Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll

The Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll was conducted online in October 2011 by JZ Analytics for Research!America. The poll has a sample size of 800 adult U.S. residents with a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.0%.
Cost of Health Care is Most Critical Health Issue Facing U.S.

What would you say is the single most important health issue facing the nation?

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Americans: U.S. Losing Its Competitive Edge in Innovation

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “The U.S. is losing its global competitive edge in science, technology and innovation.”

- 29% Strongly agree
- 13% Somewhat agree
- 6% Somewhat disagree
- 4% Strongly disagree
- 4% Not sure

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Majority of Americans Say U.S. Doesn’t Have Best Health Care

Do you believe the United States has the best health care system in the world?

- Yes: 31%
- No: 54%
- Not sure: 15%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Opinions Split on Whether Care is Based on Most Recent Research

Do you believe the health care services you personally receive are based on the best and most recent research available?

- Yes: 45%
- No: 33%
- Not sure: 22%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Majority Say Health Care Research is Important

How important is it that our nation support research that focuses on how well the health care system is functioning?

- Very important: 60%
- Somewhat important: 32%
- Somewhat unimportant: 5%
- Very unimportant: 1%
- Not sure: 2%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
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 is part of the problem or part of the solution?

- 54% Part of the solution
- 24% Part of the problem
- 22% Not sure

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Very Important to Eliminate Health Disparities

Studies show that certain health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and infant mortality happen more often among minorities or citizens with lower incomes. How important do you feel it is to conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?

- Very important: 46%
- Somewhat important: 36%
- Somewhat unimportant: 9%
- Very unimportant: 4%
- Not sure: 5%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Bigger Slice of Health Dollar Should Go Toward Research

In 2010, the U.S. spent five and a half cents of each health dollar on research to prevent, cure and treat disease and disability. Do you think that this is too much, the right amount or not enough?

- Too much: 6%
- The right amount: 27%
- Not enough: 51%
- Not sure: 16%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Half of Americans Willing to Pay Tax for Research

Would you be willing to pay $1 per week more in taxes if you were certain that all of the money would be spent for additional medical research?

- Yes: 50%
- No: 27%
- Not sure: 23%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Medical Research is Not Making Enough Progress, Americans Say

Do you believe that we are making enough progress in medical research in the U.S.?

- 22% Yes
- 58% No
- 20% Not sure

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Most Americans Say Use of Animals is Necessary

Do you believe the use of animals in medical research is necessary for progress in human health?

- 51% Yes
- 28% No
- 21% Not sure

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Americans Support Increased Federal Funding for ESCR

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

- 31% Strongly favor
- 15% Somewhat favor
- 14% Somewhat oppose
- 10% Strongly oppose
- 3% Not sure

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Investing in Health Research
Important to Job Creation, Recovery

How important is each of the following areas of concern to job creation and economic recovery?

- Investing in education
  - Very important: 65
  - Somewhat important: 26
  - Somewhat unimportant: 4
  - Very unimportant: 3
  - Not sure: 1

- Reducing the federal deficit
  - Very important: 64
  - Somewhat important: 24
  - Somewhat unimportant: 6
  - Very unimportant: 3
  - Not sure: 3

- Supporting small businesses
  - Very important: 54
  - Somewhat important: 35
  - Somewhat unimportant: 8
  - Very unimportant: 1
  - Not sure: 1

- Investing in health research
  - Very important: 50
  - Somewhat important: 36
  - Somewhat unimportant: 8
  - Very unimportant: 3
  - Not sure: 3

- Investing in energy
  - Very important: 49
  - Somewhat important: 38
  - Somewhat unimportant: 9
  - Very unimportant: 2
  - Not sure: 3

- Providing tax cuts
  - Very important: 46
  - Somewhat important: 32
  - Somewhat unimportant: 12
  - Very unimportant: 6
  - Not sure: 4

- Investing in infrastructure
  - Very important: 42
  - Somewhat important: 42
  - Somewhat unimportant: 11
  - Very unimportant: 3
  - Not sure: 2

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Research is Important to State’s Economies

How important do you think research and innovation is to your state’s economy?

- Very important: 41%
- Somewhat important: 44%
- Somewhat unimportant: 2%
- Very unimportant: 7%
- Not sure: 6%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Do you believe the federal government should place more emphasis on increasing the number of young Americans who pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics?

- **Yes**: 73%
- **No**: 14%
- **Not sure**: 13%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Most Agree that Basic Research is Necessary

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.”

- Strongly agree: 30%
- Somewhat agree: 49%
- Somewhat disagree: 10%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
- Not sure: 6%

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Americans Say Government Should Play a Role in Prevention Research

Our nation’s health care costs attributable to smoking and obesity are estimated at $243 billion. One of the key aims of prevention research is to help Americans make behavioral changes that can help them overcome these and other hazardous and costly health threats. Do you believe the government should play a role in prevention research?

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Important for the U.S. to Support Global Health Research

How important would you say it is that the U.S. work to improve health globally through research and innovation?

- Very important: 32%
- Somewhat important: 46%
- Somewhat unimportant: 5%
- Very unimportant: 7%
- Not sure: 10%

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Important to Increase Funding for Federal Health Research Agencies

The following federal agencies play a role in improving the health of Americans through research and innovation. How important is it to increase funding for ...

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Very important: 53
  - Somewhat important: 33
  - Somewhat unimportant: 44
  - Very unimportant: 6
  - Not sure: 6

- Food and Drug Administration
  - Very important: 45
  - Somewhat important: 34
  - Somewhat unimportant: 8
  - Very unimportant: 6
  - Not sure: 6

- National Institutes of Health
  - Very important: 36
  - Somewhat important: 39
  - Somewhat unimportant: 10
  - Very unimportant: 5
  - Not sure: 10

- National Science Foundation
  - Very important: 30
  - Somewhat important: 44
  - Somewhat unimportant: 10
  - Very unimportant: 6
  - Not sure: 11

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
  - Very important: 30
  - Somewhat important: 42
  - Somewhat unimportant: 9
  - Very unimportant: 6
  - Not sure: 13

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Americans: More Investment Needed for Military Veterans

Would you say government investment in health research for the benefit of military veterans and service members is ...

- 5% Too much
- 14% About right
- 33% Not enough
- 48% Not sure

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Opinions Mixed on Amount of Time for FDA Approval

Would you say that the average amount of time it takes for the FDA to approve a drug, biological product or medical device and allow it to be sold to consumers is too long, about right, or not long enough, or do you not know enough about this to have an opinion?

- Too much: 31%
- About right: 29%
- Not enough: 20%
- Don't know enough to have an opinion: 13%
- Not sure: 7%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Most Don’t Know Their 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, health and scientific research?

- Very well informed: 24%
- Somewhat well informed: 8%
- Somewhat uninformed: 7%
- Very uninformed: 25%
- Not sure: 36%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Important for Elected Officials to Listen to Health Professionals

In thinking about threats to your health, how important is it that elected officials at all levels listen to advice from scientists and public health professionals?

- Very important: 51%
- Somewhat important: 36%
- Somewhat unimportant: 5%
- Very unimportant: 2%
- Not sure: 6%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Most Americans Don’t Know Where Research is Conducted

Can you name any institution, company or organization where medical and health research is conducted?

- I can: 59%
- I cannot: 41%

- Mayo Clinic: 10%
- CDC: 9%
- NIH: 7%
- Johns Hopkins: 6%
- St. Jude: 4%
- Pfizer: 3%
- American Cancer Society: 3%
- Merck: 2%
- Duke Univ./Med. Ctr.: 1%
- OR Heath & Sci. Univ.: 1%
- UCSF: 1%
- Other: 52%

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Opinions Divided on Increasing Investment vs. Sufficient Funding

In terms of federal investment in medical and health research, which of the following statements is closer to your opinion? Statement A: The federal government must increase investment in medical and health research now to ensure the U.S. can compete globally. Statement B: Federal funding for medical and health research is adequate and the U.S. has other budget priorities now, including reducing the deficit.

39% for Statement A
38% for Statement B
12% Neither
11% Not sure

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Wide Benefits of Research are Convincing Argument for Americans

Do you find the following statement convincing? “Unlike a lot of federal programs, medical and health research produces concrete results that benefit everyone.”

![Pie chart showing survey results]

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Rare Disease Research is Convincing for Americans

Do you find the following statement convincing? “Without federal funding to find a cure, there is no hope for people with rare diseases because private industry can’t justify the expense.”

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Americans Concerned About Research Moving Abroad

Do you find the following statement convincing? “Unless the federal government funds more research, a lot of medical research will move abroad to countries like China.”

- Very convincing: 24%
- Somewhat convincing: 33%
- Somewhat unconvincing: 23%
- Very unconvincing: 12%
- Not sure: 8%

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Do you find the following statement convincing? “Increased funding for medical and health research can lower the cost of health care by finding new ways to prevent or cure disease.”

Source: Your Candidates-Your Health Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America
Science Advancements Have Been Beneficial, Americans Say

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Overall, advances in science have benefited society and have helped make life easier for most people.”

- Strongly agree: 38%
- Somewhat agree: 48%
- Somewhat disagree: 2%
- Strongly disagree: 4%
- Not sure: 2%

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Science Advancements Have Been Beneficial, Americans Say

For those that answered strongly agree/somewhat agree, can you share some examples of how advances in science have had a positive impact on society?

- Improvement in disease prevention/treatment: 53%
- Vaccines/vaccinations: 15%
- Better communication: 5%
- Improvement in health care delivery: 5%
- Better quality of life: 4%
- Other: 18%
- Don’t know: 3%

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