Those saying support:

**Democrats:** 100%

**Republicans:** 67%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
Supporting Increased Funding for AHRQ

Do you support or oppose making funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality a higher national priority?

Those saying support:

Democrats: 96%

Republicans: 36%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
Expansion of Federal Funding for Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Do you support or oppose expanding federal funding for research using embryonic stem cells?

Those saying support:

Democrats: 88%

Republicans: 24%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
Few Candidates Have a Science Advisor

Does your campaign have a scientific advisor, or not?
Those saying yes:

Democrats: 35%

Republicans: 36%

Source: Respondents to the 2012 Your Candidates-Your Health questionnaire
“I don’t know of any political campaign for the House of Representatives that has a scientific advisor.”

Rep. Aaron Schock (R-IL)
Panel Discussion

- **Moderator:** Mary Woolley
  - President and CEO, Research!America

- **Hon. Kweisi Mfume**
  - Board member, Research!America; former Member of Congress (1987-1996)

- **Hon. John Porter**
  - Board chair, Research!America; former Member of Congress (1980-2001)

- **Matthew Cooper**
  - Editor, *National Journal Daily*
WARNING: Washington politics just might kill you

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