# RESEARCH AN ALLIANCE FOR DISCOVERIES IN HEALTH\*

#### National Poll

October 2011

Results of a New National Public Opinion Poll

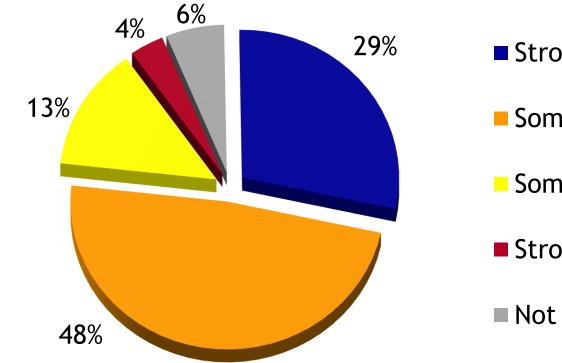
### National Public Opinion Poll

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."



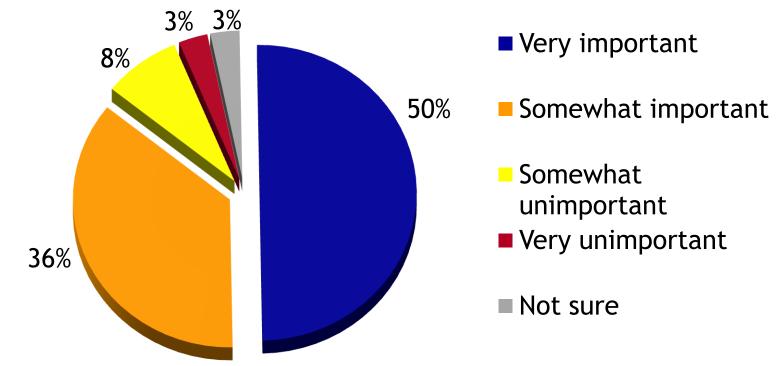
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#### Investing in Health Research Important to Job Creation, Recovery

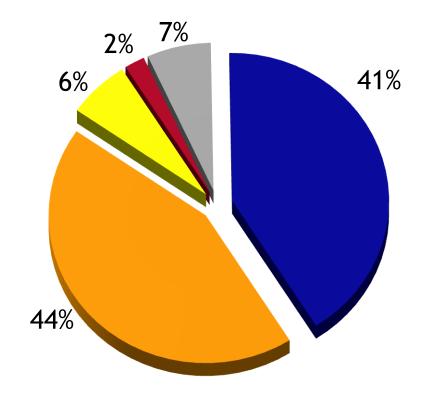
How important is investing in health research to job creation and economic recovery?





### Research is Important to States' Economies

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



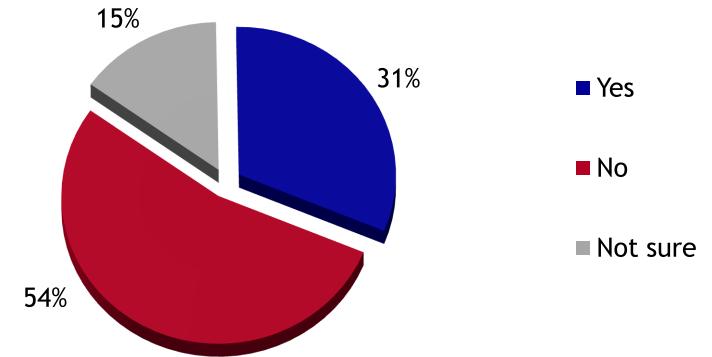
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### Majority of Americans Say U.S. Doesn't Have Best Health Care

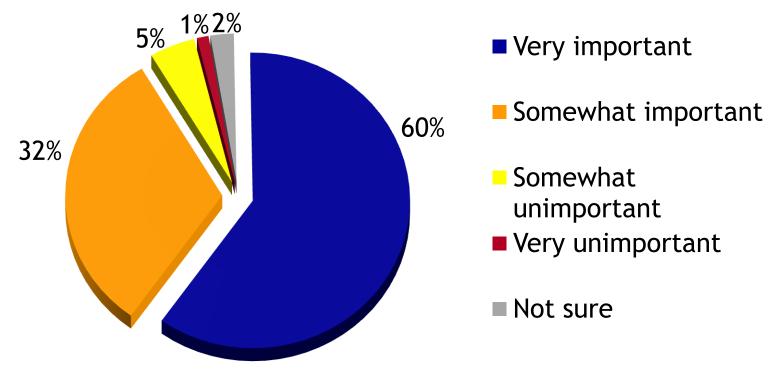
NEW Q Do you believe the United States has the best health care system in the world?





### Majority Say Health Care Research is Important

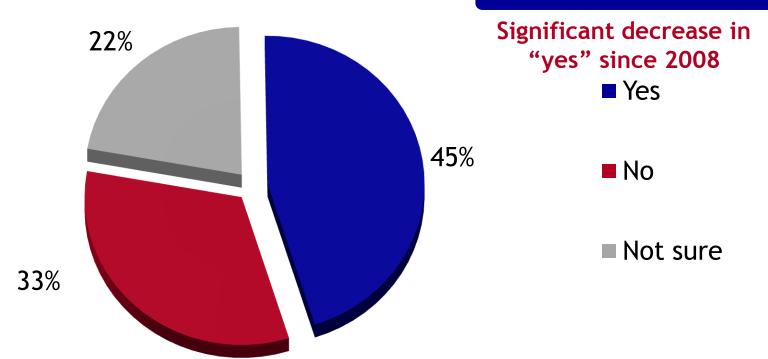
How important is it that our nation support research that focuses on how well the health care system is functioning?





### 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?



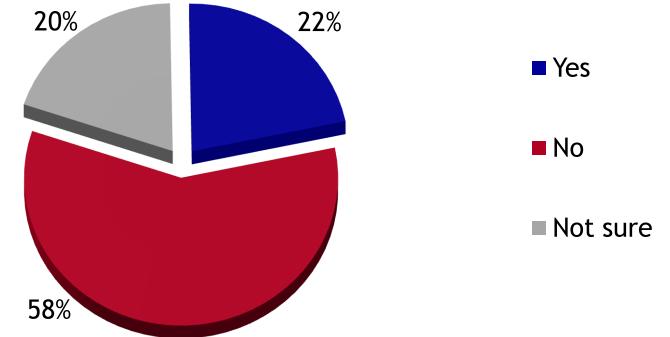
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**TREND CHANGE** 

### Medical Research is Not Making Enough Progress, Americans Say

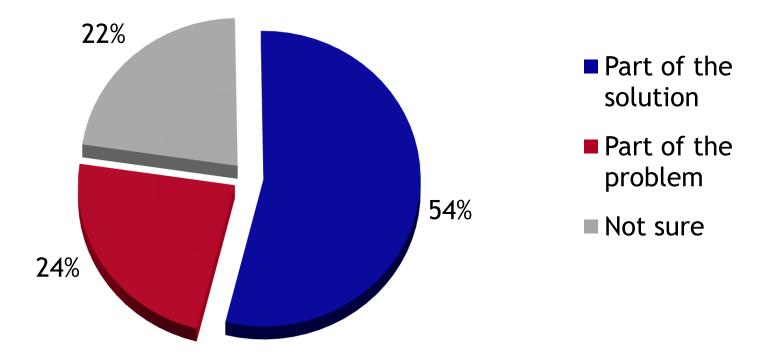
NEW Q Do you believe that we are making enough progress in medical research in the U.S.?





# Research is Part of the Solution to Rising Health Care Costs

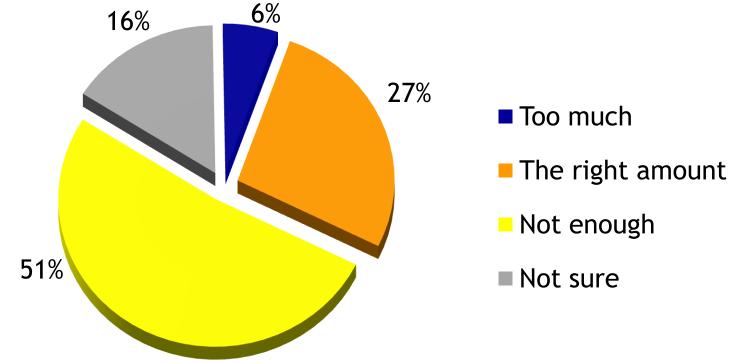
When it comes to rising health care costs, would you say research to improve health is part of the problem or part of the solution?





## U.S. is Not Spending Enough of the Health Dollar on Research

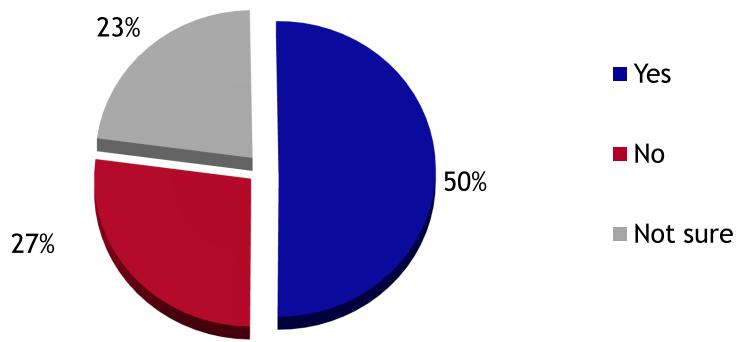
In 2010, the U.S. spent five and a half cents of each health dollar on research to prevent, cure and treat disease and disability. Do you think that this is too much, the right amount or not enough?





#### Half of Americans Willing to Pay Tax for Research

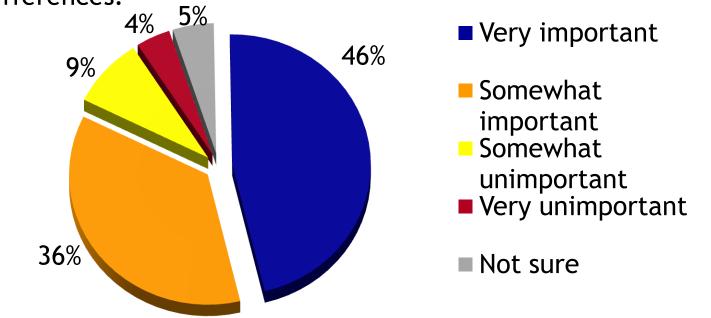
Would you be willing to pay \$1 per week more in taxes if you were certain that all of the money would be spent for additional medical research?





### Very Important to Eliminate Health Disparities

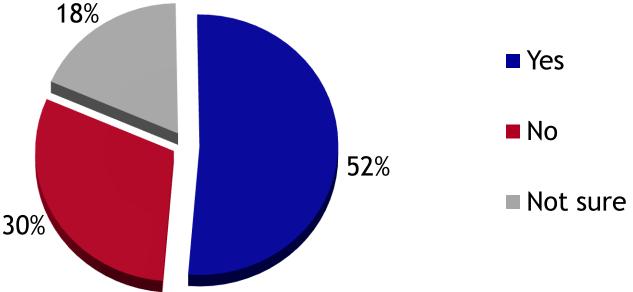
Studies show that certain health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and infant mortality happen more often among minorities or citizens with lower incomes. How important do you feel it is to conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?





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

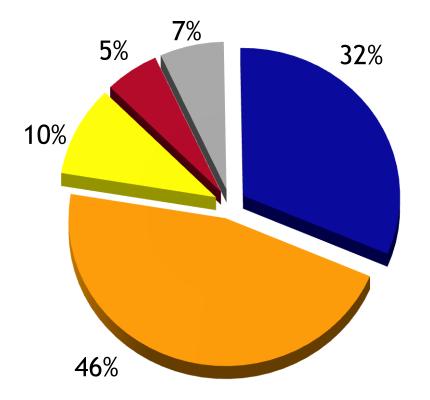
Our nation's health care costs attributable to smoking and obesity are estimated at \$243 billion. One of the key aims of prevention research is to help Americans make behavioral changes that can help them overcome these and other hazardous and costly health threats. Do you believe the government should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





### 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?



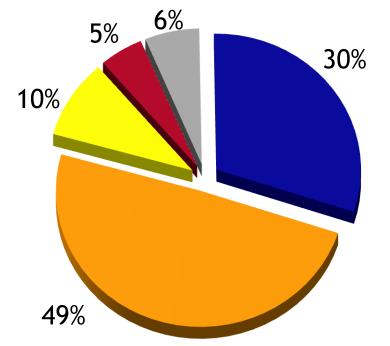
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### Most Agree that Basic Research is Necessary

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."

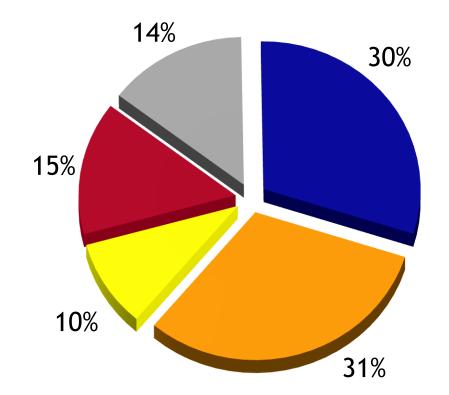


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### Americans Support Increased Federal Funding for ESCR

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



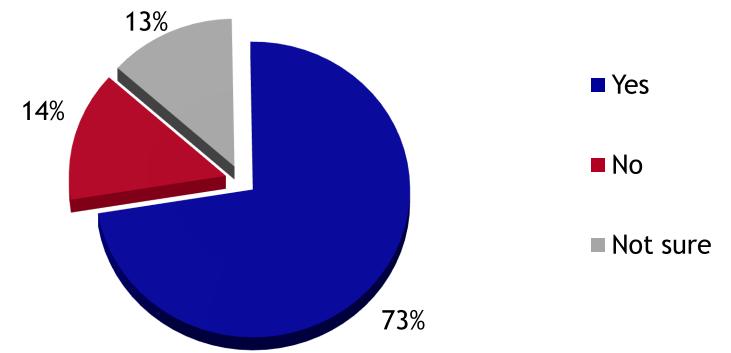
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### Government Should Emphasize STEM Careers for Young Americans

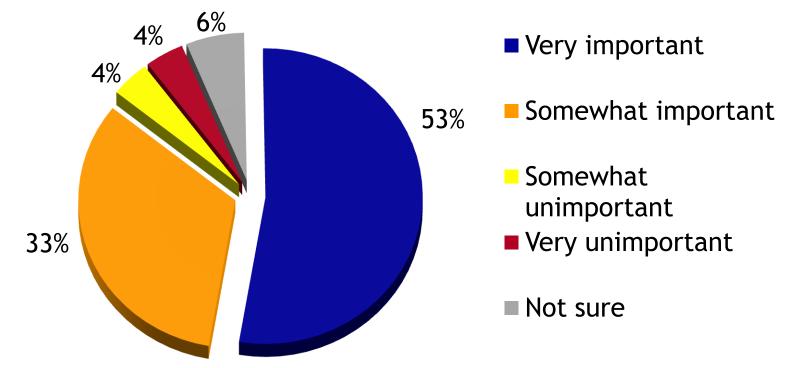
Do you believe the federal government should place more emphasis on increasing the number of young Americans who pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics?





### Important to Increase Funding for CDC

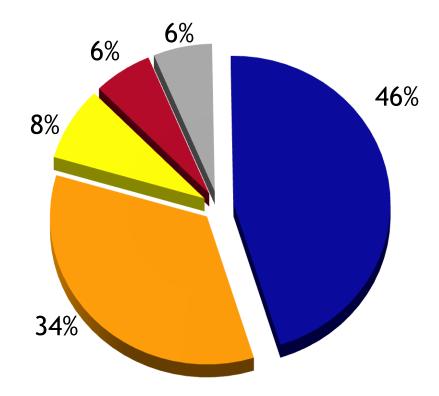
How important is it to increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?





### Important to Increase Funding for FDA

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



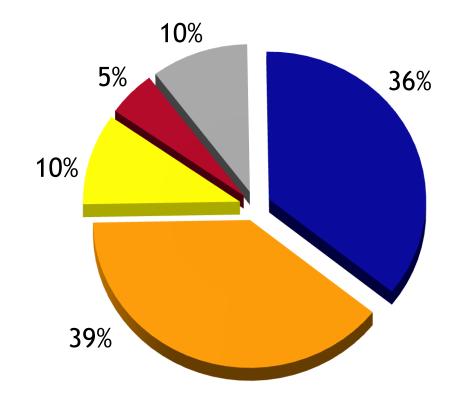
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### Important to Increase Funding for NIH

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



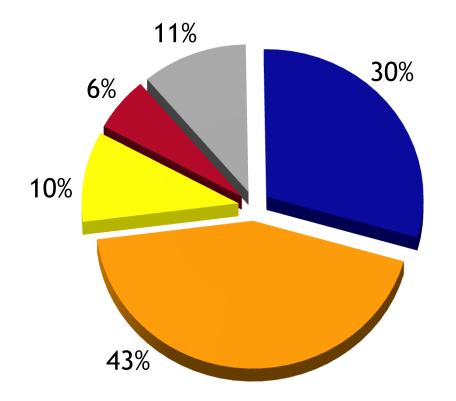
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### Important to Increase Funding for NSF

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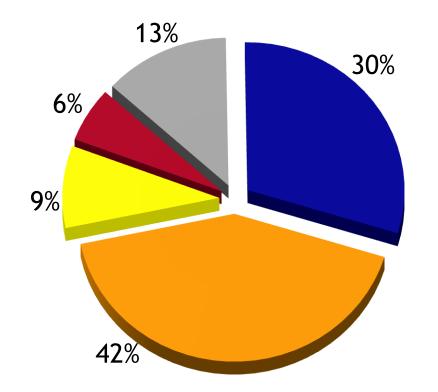
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# Important to Increase Funding for AHRQ

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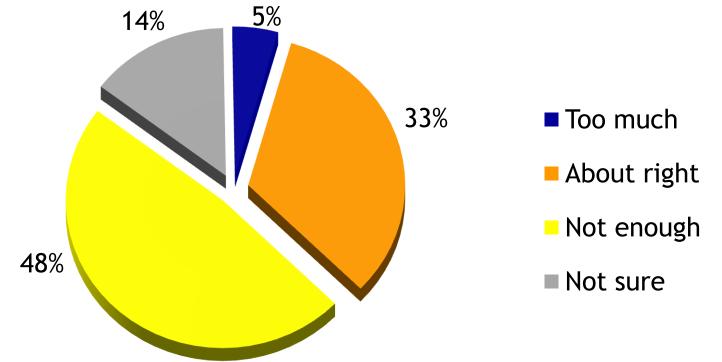
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### Americans: More Investment Needed for Military Veterans

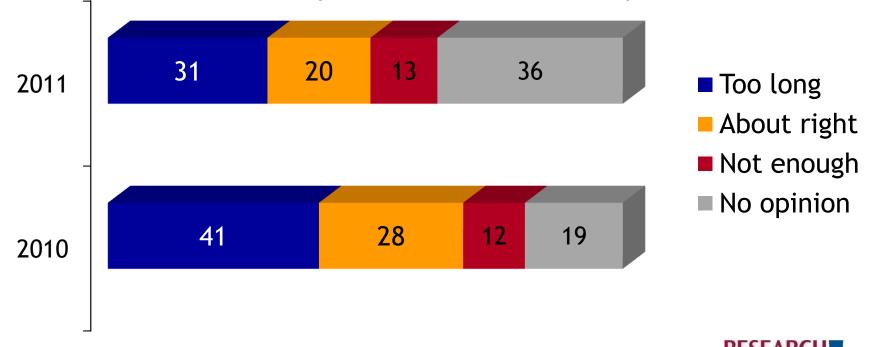
Would you say government investment in health research for the benefit of military veterans and service members is ...





### 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?

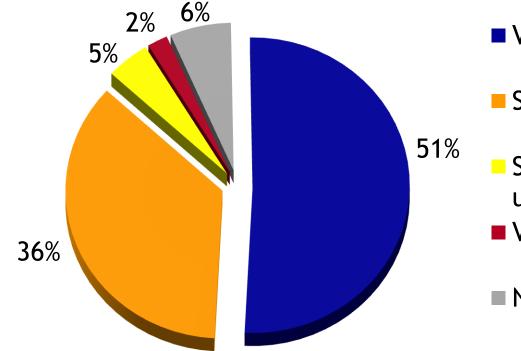


Source: National Public Opinion Polls, 2010-2011

### 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?



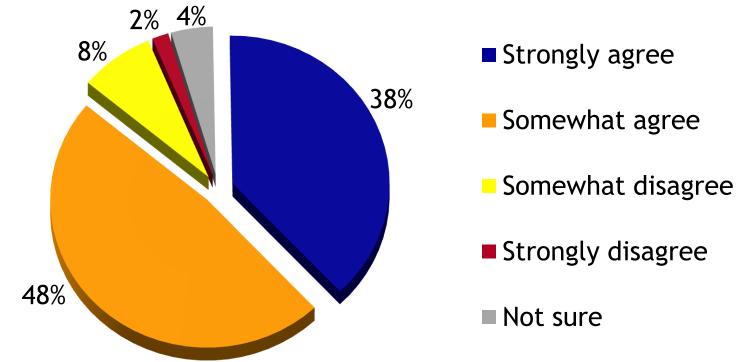
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### Advances in Science Have Been Beneficial, Americans Say

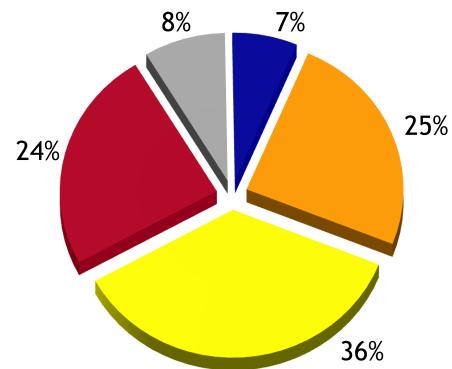
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Overall, advances in science have benefited society and have helped make life easier for most people."





### 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?



Source: National Public Opinion Poll, October 2011, JZ Analytics for Research!America Very well informed

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