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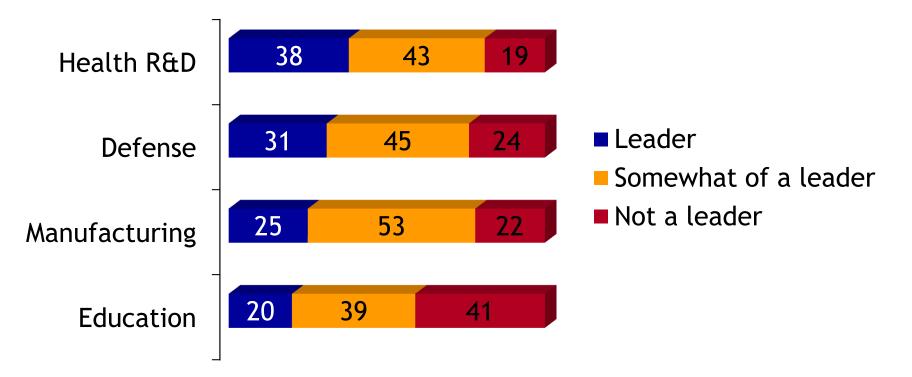
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#### Georgia Leadership

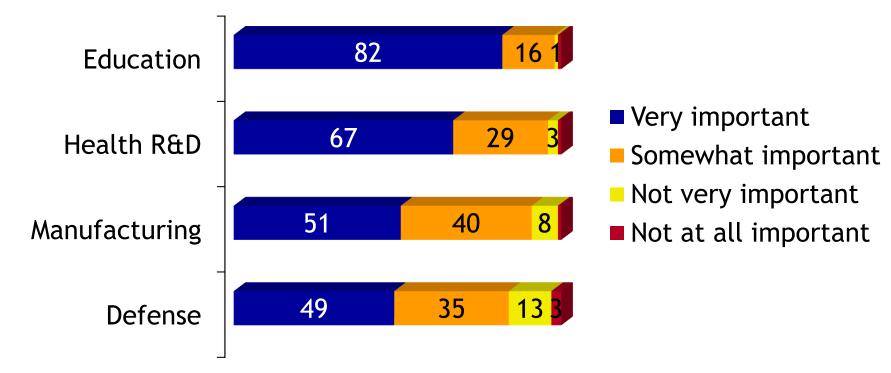
Do you believe that Georgia is a leader in the following enterprises?





### Public Aspirations for Georgia Leadership

How important is it for Georgia to be a leader in the following enterprises?





# Obesity, Health Care & Insurance Georgia's Top Health Issues

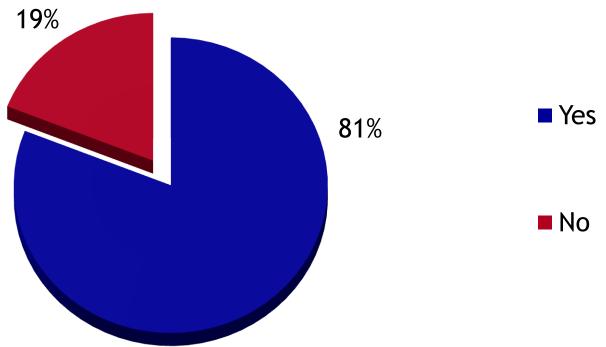
What would you say is the single <u>most</u> important health issue facing people in Georgia today? (first volunteered responses)

Obesity/overweight/lack of exercise 25% Cost/affordability of health care/insurance 23% Availability of health insurance/ universal coverage 14% 7% Cancer **4**% HIV/AIDS/STDs **Diabetes** 3% 3% Heart/cardiovascular disease 1% Aging population Availability/need for doctors 1% 13% Other **6**% Don't know/None



#### Georgians Think They Should Be Concerned About Global Health

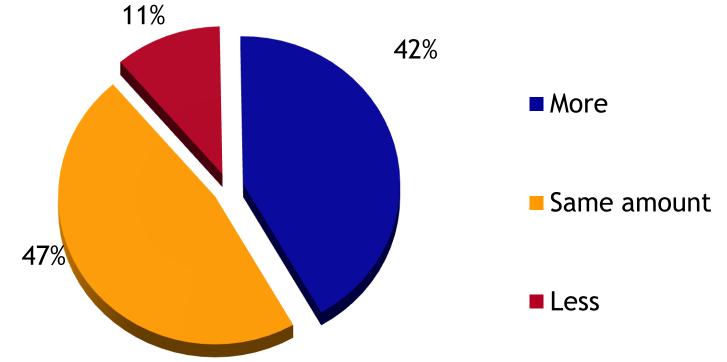
When you hear the term global health, do you think it is an issue about which Georgia residents should be concerned?





## Many Georgians Think More About Global Health Today

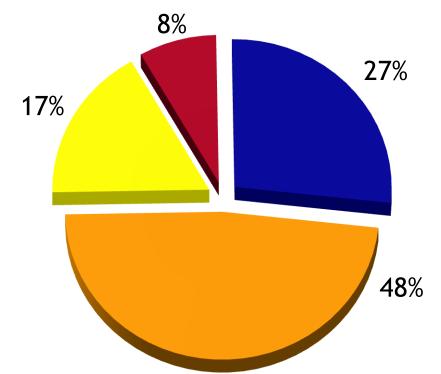
Compared to five years ago, would you say you think more, less, or about the same amount about **global health**?





# Most Agree Americans Better Off if U.S. Invests in Research

Do you agree or disagree that Americans will be better off if the U.S. government invests in research designed to improve health around the world?



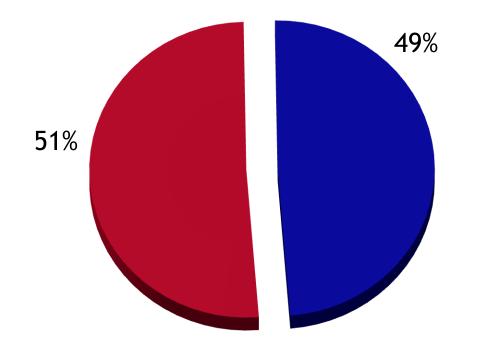
Strongly agree

- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree



# Georgians Split on How U.S. Should Spend Tax Dollars

Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion on this issue?



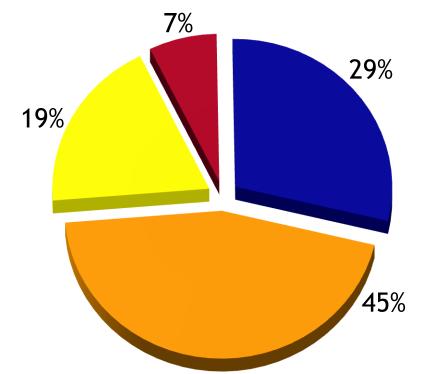
Some people say: The U.S. should spend its tax dollars on improving health in the U.S. and globally.

Other people say: The U.S. should spend its tax dollars on improving health in the U.S. only.



#### Georgians Think Global Health Research is Important to Economy

In terms of jobs and incomes, how important do you think spending money on research to improve health globally is to the economy of Georgia?



Very important

- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not at all important



#### Most Don't Know Who Conducts Global Health Research in Georgia

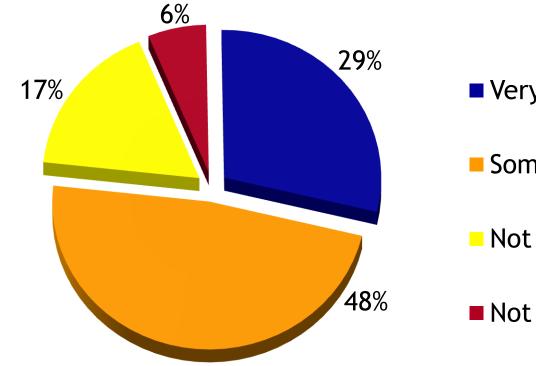
Do you know of any institutions, companies or organizations in Georgia where global health research is conducted? (% first volunteered responses)

None/Don't know	71%
Centers for Disease Control	22%
Emory University	4%
Medical College of Georgia	1%
Other	2%



#### Important for Georgia to Offer Companies Incentives to Invest

How important do you think it is for Georgia to offer incentives for companies to invest in research to improve health globally?



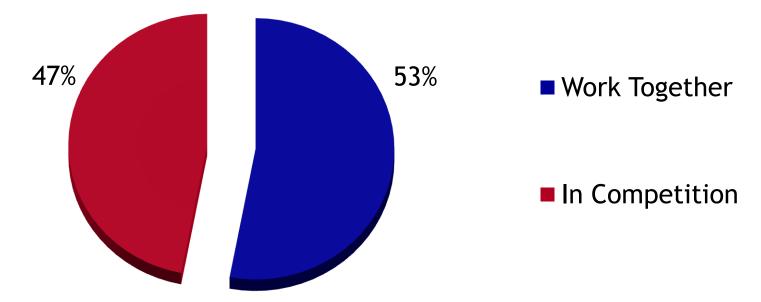
Source: Georgia Global Health Survey, May 2011 Charlton Research Company for Research!America Very important

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# Competition or Cooperation in Global Health Research?

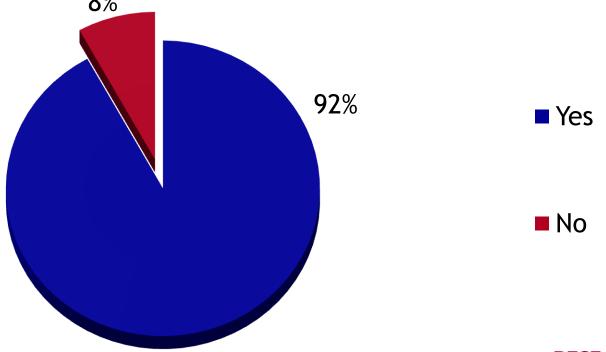
Do you think the different types of institutions conducting global health research in this country, such as government, universities, and the private industry, mostly work together to develop new treatments and cures, or do you think they are mostly in competition?





# Majority Think Institutions Should Work Together

Do you think the different types of institutions conducting global health research in this country, such as government, universities, and the private industry, should work together to develop new treatments and cures? 8%





#### Many Georgians Recognize CDC

What is the name of the government agency in this country whose primary mission is disease prevention and health promotion? (% first volunteered responses)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<b>63</b> %
None/Don't know/Can't remember	<b>20</b> %
Dept. of Health and Human Services	2%
Food and Drug Administration	2%
National Institutes of Health	2%
World Health Organization	1%
Other	10%



### Majority of Georgians Recognize NASA

What is the name of the government agency in this country whose primary mission is to pioneer the future in space exploration, scientific discovery and aeronautics research? (% first volunteered responses)

NASA	<b>79</b> %
None/Don't know	<b>16</b> %
Centers for Disease Control	1%
Department of Defense	1%
Other	3%



## Most Georgians Don't Recognize USAID

What is the name of the US government agency that provides economic, development and humanitarian assistance around the world to support our foreign policy goals? (% first volunteered responses)

None/Don't know/Can't remember	<b>53</b> %
U.S. Agency for International Development	<b>8</b> %
U.S. State Department	<b>6</b> %
Red Cross	<b>5</b> %
United Nations/NATO	4%
Federal Emergency Management Agency	<b>3</b> %
Peace Corps	2%
World Health Organization	2%
Center for Disease Control	1%
Other	<b>16</b> %



# Many Agencies Involved in Global Health Research

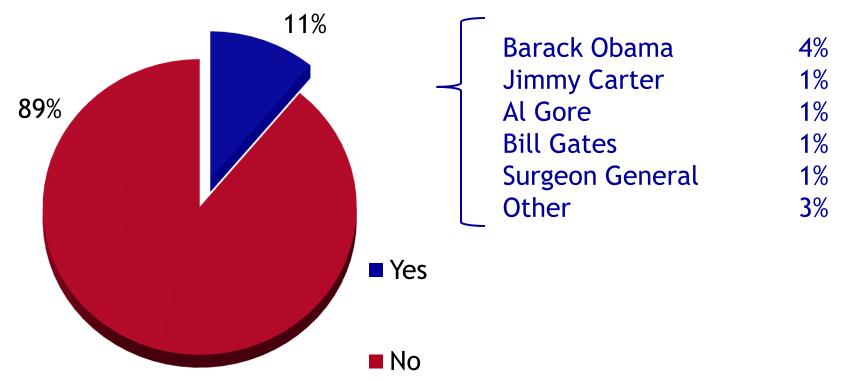
Which of the following government departments and agencies do you think are involved in research designed to improve health globally? Please select all that apply.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 76% National Institutes of Health **62%** U.S. Agency for International Development 35% Food and Drug Administration 34% Dept. of Agriculture 22% 16% **U.S. State Department Dept. of Defense** 7% NASA 8% Don't know **9**%



### Very Few Georgians Can Name Figures in Global Health

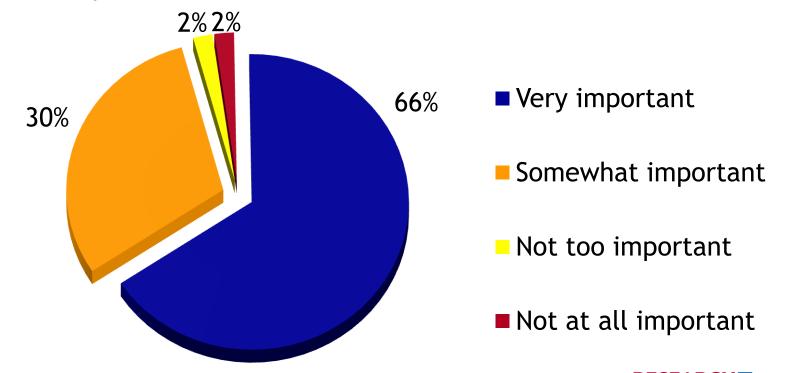
Is there a person who comes to mind when you think about global health? If so, who? (% first volunteered responses)





#### Very Important for Elected Officials to Listen to Scientists

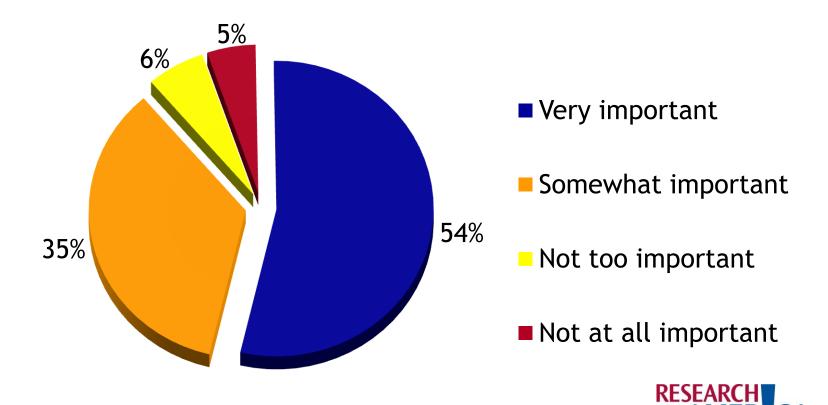
In thinking about threats to our health, how important is it that elected officials at all levels listen to advice from scientists and public health professionals?



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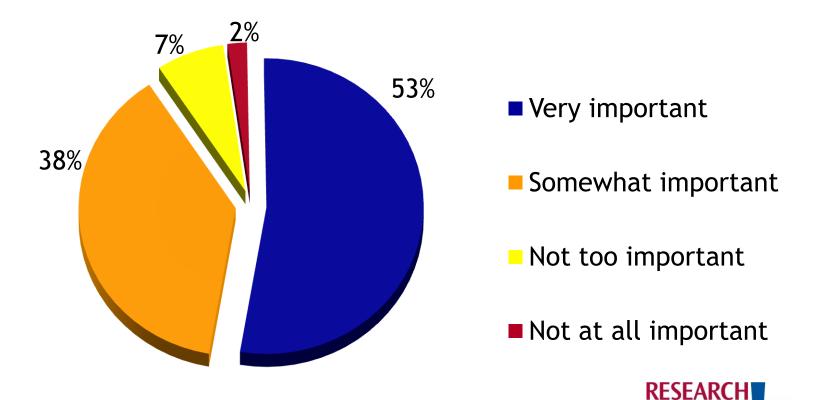
#### Important for Government to Play a Role in Prevention Research

How important is it that the federal government plays a role in research for prevention and wellness?



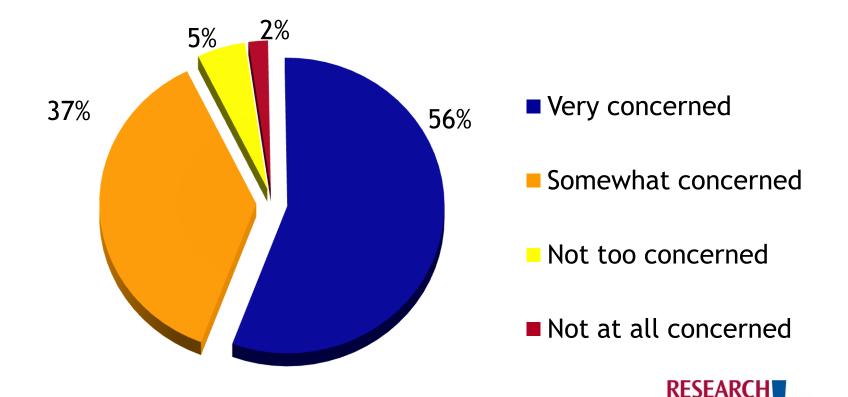
# Most Say CDC is Important to Georgia's Economy

In terms of jobs and incomes, how important do you think the CDC is to the economy of Georgia? Would you say it is...



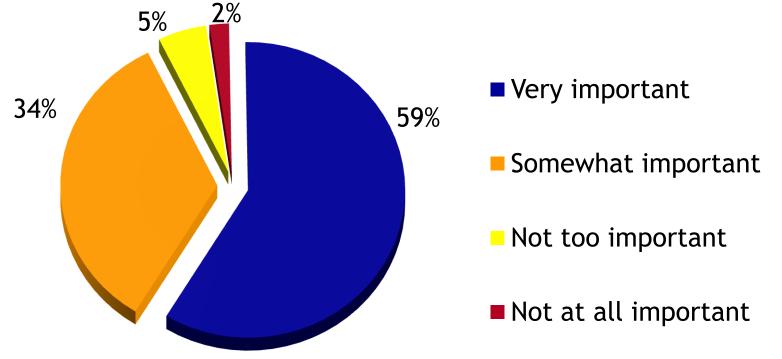
## Most Georgians Concerned About Drug Resistance

How concerned are you about drug resistance, which is when diseases don't respond to the medications used to treat them?



# Very Important to Conduct Research to Prevent Drug Resistance

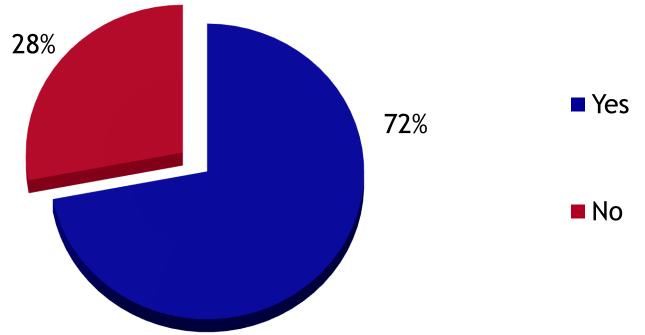
How important do you think it is that global health research is conducted to help prevent drug resistance around the world?





#### Georgians Say Americans Should Worry About Global Diseases

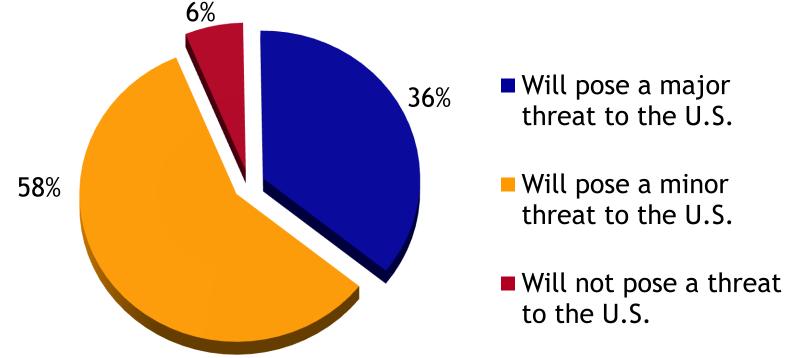
Should Americans worry about diseases - like malaria, dengue fever, and cholera - that mostly affect poorer countries?





# Majority of Georgians Think Global Diseases Are Threat to U.S.

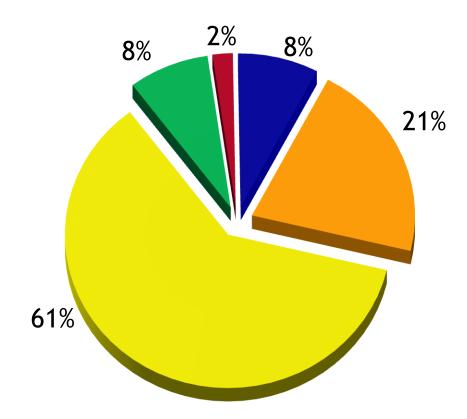
In general, to what extent do you think infectious and emerging diseases facing other countries (such as the flu, tuberculosis, and SARS) will pose a threat to the United States in the next few years?





# Majority Think Georgia is as Vulnerable as Other States

Do you think Georgia is more or less vulnerable to global health threats than other places in the United States?

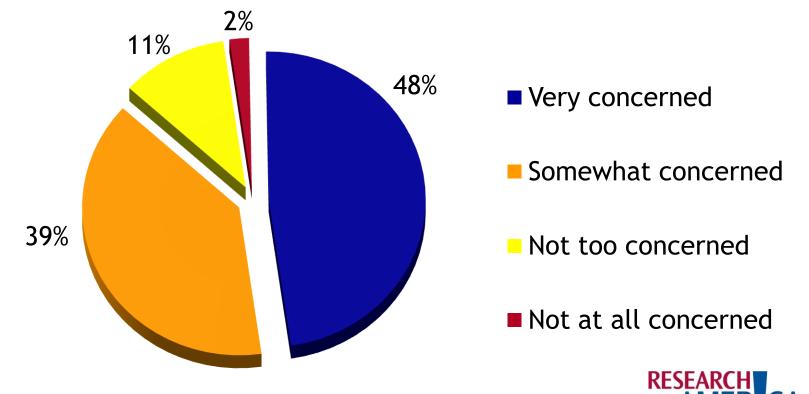


- Much more vulnerable
- Somewhat more vulnerable
- About the same
- Somewhat less vulnerable
- Much less vulnerable



#### Georgians Concerned About Disease Exposure for Overseas Troops

How concerned are you that our troops overseas are exposed to diseases that disproportionately affect poorer countries?



#### Georgians Think Civilians Benefit from Military Health Research

How much do you think American civilians benefit from health research conducted by the U.S. military?

