National Poll

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Results of a New Public Opinion Poll
The National Poll was conducted online in January 2014 by Zogby Analytics for Research!America. The survey has a sample size of 1,000 U.S. adults with a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.2%.

*Due to rounding, the total may not add to 100 on some slides.
Important for Elected Officials to Listen to Scientists

How important would you say it is that elected officials and candidates at all levels listen to advice from scientists about better ways to combat disease and disabilities?

Source: A Research!America poll of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2014.
Most Not Well Informed on Elected Officials’ Positions on Research

How well informed would you say you are about the positions of your senators and representative when it comes to their support of medical and scientific research?

- Very well informed: 12%
- Somewhat informed: 31%
- Not very well informed: 32%
- Not at all informed: 14%
- Not sure: 11%

Source: A Research!America poll of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2014.
Three-Quarters Say It’s Important to Know Where Candidates Stand

How important is it for you to know whether your candidates for Congress are supportive of scientific and medical research?

- 32% Very important
- 42% Somewhat important
- 10% Not very important
- 3% Not at all important
- 12% Not sure

Source: A Research!America poll of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2014.
Many Believe Government Should Prioritize STEM Education, Careers

Do you agree or disagree that the federal government should assign a higher priority to improving education focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics and careers in those fields?

- **35%** Strongly agree
- **38%** Somewhat agree
- **15%** Somewhat disagree
- **4%** Strongly disagree
- **8%** Not sure

Source: A Research!America poll of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2014.
In general, do you believe scientists effectively communicate the impact of their work on the nation’s health and the economy?

- Yes: 31%
- No: 35%
- Not sure: 34%

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Scientists Most Trusted Spokespersons for Science

How trustworthy do you consider each of the following to be as spokespersons for science?

- Scientists: 33 very trustworthy, 48 somewhat trustworthy, 9 not very trustworthy, 9 not at all trustworthy, 15 not sure
- Health care professionals: 24 very trustworthy, 52 somewhat trustworthy, 12 not very trustworthy, 9 not at all trustworthy, 15 not sure
- Patient organizations: 19 very trustworthy, 47 somewhat trustworthy, 16 not very trustworthy, 15 not at all trustworthy, 15 not sure
- Journalists: 8 very trustworthy, 34 somewhat trustworthy, 32 not very trustworthy, 16 not at all trustworthy, 11 not sure
- Bloggers: 7 very trustworthy, 21 somewhat trustworthy, 37 not very trustworthy, 20 not at all trustworthy, 15 not sure
- Business leaders: 7 very trustworthy, 31 somewhat trustworthy, 34 not very trustworthy, 16 not at all trustworthy, 13 not sure
- Elected officials: 5 very trustworthy, 16 somewhat trustworthy, 34 not very trustworthy, 33 not at all trustworthy, 12 not sure

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Nearly Half Say U.S. Does Not Have the Best Health Care System

Do you agree or disagree that the United States has the best health care system in the world?

- Agree: 30%
- Disagree: 47%
- Not sure: 23%

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The field of health research identified the most effective ways to deliver high quality care; reduce medical errors; reduce health care costs; and improve patient safety. How important is it for the federal government to support such research?

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What is the name of the government agency that funds most of the medical research paid for by taxpayers in this country?

- National Institutes of Health: 16%
- Food and Drug Administration: 16%
- Dept. of Health and Human Services: 19%
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: 16%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know: 33%

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