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## National Poll

## National Public Opinion Poll

The National Public Opinion Poll was conducted online in September 2012 by JZ Analytics for Research!America, with support from United for Medical Research. The poll has a sample size of 1,014 likely U.S. voters with a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1\%.

## Majority: Across-the-Board Budget Cuts Aren't the Way to Go

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?


34\%

■ Across-the-board budget cuts are not the right way to reduce the deficit. Priorities must be identified.
$\square$ Across-the-board budget cuts are a way of ensuring that all government programs share the pain, and Congress should move forward with those cuts.

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# Unintended Consequences of Across- the-Board Cuts Concerns Voters 

Which comes closest to your views?


■ The defense budget shouldn't be cut across the board as a way to reduce the deficit, but across-the-board cuts to the non-defense budget are OK.

■ The non-defense budget shouldn't be cut across the board as a way to reduce the deficit, but across-the-board cuts to the defense budget are OK.
$\square$ Across-the-board cuts can have unintended consequences for both the defense and non-defense budgets. Neither should be cut in this manner.

- I support across-the-board cuts for both defense and non-defense budgets as a way to reduce the deficit.
- Not sure partnership with JZ Analytics, with support from United for Medical Research, in September 2012.


## 49\% of Americans Say U.S. Should Not Scale Back Medical Research

The planned across-the-board budget cuts mean that, next year, the federal government would fund approximately 2,300 fewer medical research grants across the country. Which comes closer to your views on this reduction in medical research grants?


■ Our nation should not scale back medical research.

■ It is OK to scale back medical research as part of deficit reduction.

Not sure

## Tax Reform, Defense Cuts Are Best Ways to Reduce Deficit, Voters Say

Which of the following do you think Congress should do to address the budget deficit? (Does not add to 100\%; multiple responses permitted.)
Tax reformReduce defense spending43\%
Entitlement reform (changes to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security) ..... 31\%
Reduce non-defense budgets (which includes education, medical research and other non-defense budgets) ..... 29\%
Not sure ..... 15\% conducted in partnership with JZ Analytics in August 2012. <br> \section*{Voters: Congress Should Stay in <br> \section*{Voters: Congress Should Stay in Session Until Fiscal Cliff is Resolved} Session Until Fiscal Cliff is Resolved}

Do you agree or disagree that Congress should cut short campaigning for the election and stay in session until they have found a way to avoid the fiscal cliff?


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

Not sure

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## Over Half Doubt U.S. Leadership in Science and Technology in 2020

In your view, which of the following will be considered the number one world leader in science and technology in the year 2020?


■ United States
■ China

- India
- European Union

■ Brazil

- Not sure


## Wide Majority Says It's Important the U.S. Keep Leadership in Research

How important is it to you that the U.S. maintains its world leadership in medical research?


■ Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important

Somewhat unimportant
$■$ Very unimportant

Not sure

## Less Than Half Know Medical Research Takes Place in Every State

To the best of your knowledge, would you say that medical research takes place in every state in the U.S.?

$\square$ Yes, medical research takes place in every state in the U.S.
$\square$ No, medical research does not take place in every state in the U.S.

- Don't know

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## 4 in 10 Say Research Spending More Than They Expected

Federal spending on scientific research, including medical research, for the most recent budget year was approximately $\$ 70$ billion or about $2 \%$ of all defense and non-defense spending. Viewing it this way, is the amount of spending:

- Much more than you expected
- Somewhat more than you expected
- About what you expected
- Somewhat less than you expected

■ Much less than you expected

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# Americans Split on Increasing Federal Investment in Research 

Which statement comes closer to your views?


■ While we need to reduce the deficit, our nation should invest more in medical research.
$\square$ Since we need to reduce the deficit, the government should not invest more in medical research.

Don't know

## Opinions Split on Voting for Those Who Cut Research Funding

How likely would you be to vote for a candidate for public office who cuts funding for medical research as part of deficit reduction?


■ Very likely

■ Somewhat likely

Somewhat unlikely

■ Very unlikely

- Not sure


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