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# Louisianans Speak Out on Medical and Health Research 

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Louisiana public opinion survey commissioned by Research!America.

## State Survey Methodology

This state online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in February 2016, among 800 adults ages 18+ in Louisiana. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of $+/-3.5$ percentage points*
*Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides

Zogby

## Important for Louisiana to lead in Research and Technology

How important do you think it is for Louisiana to be a leader in the following categories? (\% saying very and somewhat important)


## State Funds Should Support Research at Public Universities

Do you agree or disagree that Louisiana state (taxpayer) funds should be used to support scientific research at public universities?


- Strongly Agree
$\square$ Somewhat Agree
■ Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not Sure


## Investments in Medical Research Important to Louisiana Economy

In terms of jobs and incomes, how important do you think spending money on medical research is to Louisiana's economy?


■ Very Important

- Somewhat Important
- Not too Important
- Not at all Important
- Not Sure


## Important for Louisiana to Conduct Research 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 for Louisiana to fund and conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?


- Very Important

■ Somewhat Important

- Not too Important
- Not at all Important

Not Sure

Source: A Research!America survey of Louisianans conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in February 2016.

## Louisiana State Legislature Should Help Fund Prevention Research

Some types of prevention research aim to help people make behavioral changes that can help them overcome health threats such as smoking. Do you believe the Louisiana state legislature should help fund this prevention research?


■Yes

- No

■ Not Sure

## State Should Fund Obesity, Hypertension and Diabetes Research

Some types of prevention research aim to help people make behavioral changes that can help them overcome health threats such as obesity, hypertension and diabetes. Do you believe the Louisiana state legislature should help fund this prevention research?


■Yes

- No

■ Not Sure

## Majority say Mental Health and Physical Health are Treated Differently

Do you think our health care system treats mental health and physical health the same?


■Yes

- No

■ Not Sure

## Physical Health Treated with More Importance than Mental Health

Which one do you think is treated with greater importance (in our health care system)?


■ Physical health is treated with more importance

- Physical and Mental health are treated with equal importance
$\square$ Mental health is treated with more importance

Don't Know/Refused

## Access to Mental Health Services is Getting Worse

Do you think access to mental health services, such as counseling, is getting better, getting worse, or staying the same in Louisiana?


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## Louisiana Should Assign a Higher Priority to STEM Education

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


- Strongly Agree
$\square$ Somewhat Agree
■ Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not Sure


# Louisianans Willing to Share Personal Health Data for Research 

For which of the following would you be willing to share your personal health information? (Choose all that apply)

To advance medical research

So health care providers can improve patient care

So public health officials can better track disease and disability and the causes

46\%

## 30\%

## 47\%



## Majority Support Gene Therapy

Based on what you know of gene therapy, that is, the altering of human genes to treat disease, do you think that research into gene therapy should be continued or should it be stopped?


■ Continued<br>■ Stopped<br>- Don't Know

## Important for Candidates to Support Increased Funding for Medical Research

How important is it for candidates running for national office this year to assign a high priority to increasing funding for medical research?


■ Very Important
■ Somewhat Important

- Not too Important
- Not at all Important
- Not Sure


[^0]:    ■ Getting Better
    ■ Getting Worse

    - Staying the Same
    - Not Sure

