



Americans say President Trump Should Assign High Priority to Science and Technology

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National public opinion survey commissioned by
Research!America

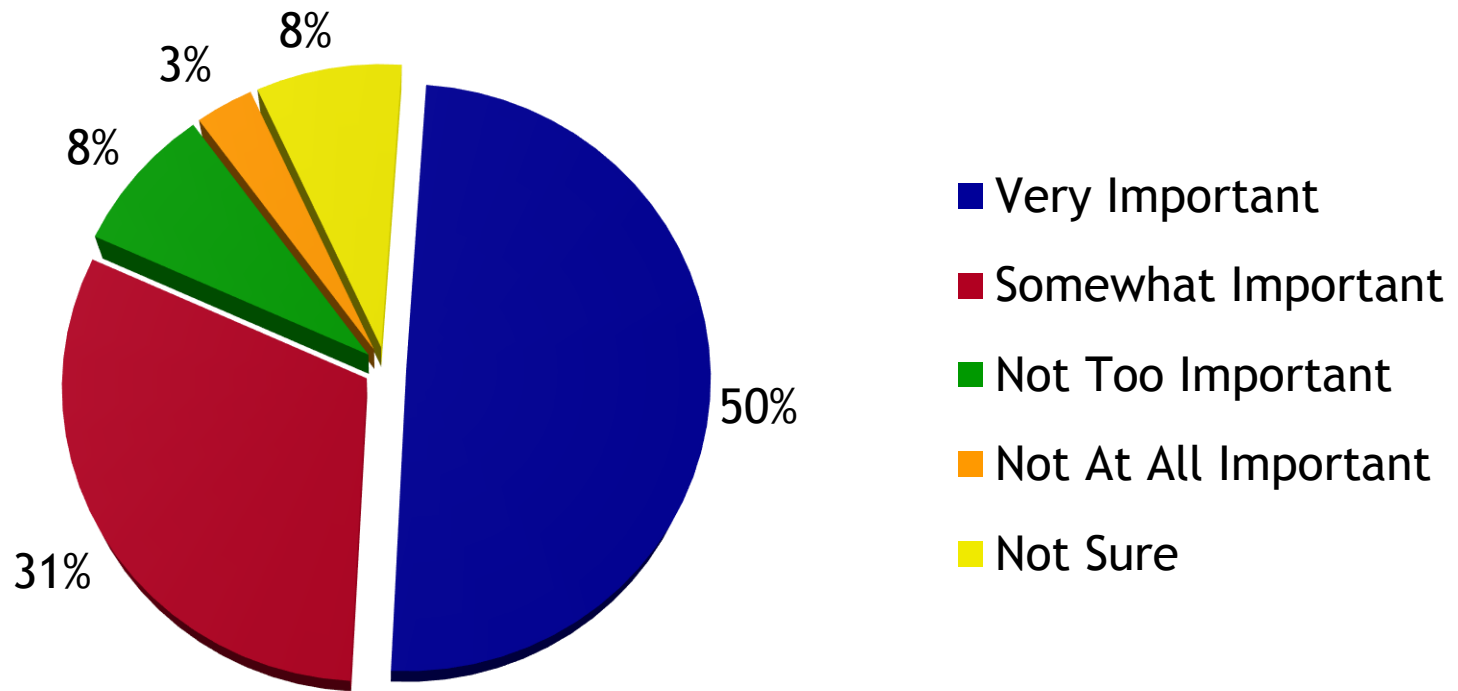
National Survey Methodology

This nationwide online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in January 2018, among 1,013 adults in the U.S. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.*

*Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides

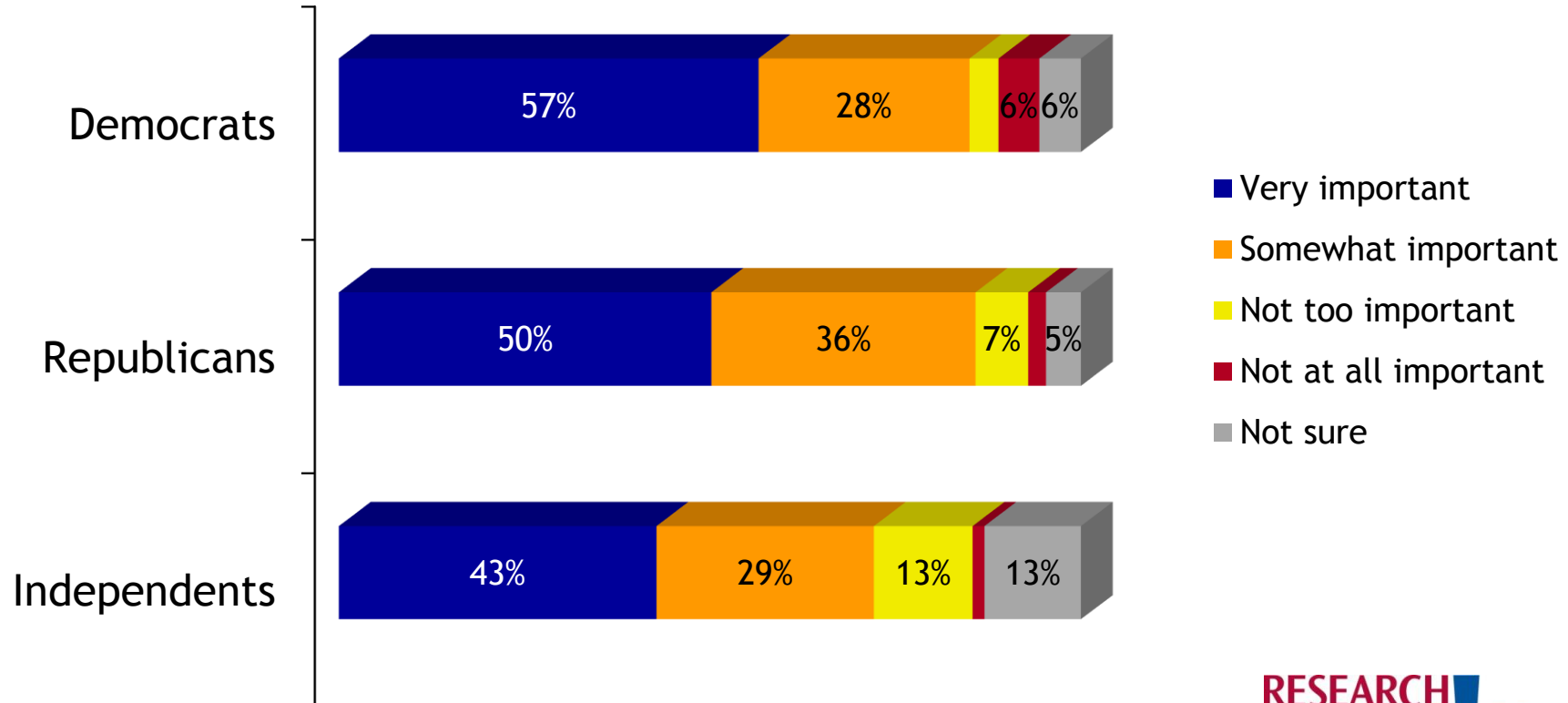
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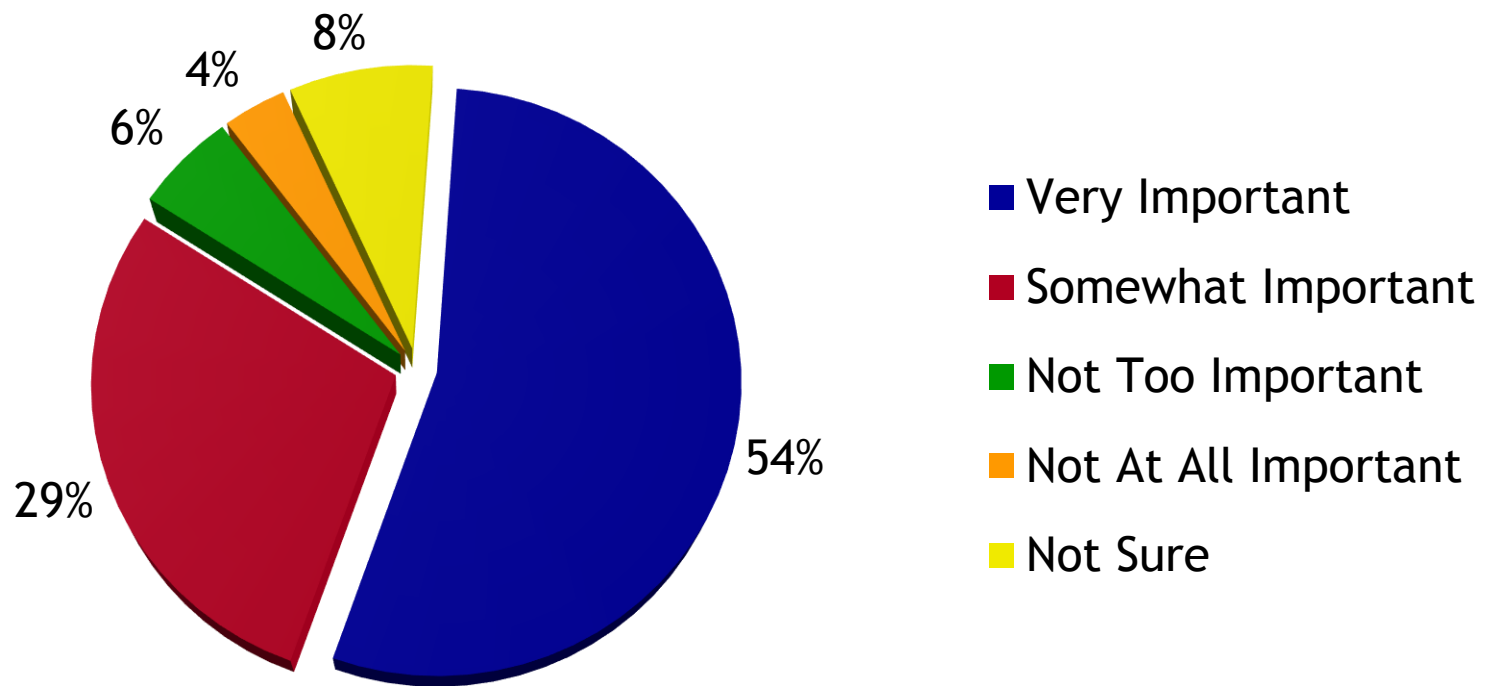


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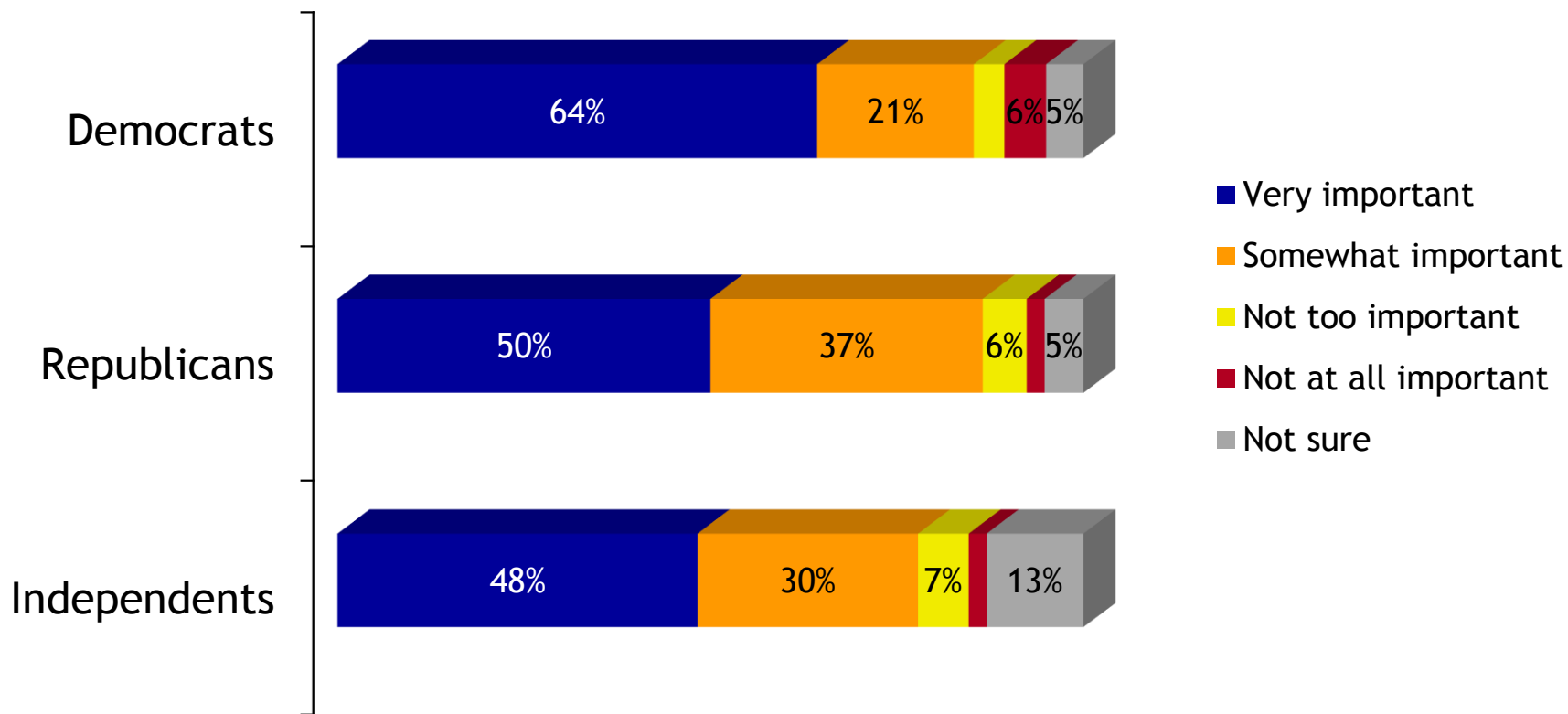
How important is it for President Trump to assign a high priority to putting health research and innovation to work to assure continued medical progress?

12% increase in those who said 'very important' from January 2017



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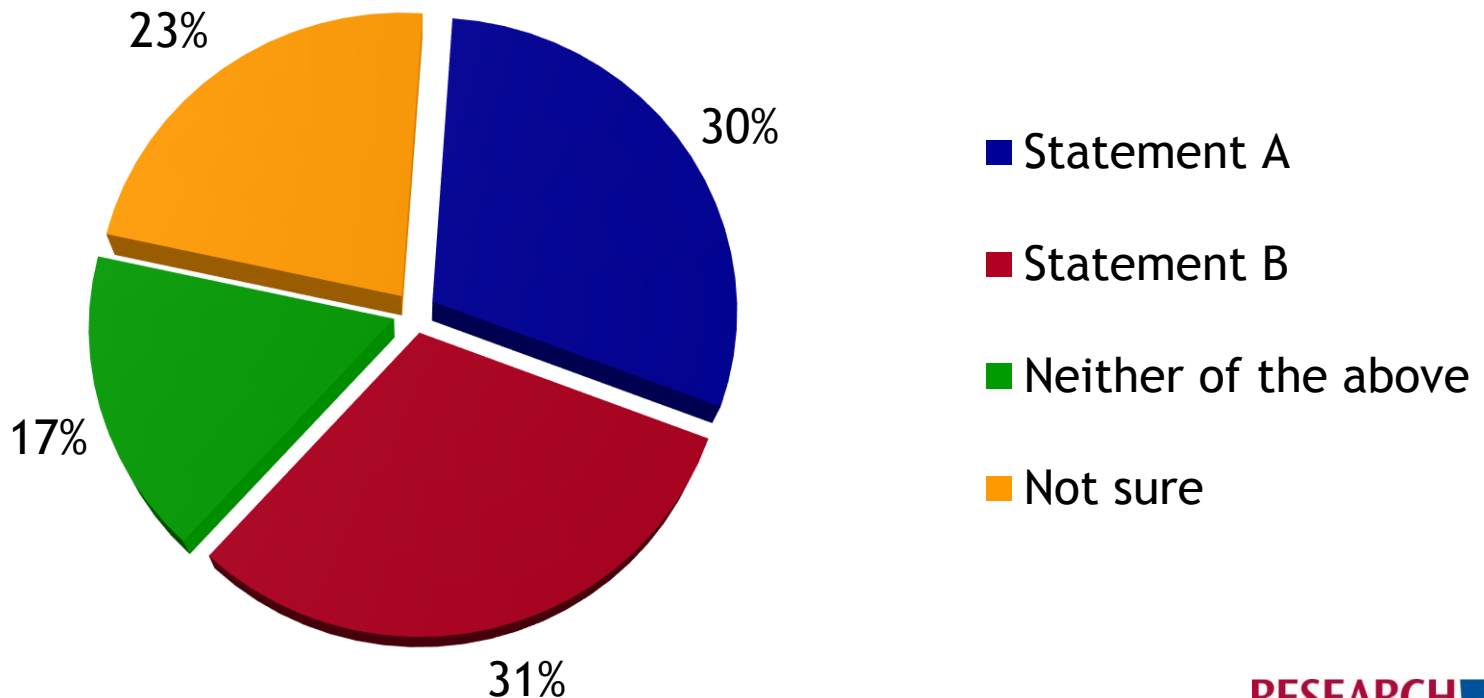
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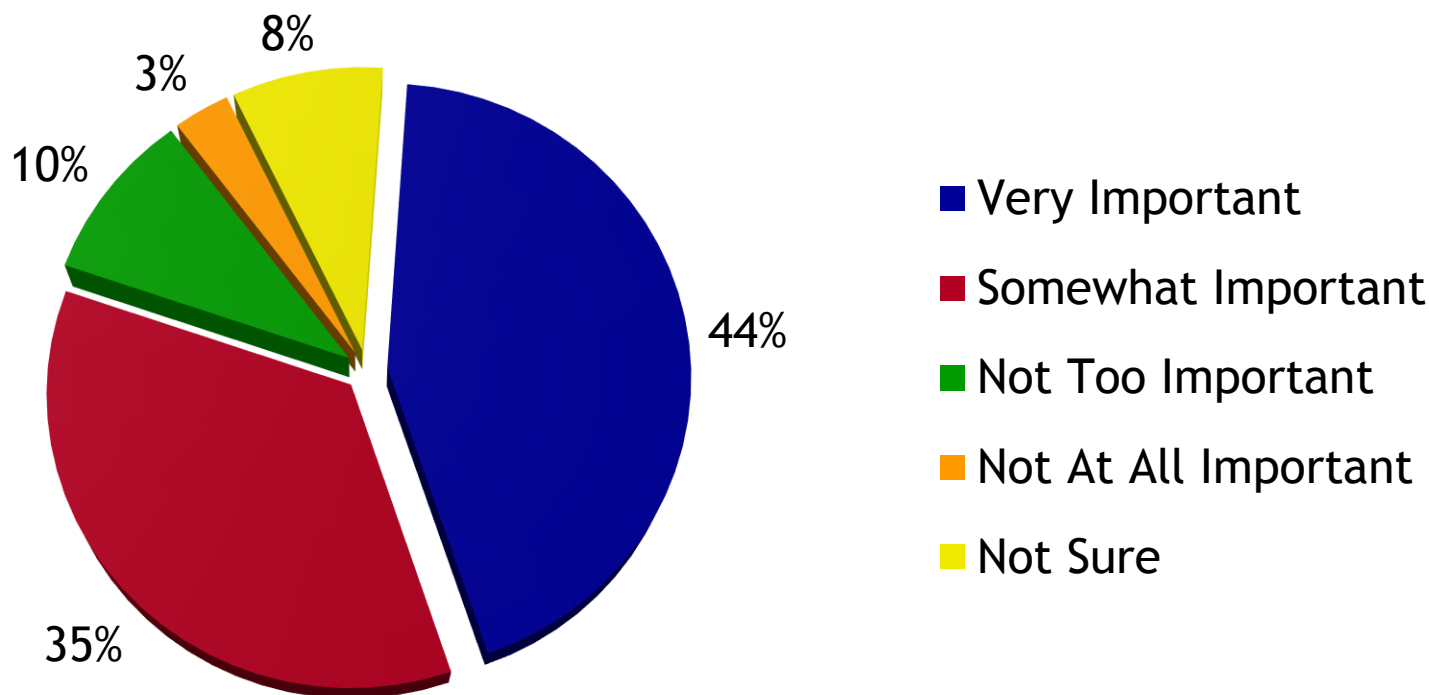
Views Split on Whether U.S. Science and Innovation Will Strengthen in 2018

Which statement is closest to your view? Statement A - America's global preeminence in science and innovation will strengthen in 2018. Statement B - America's global preeminence in science and innovation will weaken in 2018.



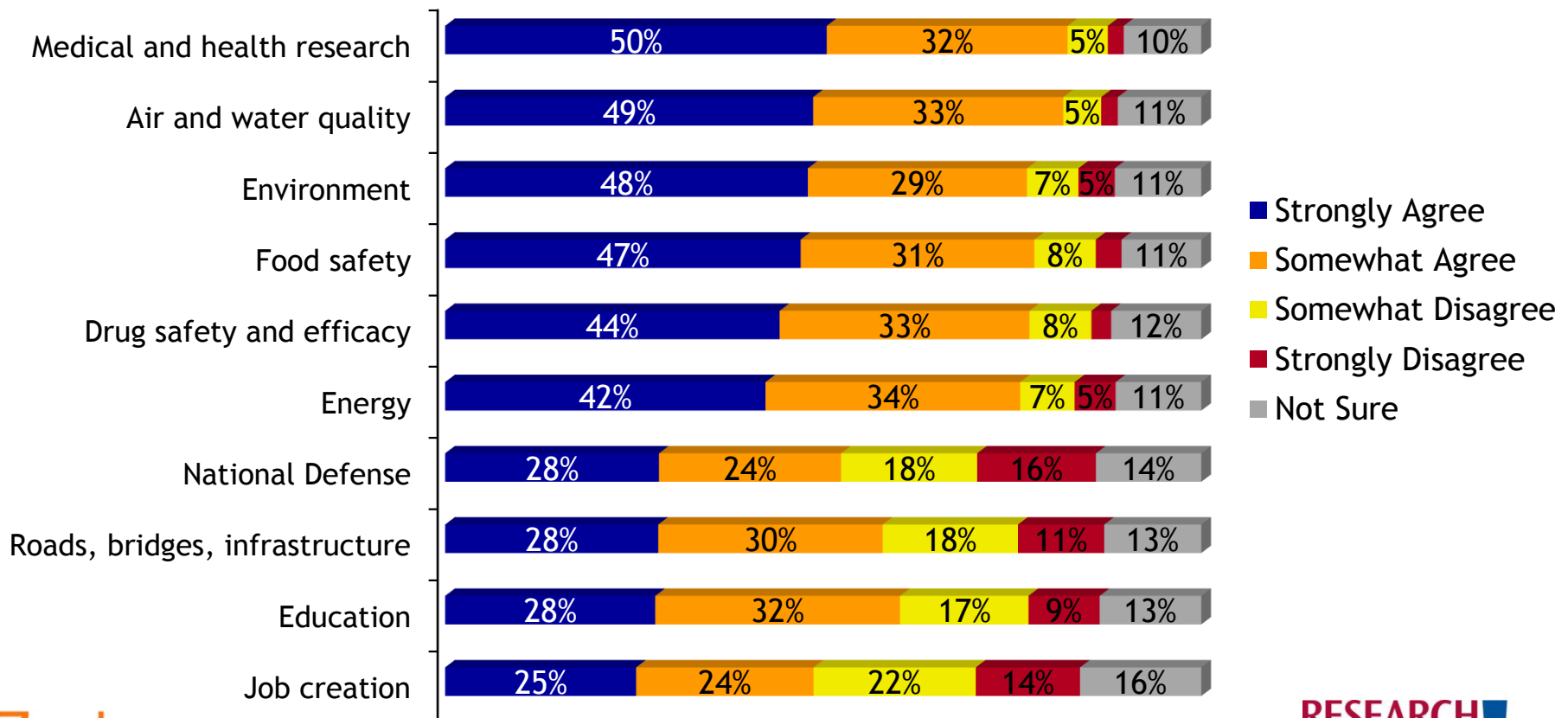
Important for Government to Support Incentives for Private Sector Research

How important is it for the federal government to support incentives for private sector investment in new treatments and cures?



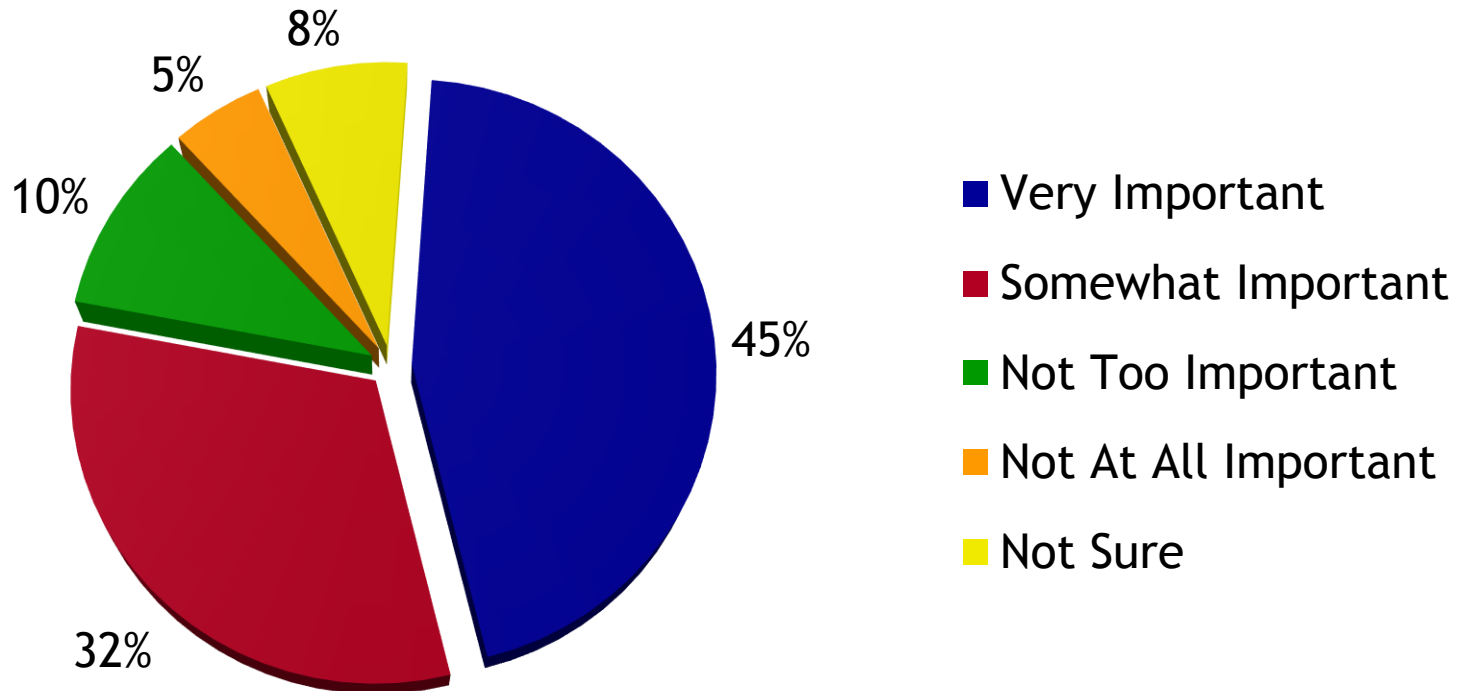
Scientists Should Play Major Role in Shaping Public Policy

Do you agree or disagree that scientists should play a major role in shaping policy for the following?



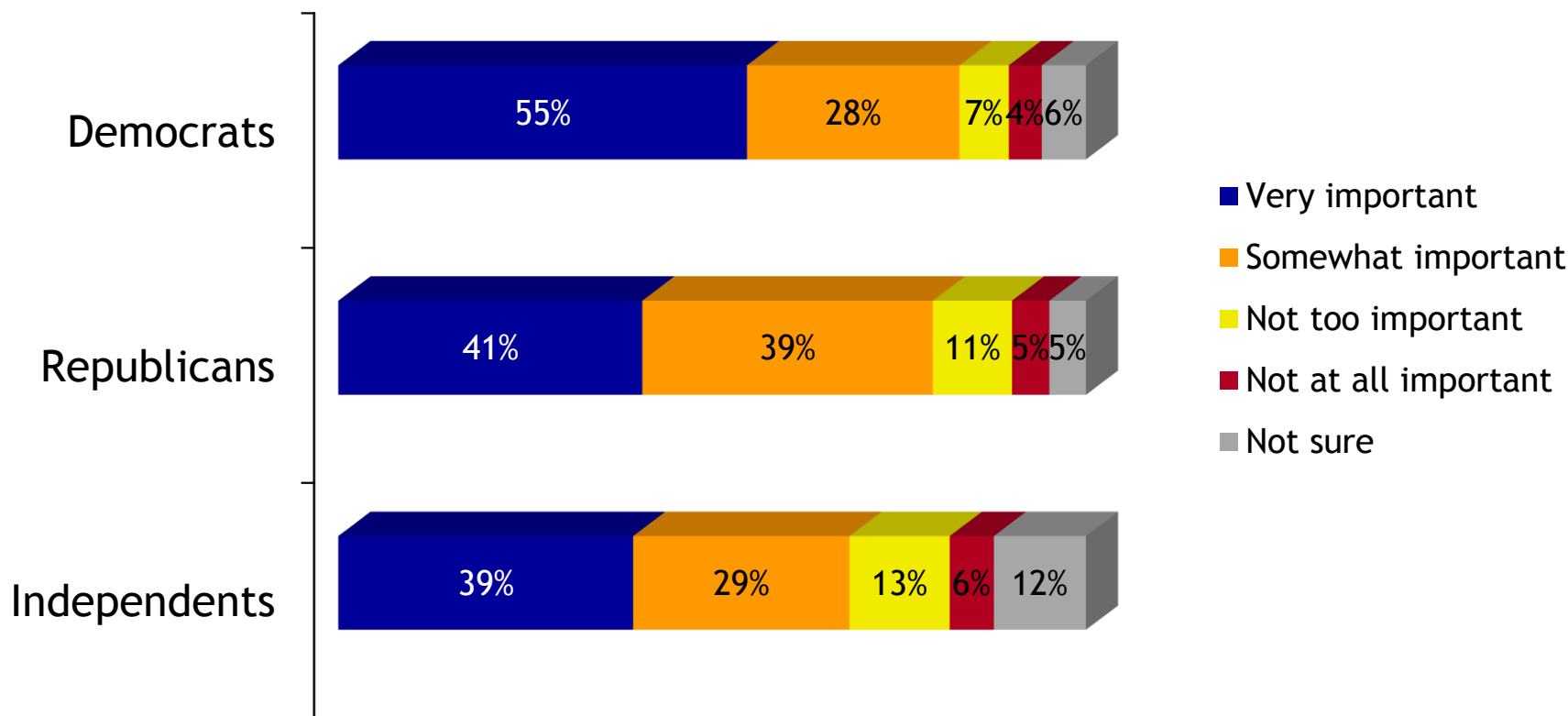
Large Majority Say Candidates Should Assign High Priority to Research Funding

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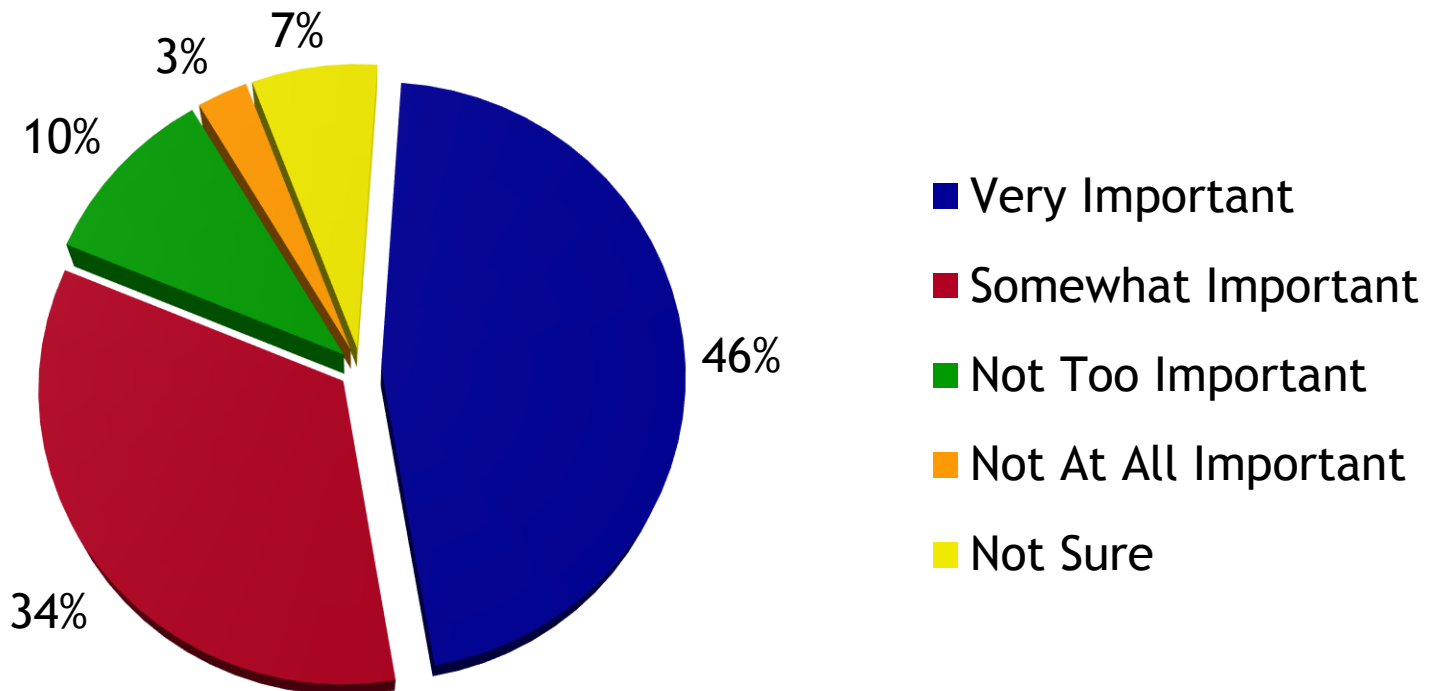
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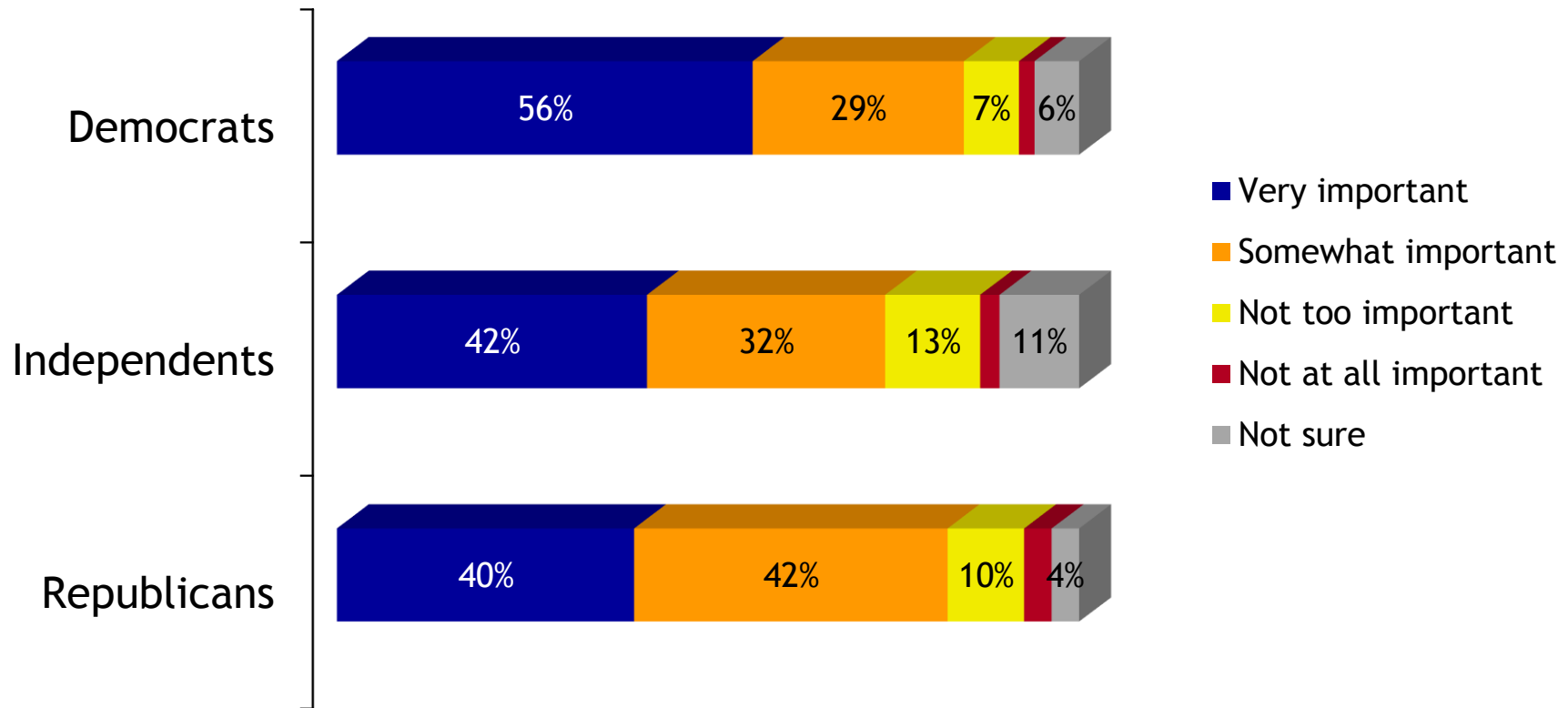
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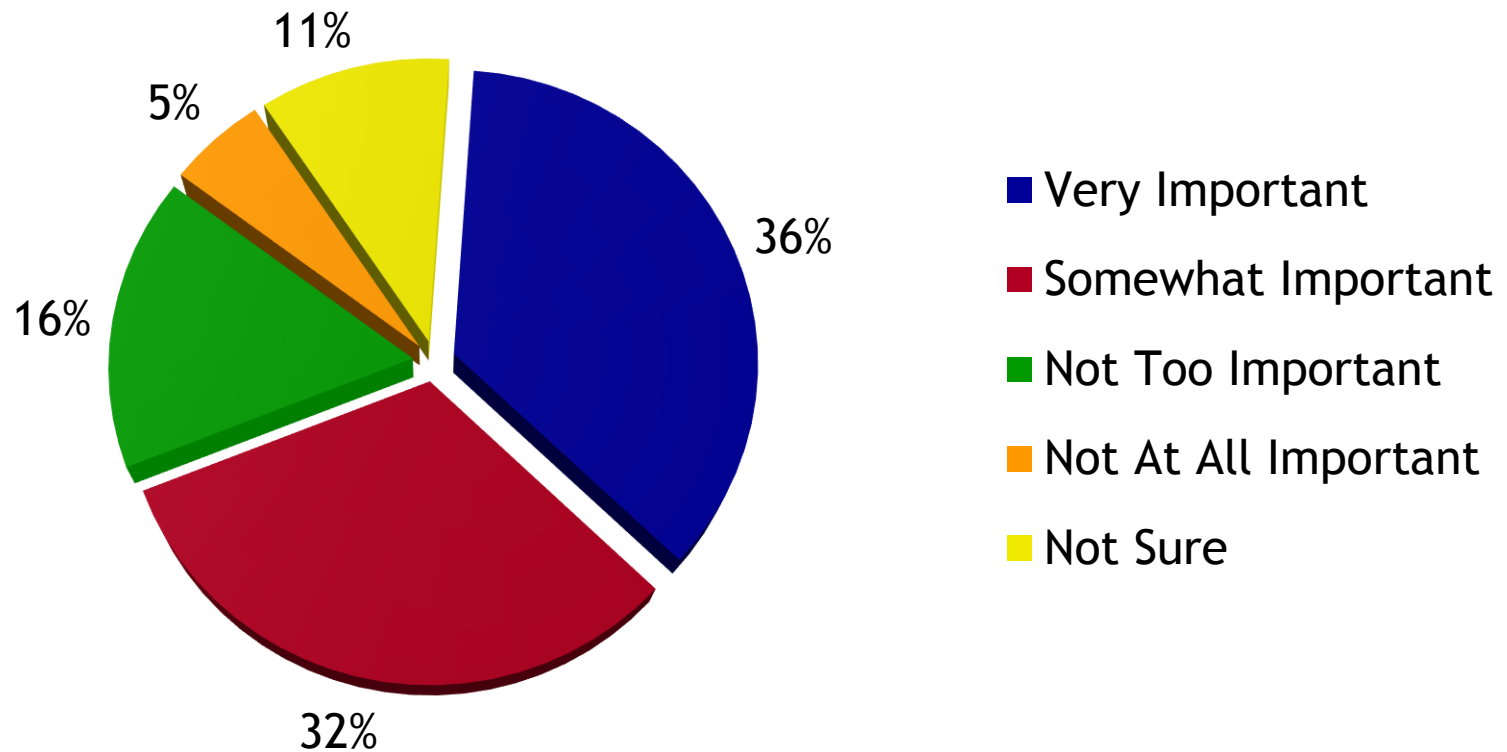
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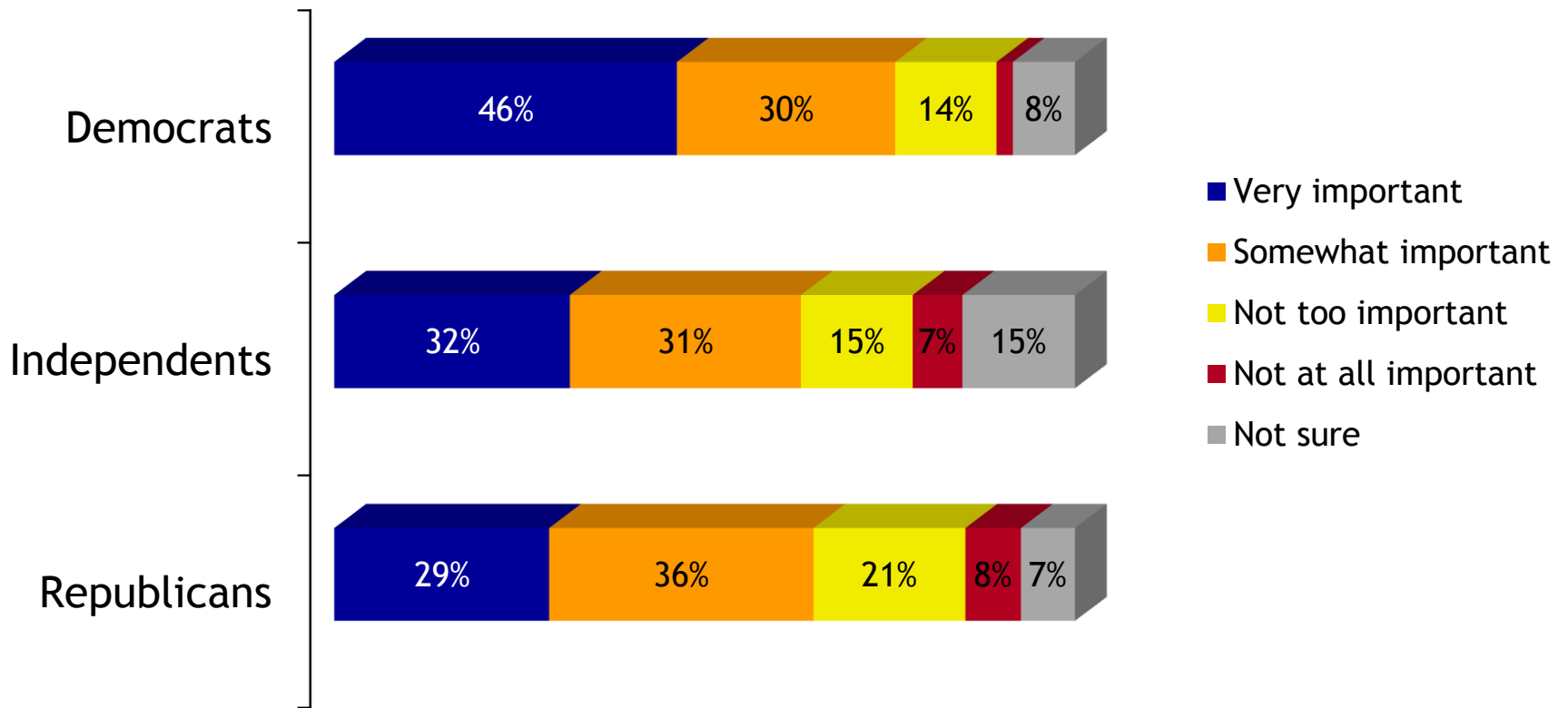
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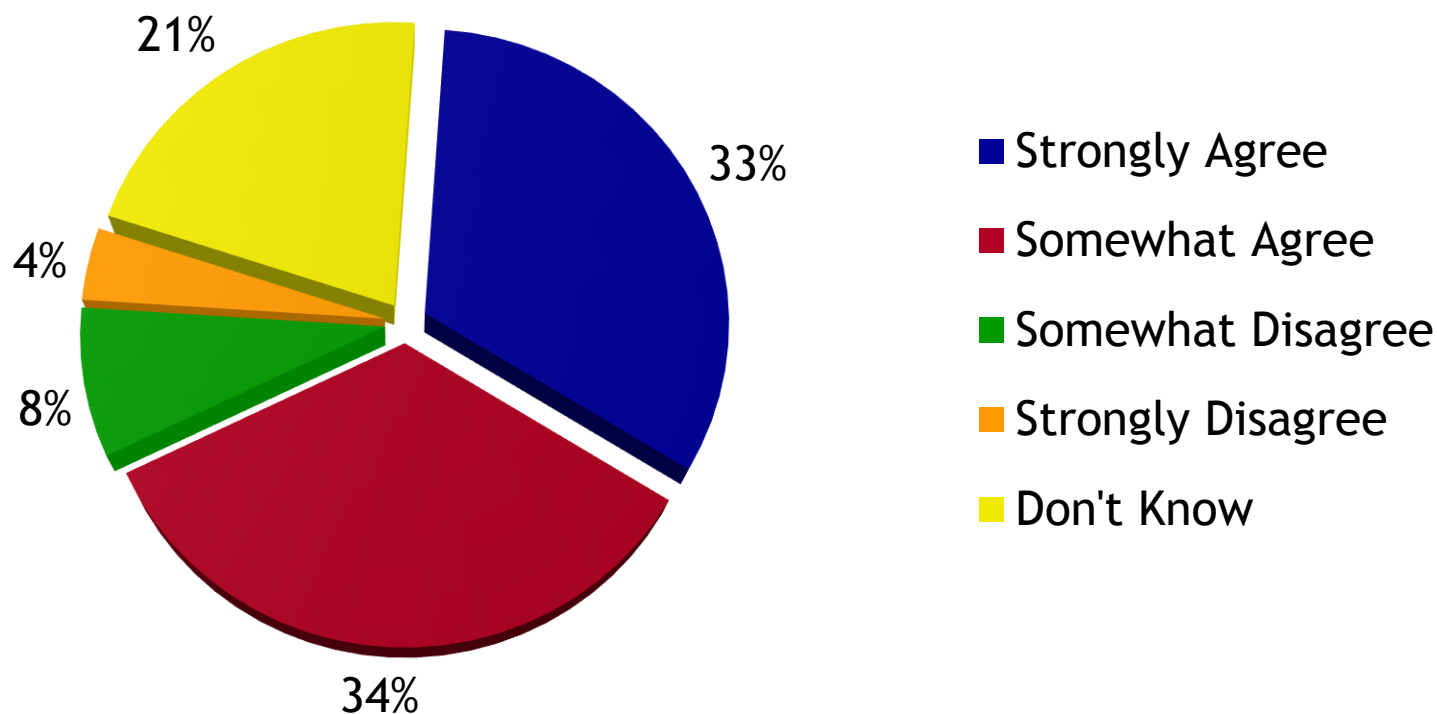
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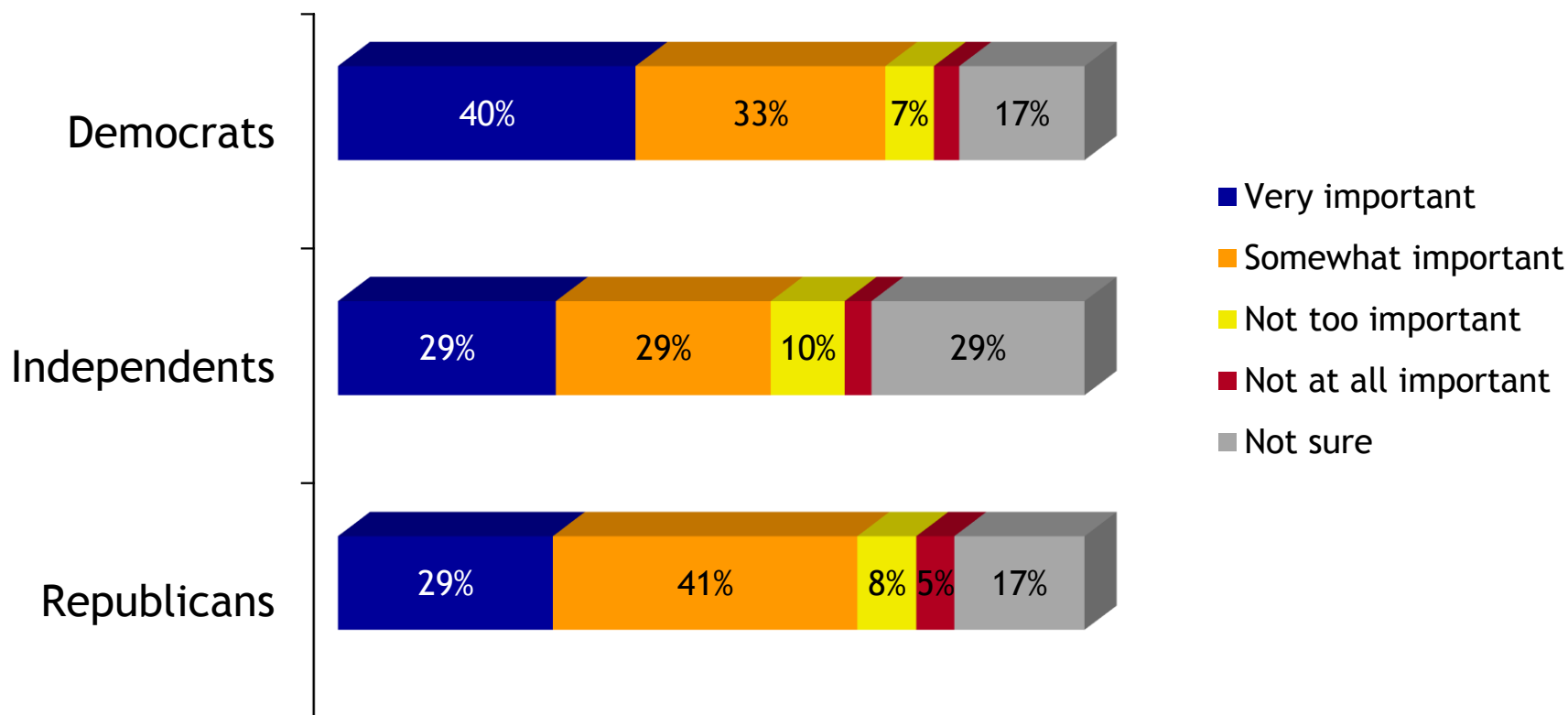
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Reducing Health Care Costs Should be A Government Priority

Which of the following should be priorities for the federal government?
(Choose all that apply)

Reducing health care costs	59%
Increasing access to health care	47%
Addressing opioid epidemic	43%
Combatting disease	35%
Funding scientific research	34%
Reforming healthcare entitlements (Medicare and Medicaid)	27%
Addressing health effects of climate change	26%
Incentivizing private sector research	20%
Not sure	12%
Other (Specify)	2%

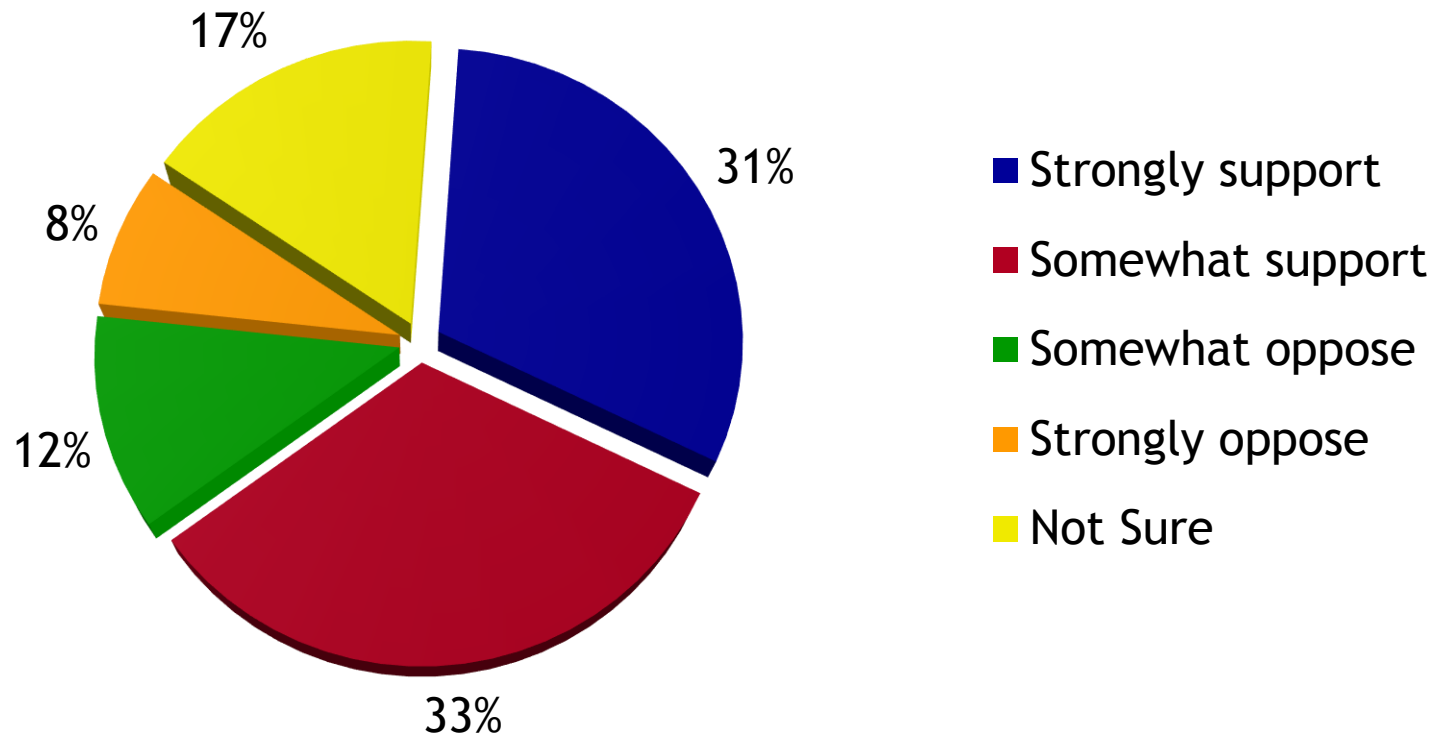
Americans Say Cancer, Drug Abuse Nation's Most Important Health Issues

Which of the following would you say is the single most important health issue facing the nation?

Cancer	23%
Drug/Substance Abuse	15%
Obesity	12%
Mental Health	8%
Heart disease	7%
Alzheimer's disease	6%
Diabetes	5%
Suicide	3%
High blood pressure	1%
Chronic lower respiratory disease (COPD)	1%
Asthma	1%
Unintentional injuries (accidents)	1%
Influenza	1%
Neurodegenerative Disease	1%
Arthritis	<1%
Stroke	<1%
Not sure	14%
Other (Specify)	1%

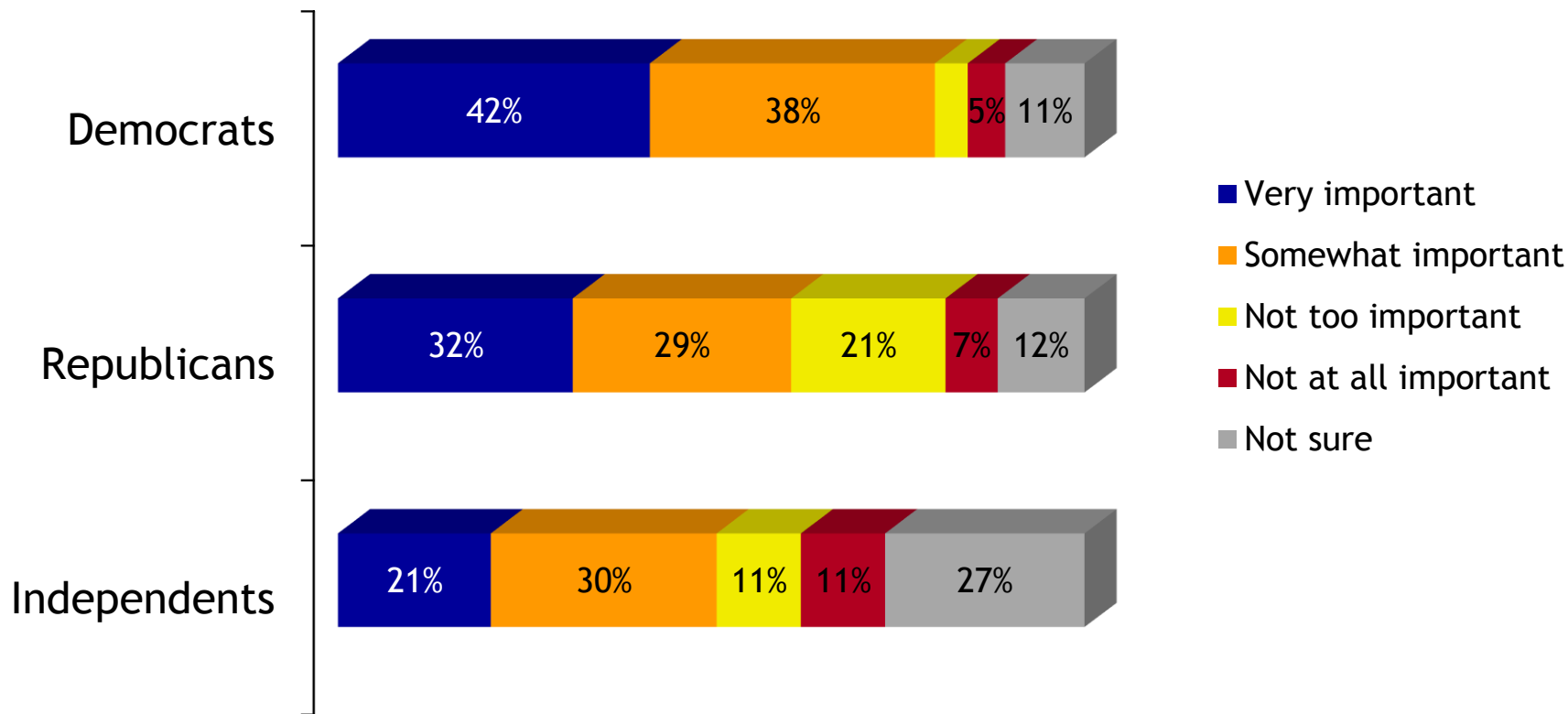
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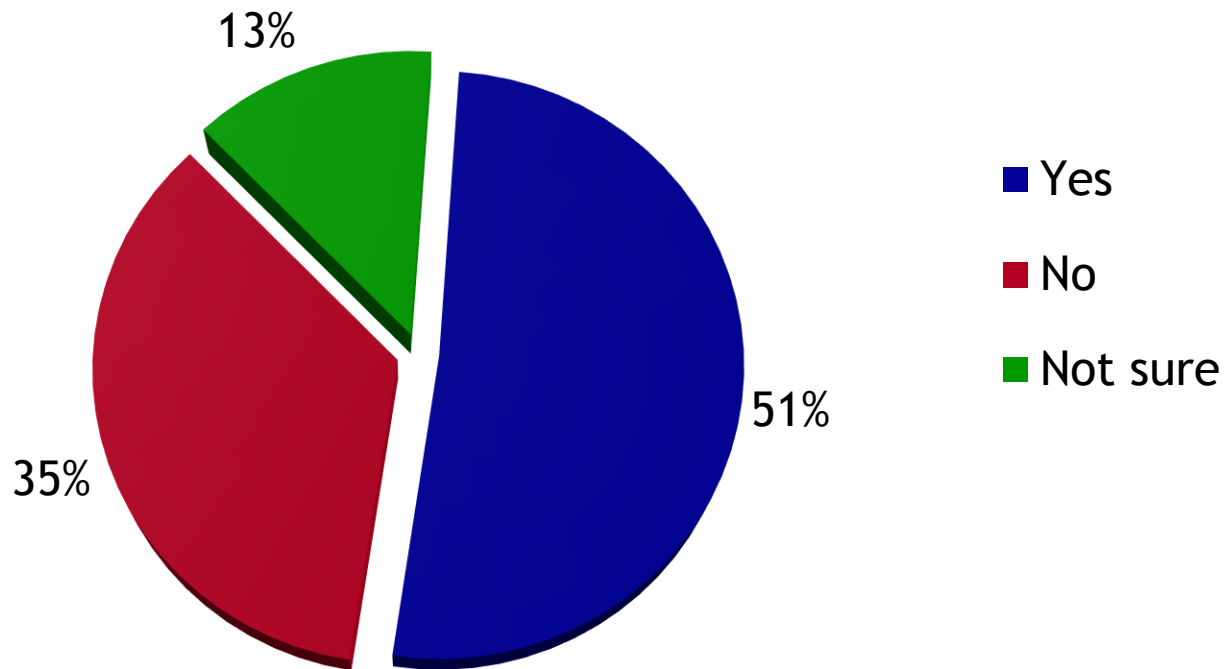
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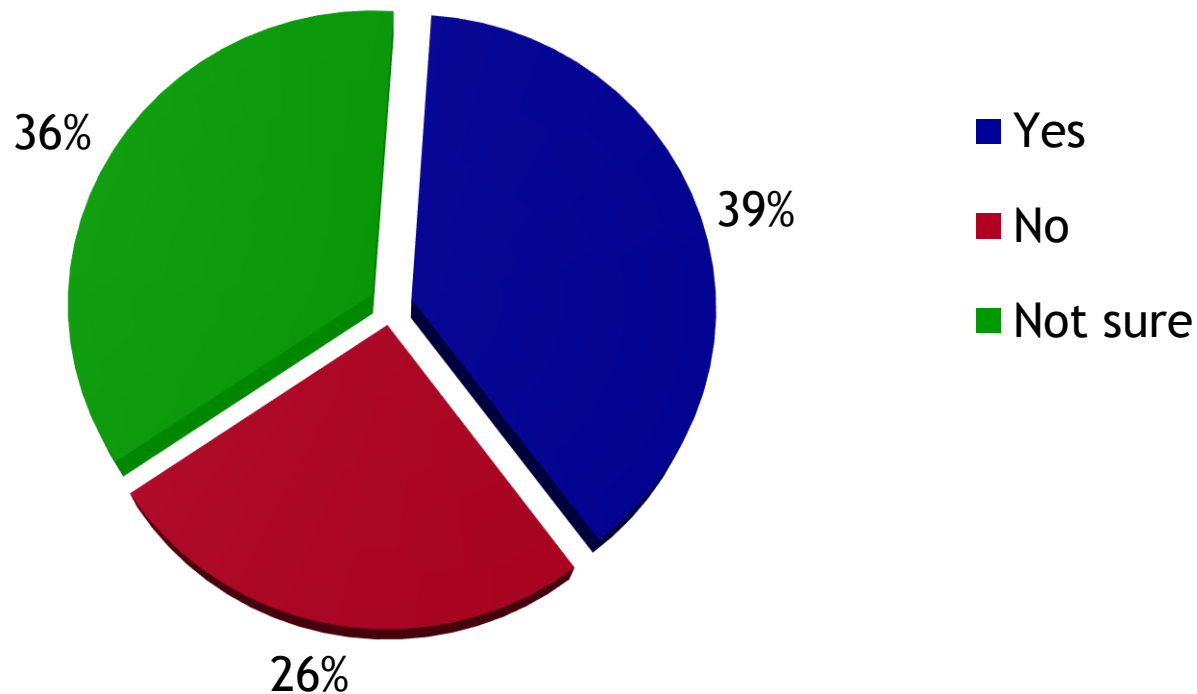
More than Half Know Someone Who Sought Prescription Medicine for Severe Pain

Do you know anyone who experienced pain so severe that they sought prescription medicines to treat it?



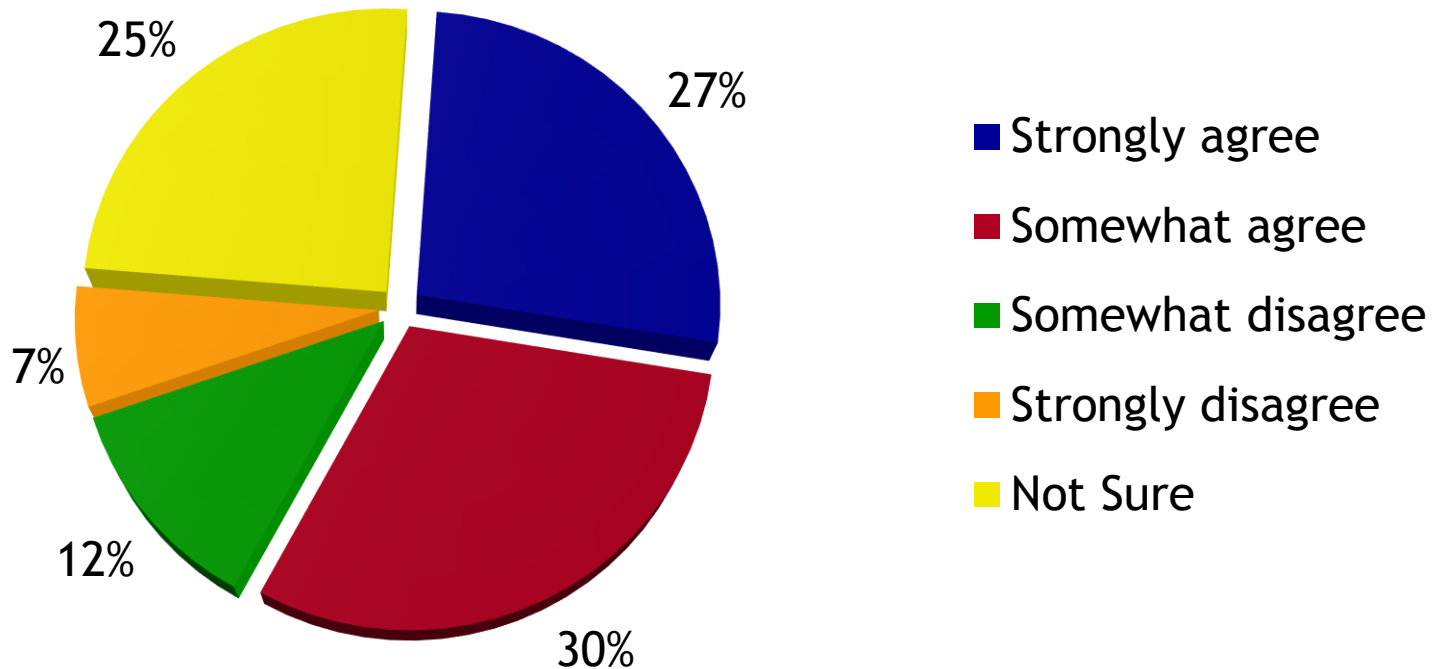
Plurality Say Pain Addiction a Problem in Their Community

Is prescription pain medication abuse and addiction a major problem in your community?



Majority Agree Opioid Epidemic Has Hurt Local Economies

Do you agree or disagree that the opioid epidemic has negatively impacted local economies and job growth?



Overprescribing of Opioids Top Barrier to Combating Opioid Epidemic

Which of the following are barriers to effectively combating the opioid epidemic? (Choose all that apply)

Overprescribing of opioids	60%
Lack of access to treatment	37%
Lack of coordination between state and federal governments to address epidemic	35%
Lack of funding for research and prevention	24%
Stigma of opioid use	21%
Not sure	17%
Other (Specify)	5%

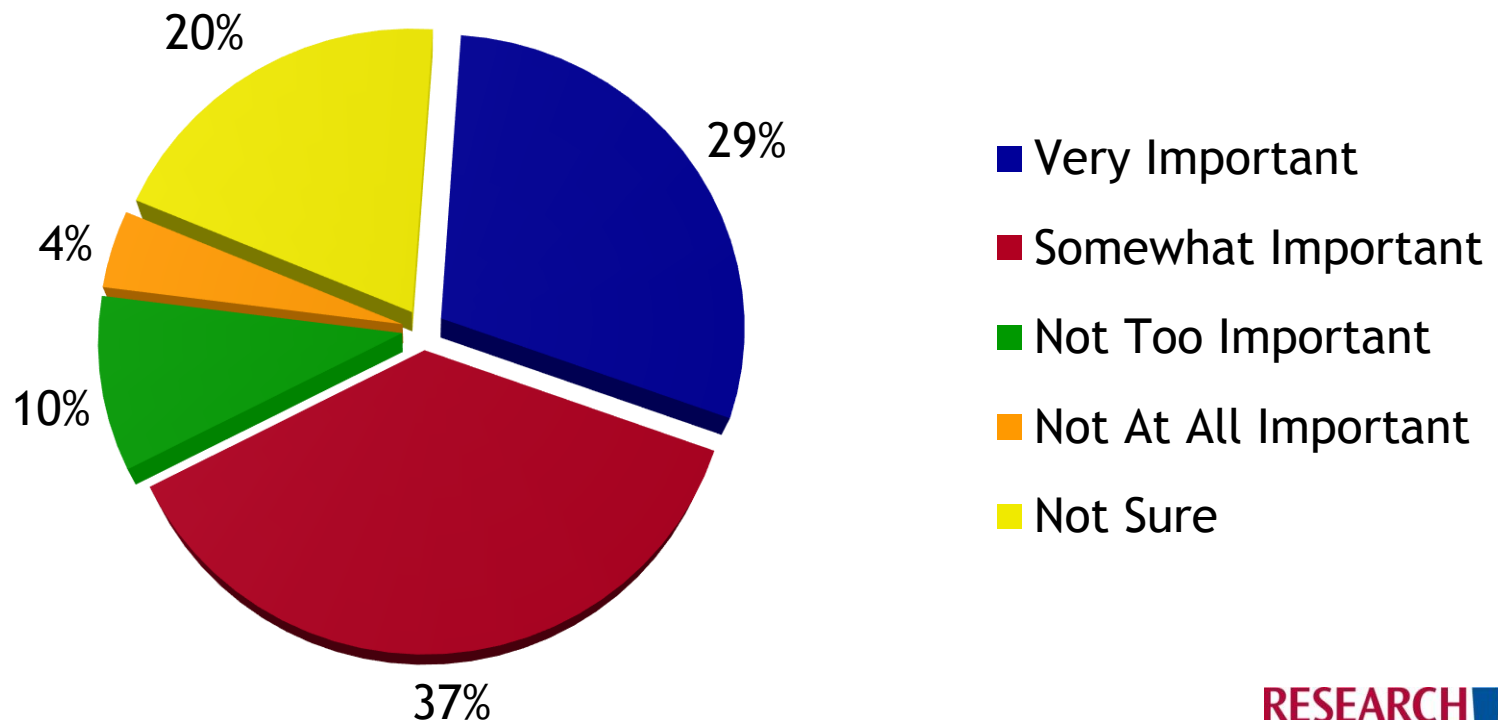
Health Care Professionals Should Educate the Public about Opioid Addiction

Which of the following is responsible for educating the public about opioid addiction? (Choose all that apply)

Health care professionals	68%
Government	46%
Industry	28%
Academia	28%
None	4%
Not sure	15%
Other (Specify)	5%

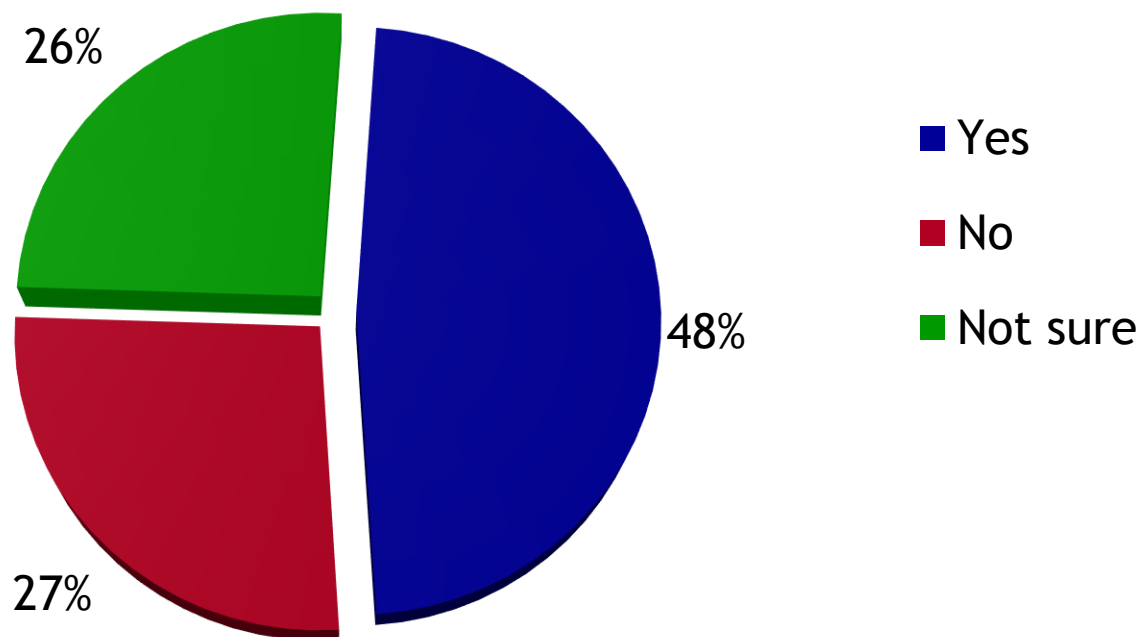
Government Should Increase Funding for Rural Health Research

Rural health research focuses on issues important to the delivery of rural medical services, the viability of rural healthcare facilities, and the health of individuals in rural areas. How important is it to increase federal funding for such research?



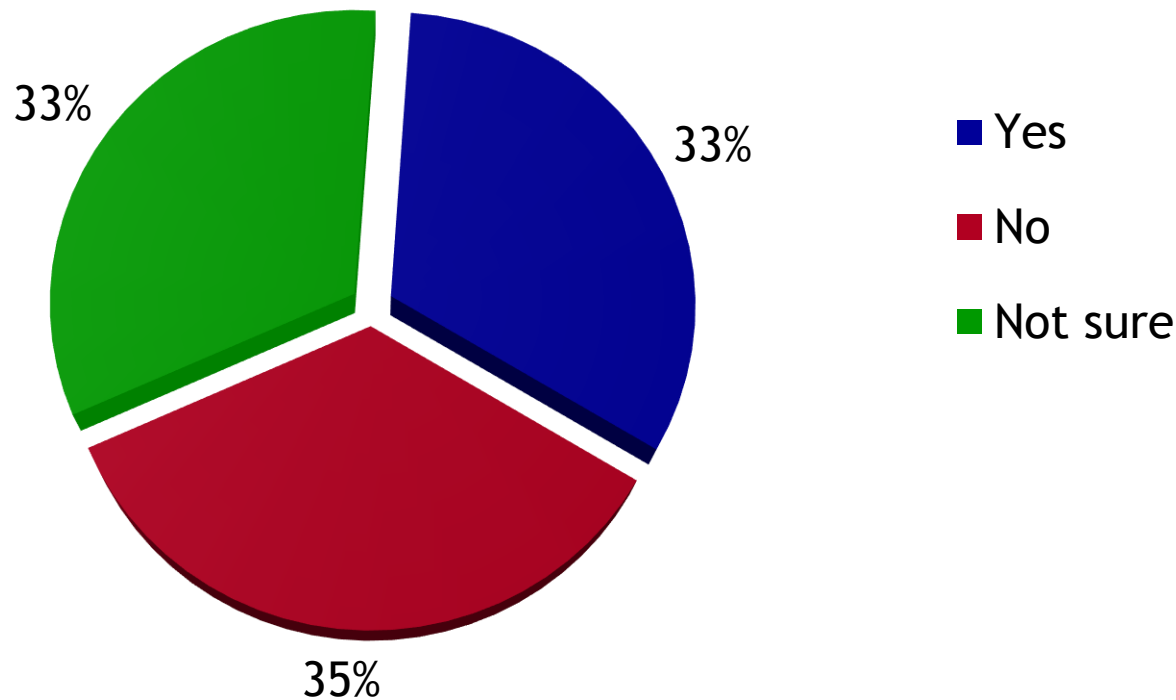
Less Than Half Say Family's Health Improved by Medical Research

Would you say your family's health has been improved by medical research?



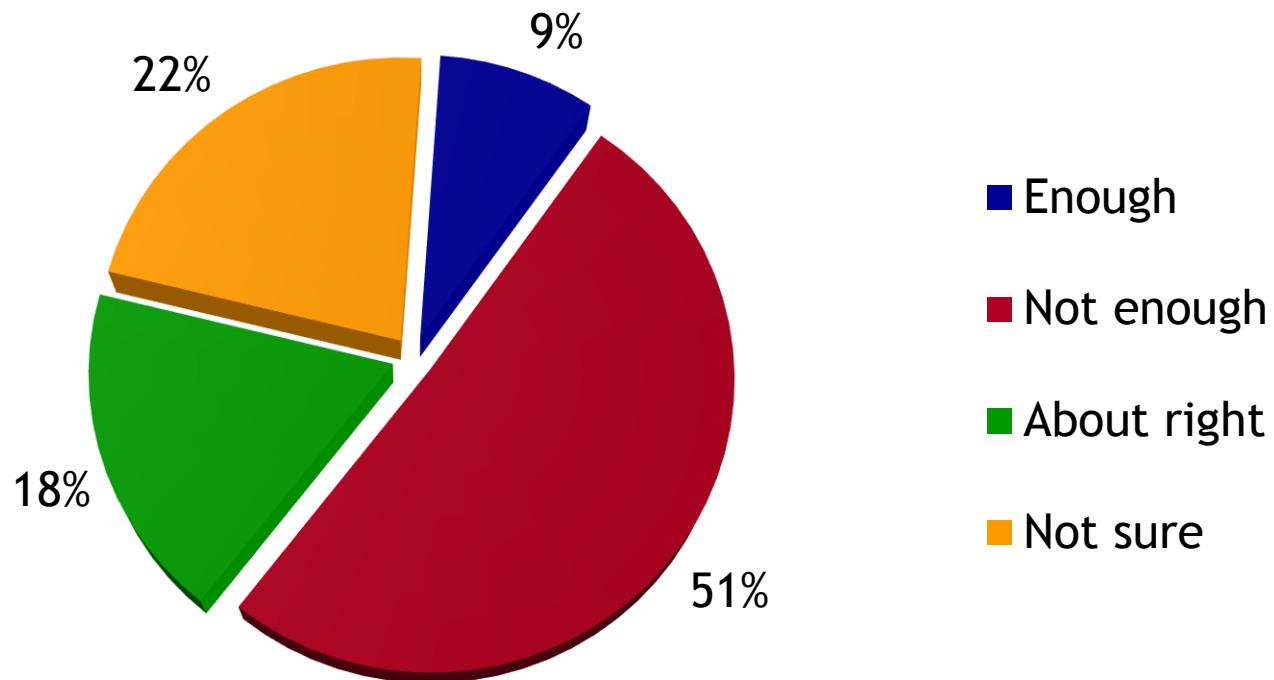
Opinions Split on Whether Health Care Based on Best, Most Recent Research

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



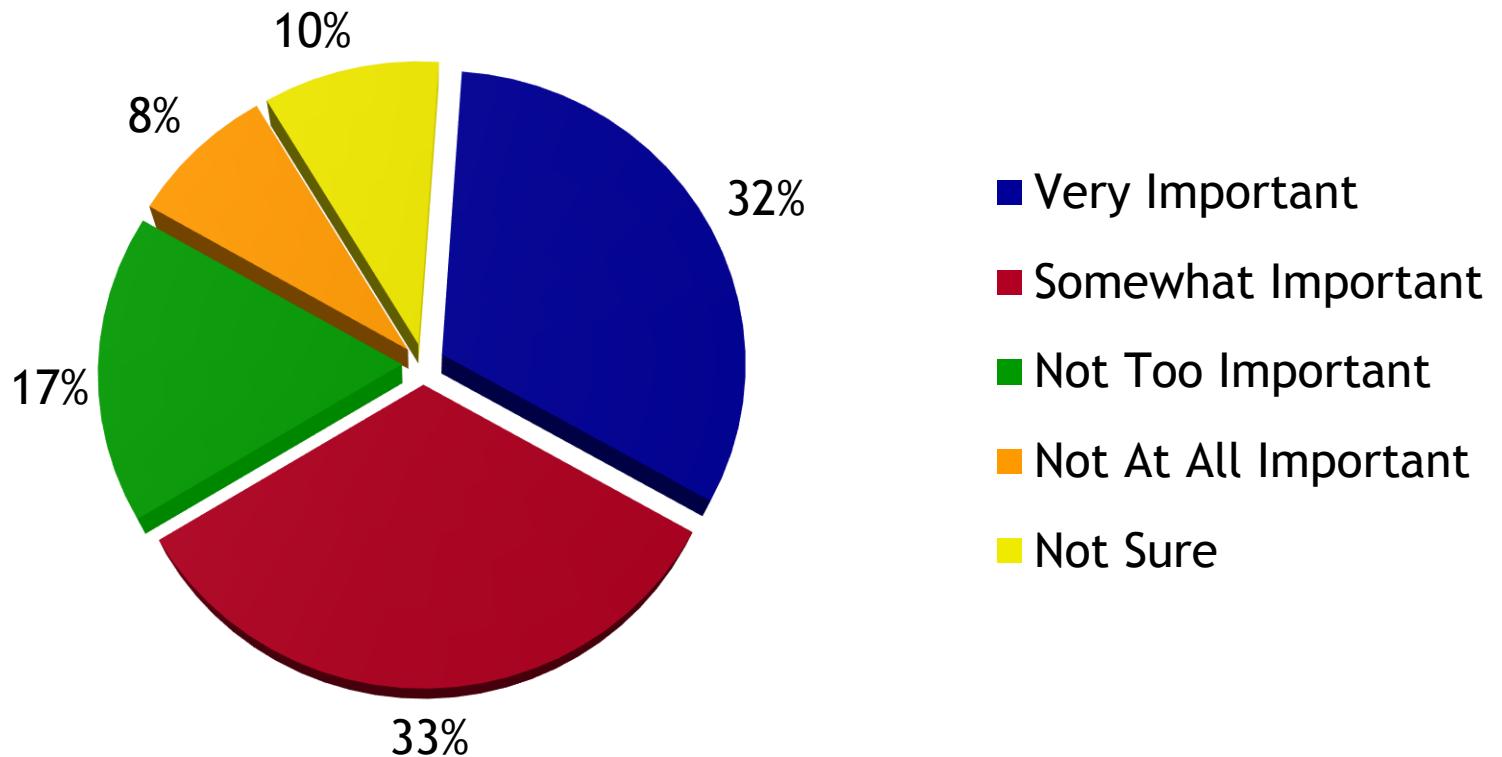
More Than Half Say There's Not Enough Investment in Mental Health Research

Do you think public investment in mental health research is enough, not enough or about right?



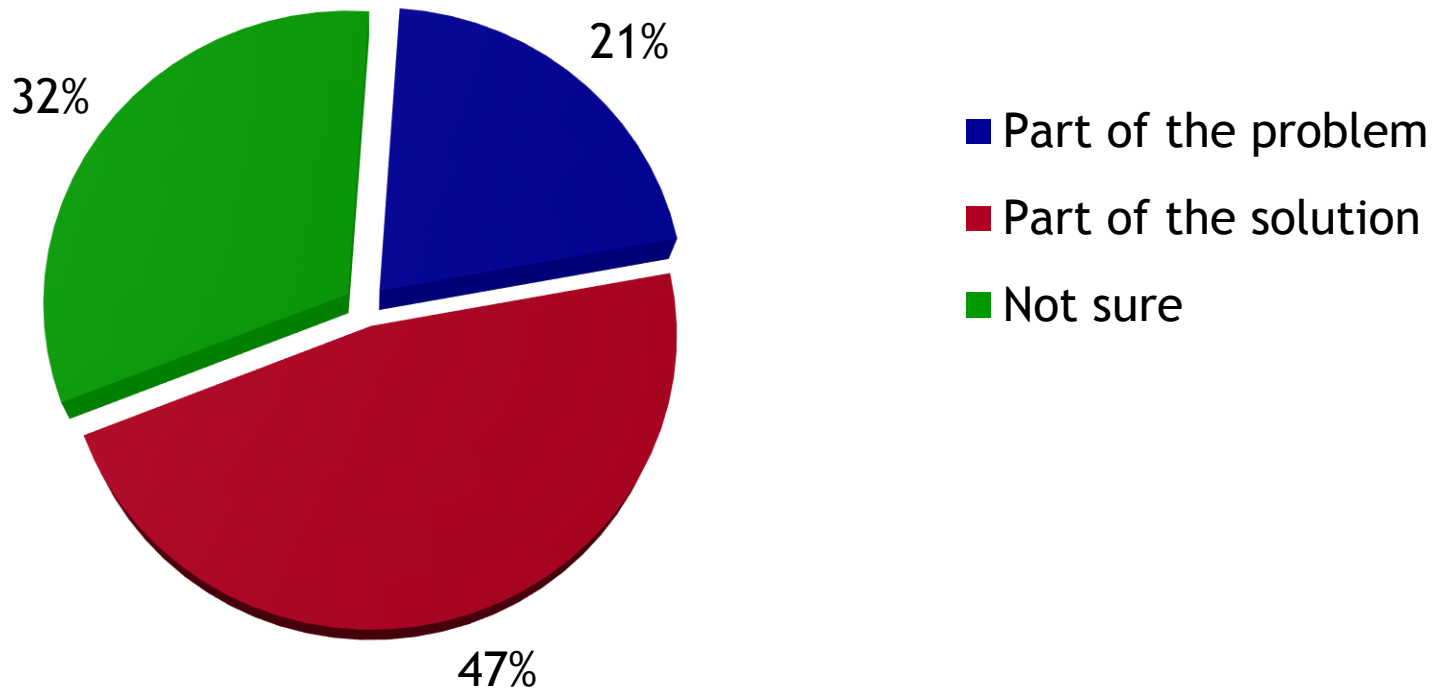
Majority Say It's Important to Invest In Suicide Prevention

How important is it for the U.S. to invest public dollars in the prevention of suicide?



Nearly Half Say Medical Research Is Part of the Solution to Rising Health Care Costs

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



Majority Favor Federal Funding for Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Do you strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose) federal funding for medical research using embryonic stem cells?

