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## Ohio

## Methodology

The Ohio Public Opinion Poll was conducted online in April 2011 by IBOPE/Zogby International for Research!America. The poll has a sample size of 600 adult residents of Ohio with a theoretical sampling error of +/-4.1\%.

For more information about methodology for this and other Research!America polls, please email programs@researchamerica.org.

## Ohio As a Leader

Please indicate whether or not you believe Ohio is a leader in ...


Source: Ohio Public Opinion Poll, April 2011 IBOPE Zogby International for Research!America

## Most Believe Ohio Should Lead in Education, Medical Research

Please indicate how important you think it is that Ohio be a leader in ...


## Opinions On Ohio’s Most Important Health Issue

In your opinion, what is the most important health issue facing people in Ohio today?
Obesity/overweight ..... 31\%
Lack of access to health care ..... 20\%
Cancer ..... 14\%
Heart disease/high blood pressure ..... 10\%
Shortage of doctors/nurses ..... 4\%
Malnutrition ..... 2\%
Other ..... 10\%
Don't know/Not sure ..... 9\%

## Accelerating Investment in Research is a High Priority

How much of a priority is it to accelerate our nation's investment in research to improve health?


■ A top priority
■ High priority
Somewhat of a priority
■ Low priority
$■$ Not a priority at all

- Not sure


## Ohioans: Federal Government, Industry Should Lead Research

Whose primary responsibility is it to accelerate our nation's investment in research?


■ Federal government

- State or local government
- Private industry

■ Philanthropies
■ Research institutions
■ Universities
■ Not sure
■ Other

## Most Residents Know Where Research is Conducted in Ohio

Please name any institutions, companies, or organizations in your area where research to improve health is conducted?
Cleveland Clinic ..... 23\%
Ohio State University ..... 20\%
Don't know/Not sure ..... 15\%
University of Toledo ..... 5\%
University of Cincinnati ..... 5\%
University Hospital ..... 5\%
Case Western University ..... 4\%
Battelle Institute ..... 3\%
Wright State University ..... 3\%
Other ..... 17\%

## Teaching \& Research Hospitals More Likely to be Good Hospitals

If you knew that a hospital was doing research and training medical students, would that make you more or less likely to think it was a good hospital or would it make no difference to you?


Source: Ohio Public Opinion Poll, April 2011
$\square$ Somewhat less likely
■ Much less likely

- Not sure


## Competition or Cooperation in Medical Research?

Do you think that institutions conducting medical research in this country, such as the government, universities, and the pharmaceutical industry, work together to develop new treatments and cures, or do you think they are in competition with each other?


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■ Definitely work together

- Somewhat work together
- Somewhat in competition

■ Definitely in competition

- Not sure RESEARCH


## Ohioans Support Incentives for Companies to Invest in State

State governments often provide financial incentives, such as tax exemptions, to companies for building new offices and facilities in their state. If your state offered financial incentives to attract new scientific research, such as research labs or companies would you approve or disapprove of these financial incentives?


■ Strongly approve
■ Somewhat approve

- Somewhat disapprove

■ Strongly disapprove
■ Not sure

## Most Think Health Research Important to Ohio’s Economy

How important do you think medical and health research is to the economy of Ohio?


■ Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important
Not too important
Not sure

## Scientific Research Important to Ohio’s Economy

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


■ Very important

- Somewhat important

Not too important
■ Not at all important

- Not sure


## Congress Should Support Policies that Encourage Research

Do you agree or disagree that Congress should support tax and regulatory policies that encourage private industries to conduct more medical research?


■ Strongly agree

- Somewhat agree

Somewhat disagree
$■$ Strongly disagree

- Not sure


## Many Ohioans Say U.S. Not Spending Enough on Research

In 2009, the U.S. spent 5 and a half cents of each health dollar on research to prevent, cure, and treat disease and disability. Do you think that is too much, the right amount, or not enough?


■ Not enough
Right amount
■ Too much

- Not sure


# Majority Willing to Pay More to Invest in Health Research 

Would you support or oppose paying an additional \$1 per week in taxes if you knew for sure that it would go towards the U.S. investing more in research to improve health?


■ Strongly support

- Somewhat support

Somewhat oppose
■ Strongly oppose

- Not sure

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## Few Ohioans Want Research Cut in 2012 Federal Budget

As Congress and the administration consider the federal budget for 2012, should funding for medical research be increased, decreased, eliminated or frozen at current levels?


■ Increased

Frozen at current levels

Decreased

■ Eliminated

■ Not sure IBOPE Zogby International for Research!America

## Many Ohioans Agree Basic Research is Necessary

Do you agree or disagree that basic research which advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government, even if it brings no immediate benefits?


■ Strongly agree

- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
$■$ Strongly disagree
- Not sure


## Scientists Should Have Most Influence Over Research Funding

Which one of the following do you feel should have the most influence on how government medical research funds are spent?


■ Scientists who do the research

- Patients and their families

Congress

■ Not sure

## Very Important for Elected Officials to Listen to Scientists

When thinking about threats to our health, how important is it that elected officials at all levels listen to the advice from scientists and public health professionals when setting policy or spending priorities?


■ Very important

- Somewhat important

Not too important
$■$ Not at all important

- Not sure


## Very Important to Encourage Youths' Pursuit of Science Careers

How important is it for Ohio to encourage young people to pursue careers that require a solid education in science?


■ Very important

- Somewhat important

Not too important
■ Not at all important

- Not sure


## Very Important to Create Science Career Opportunities in Ohio

How important is it for Ohio to create more opportunities for careers in science and research for its young people?


- Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important
Not too important
■ Not at all important
- Not sure


## STEM Education Very Important to U.S. Competitiveness

How important do you think education and training in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics is to U.S. competitiveness and our future economic prosperity?


- Very important
- Somewhat important

Not very important

- Not sure


## Concerns about Research

What concerns, if any, do you have about medical and health research? (first volunteered responses)
Government interference/regulation ..... 19\%
Profit driven ..... 13\%
Corruption \& waste in system ..... 9\%
Politics/agenda-driven research ..... 9\%
Not enough funding ..... 4\%
Too expensive ..... 3\%
Ethical issues ..... 3\%
Lack of educated scientists ..... 2\%
Needs to benefit the most people ..... 2\%
Access to affordable healthcare ..... 2\%
Other ..... 8\%
No concerns/Not sure/No comment ..... 26\%

# Ohioans Think Electronic Health Records Would be Useful 

How useful would it be if your health care records were also available electronically?


■ Very useful

- Somewhat useful

Not very useful
■ Not at all useful

- Not sure


## Most Believe Research for Health Equity is Important

Certain health issues are more prevalent among people with lower incomes and among certain racial or ethnic populations. How important is it to conduct research that targets these special populations in order to improve equity in health?


■ Very important

- Somewhat important

Not too important
■ Not at all important

- Not sure


## Important for Ohio to Support Education of Health Professionals

How important is it for Ohio to support the education of health professionals for rural and urban underserved communities?


■ Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important
Not too important
■ Not at all important

- Not sure


## Animal Research is Necessary for Progress in Human Health

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the use of animals in medical research is necessary for progress in medicine?


■ Strongly agree

- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
$■$ Strongly disagree
- Not sure


## Ohioans Support Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose medical research using embryonic stem cells?


■ Strongly support
■ Somewhat support
Somewhat oppose
$■$ Strongly oppose

- Not sure

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