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## National Poll

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The National 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\%.

## 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."


■ Strongly agree

■ Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
$■$ Strongly disagree

- Not sure


## Investing in Health Research Important to Job Creation, Recovery

How important is investing in health research to job creation and economic recovery?


■ Very important
■ Somewhat important
Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure


## Research is Important to States' Economies

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


■ Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important
Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure

Source: National 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

■ No

- Not sure

Source: National 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
■ Somewhat important
Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure


# 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?

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Significant decrease in "yes" since 2008

■ Yes

■ No

- Not sure


# 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.?


■ Yes

■ No

- Not sure

Source: National 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?


■ Part of the solution
$\square$ Part of the problem

- Not sure


## U.S. is Not Spending Enough of the Health Dollar on 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
- The right amount

Not enough

- Not sure


## 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

■ No

- Not sure


## 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

- Somewhat important Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant
- Not sure


## Americans Say Government Should Play a Role in Prevention Research

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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?


■ Yes

■ No

- Not sure

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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
■ Somewhat important
Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure

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## 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
■ Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
$■$ Strongly disagree

- Not sure


## Americans Support Increased Federal Funding for ESCR

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


■ Strongly favor

- Somewhat favor

Somewhat oppose
Strongly oppose
■ Not sure

## Government Should Emphasize STEM Careers for Young Americans

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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

■ No

- Not sure

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## Important to Increase Funding for CDC

How important is it to increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?


■ Very important
■ Somewhat important
Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure


## Important to Increase Funding for FDA

How important is it to increase funding for the Food and Drug Administration?


■ Very important
■ Somewhat important
Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure


## Important to Increase Funding for NIH

How important is it to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health?


■ Very important

- Somewhat important

Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure


## Important to Increase Funding for NSF

How important is it to increase funding for the National Science Foundation?


■ Very important

- Somewhat important

Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure


## Important to Increase Funding for AHRQ

How important is it to increase funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality?


■ Very important

- Somewhat important

Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure


## 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 ...


■ Too much

- About right
- Not enough
- Not sure


## 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 long

- About right

■ Not enough

- No opinion


## Important for Elected Officials to Listen to Health Professionals

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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

- Somewhat important

Somewhat unimportant
■ Very unimportant

- Not sure

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## Advances in Science 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
■ Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
$■$ Strongly disagree

- Not sure


## 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

- Somewhat well informed
Somewhat uninformed
■ Very uninformed
- Not sure


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