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Most Americans Dissatisfied with

## Health Care

Thinking about the country as a whole, please indicate whether you are generally satisfied or dissatisfied with health care in this country?

$\square$ Very satisfied
$34 \%$
$\square$ Somewhat satisfied
$\square$ Somewhat dissatisfied
$\square$ Very dissatisfied

## Americans Think Lower Costs and Improved Quality Possible

In a recent survey, $77 \%$ of Americans said they are dissatisfied with the cost of health care in this country. As the U.S. considers health reform, do you think costs can be lowered while improving the quality of care, or not?


## Government Should Ensure All Americans Have Basic Coverage

Do you agree or disagree that it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure all Americans have basic health care coverage?

$\square$ Strongly agree
$\square$ Somewhat agree
$\square$ Somewhat disagree
$\square$ Strongly disagree

## Very Important to Include Prevention \& Wellness in Reform

How important do you think it is to include strategies to prevent disease and promote wellness in health reform?


■ Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important
$\square$ Not Important

## Accelerating Investment in Research

## a Priority in Health Reform

Considering all aspects of health reform, how much of a priority is it to accelerate our nation's investment in research to improve health?


- A top priority
$\square$ High priority
$\square$ Somewhat of a priority
$\square$ Low priority
$\square$ Not a priority at all


## Research is a 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?

$\square$ Part of the solution

Part of the problem

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## National Commitment to Health

## Research Should be Higher

As we look for ways to deal with health care costs in our country, do you think that the national commitment to health-related research should be higher, lower, or about the same as it is now?


■ Higher
$\square$ About the same
$\square$ Lower

## Most Not Well Informed on Elected

## Officials' Positions on Health Care

How well informed would you say you are about the positions of your Senators and Representative on health care issues?


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## 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?

$\square$ Very well informed
$\square$ Somewhat well informed
$\square$ Not too well informed
$\square$ Not informed at all
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## Important to Create Incentives for Careers in Health Care

Current evidence suggests that the U.S. is experiencing shortages and poor distribution of health care professionals. How important would you say it is for policy makers to create more incentives to encourage individuals to pursue careers as...

$\square$ Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important
$\square$ Not important RESEARCH

## Funding for NIH

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the agency that funds most of the medical and health research paid for by U.S. taxpayers. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on funding for NIH?


## Funding for CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the agency charged with protecting the health and safety of Americans. CDC implements research-based programs to prevent chronic and infectious diseases, lower injury rates, limit tobacco use, protect the population from pandemics, and mitigate environmental health risks. Which of the following statements most accurately reflects your view?


## Funding for AHRQ

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is the agency charged with funding health services research, which seeks to rapidly translate discoveries from research into medical practice and improve the quality, safety and effectiveness of health care. Which of the following statements most accurately reflects your view?


AHRQ funding should be increased as a strategy to improve health care quality and safety in the U.S.
$\square$ Current funding for AHRQ is sufficient and other budget priorities exist
$\square$ Funding for AHRQ is not a priority

## Funding for FDA

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is the agency responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety and effectiveness of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics and products that emit radiation. Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion?

$\square$ Current funding levels for FDA are not keeping pace with accelerated drug and device creation or the increasing globalization of food supplies and should be increased
Current funding levels are sufficient for FDA to fulfill its mission
$\square$ Funding for FDA is not a priority

## U.S. is Not Spending Enough on Research

In 2007, 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?

$\square$ Not enough

The right amount

Too much

## Majority of Americans Want More

 Funding for ResearchHow many cents out of each health dollar do you think we SHOULD spend?


## Americans Willing to Pay More for Research to Improve Health

Would you be willing to pay $\$ 1$ per week more in taxes if you were certain that all the money would be spent for additional research to improve health, or not?


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## Americans Believe CER Will Improve Health Care

Comparative effectiveness research (CER) is meant to compare ways to prevent, diagnose, treat and monitor health conditions in order to match the right treatment to the right patient at the right time. What effect do you think CER will have on our health system?


■ Comparative effectiveness research will improve health care
$\square$ Comparative effectiveness research will have no effect on health care
$\square$ Comparative effectiveness research will limit health care options

## Important to Learn From Data in National HIT System

How important do you think it is to ensure that a nationally coordinated health information technology (HIT) system allows us to learn from the data gathered - to facilitate research, track disease and disability and evaluate the impact of health reform?


# Majority Say U.S. Global Health Research is Important 

How important would you say it is that the U.S. work to improve health globally through research?


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

## Most Believe Health Disparities

 Research is ImportantCertain health issues are more prevalent among people with lower incomes and among certain racial and ethnic populations. How important do you feel it is to conduct research to understand and eliminate these differences?


■ Very important
$\square$ Somewhat important
$\square$ Not Important

## Clinical Research is of Great Value

One kind of research, often referred to as clinical trials, is clinical research. In this, patients choose to participate to test the safety and effectiveness of certain treatments, drugs or devices. How important is this kind of research? Would you say it is a...

$\square$ Great value
$\square$ Some value
$\square$ Not much value

## Few Americans Have Participated in Clinical Research

Have you or anyone in your family ever participated in clinical research?

$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No

Source: Your Congress-Your Health Survey, June 2009
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## Many Americans Likely to Volunteer

 for Clinical ResearchPlease consider your own possible participation as a volunteer in clinical research.
How likely would you be to participate in a clinical research study?

$\square$ Very likely
$\square$ Somewhat likely
$\square$ Not likely
$\square$ Would not participate

## Most Say Doctors Haven't Suggested Clinical Research

Has your doctor ever suggested that you participate in a clinical research study?


## Americans Think Research is Important to the U.S. Economy

How important do you think research is to the U.S. economy?


Important
$\square$ Not important

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## Scientific Research is Important for

 Job Creation \& IncomesIn terms of job creation and higher incomes, how important do you think it is to invest in scientific research?


■ Important
$\square$ Not important

# Majority Think STEM Education is Very Important for 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?

$\square$ Very important
76\%
$\square$ Somewhat important

Not too important

## Scientists Should Have Most Influence over Research Spending

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

$\square$ Scientists who conduct research to improve health

Patients with various diseases and their families

Elected officials

## Most Americans Can't Name A Living Scientist

Can you name a living scientist? (total mentions $n=278$ )


# Animal Research is Necessary for Progress in Human Health 

Do you believe the use of animals in medical research is necessary for progress in human health?


## Americans Favor Expanding Federal

 Funding for ESC ResearchDo you favor or oppose expanding federal funding for research using embryonic stem cells?


■ Strongly favor
$\square$ Somewhat favor
$\square$ Somewhat oppose
$\square$ Strongly oppose

## Many Americans Opposed to Reproductive Cloning

Reproductive cloning is the use of cloning technology to create a child. Do you think research into reproductive cloning should be allowed to go forward?


■ Yes
$\square$ No

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## Majority of Americans Support Therapeutic Cloning

Therapeutic cloning is the use of cloning technology to help in the search for possible cures and treatments for diseases and disabilities. Do you think research into therapeutic cloning should be allowed to go forward?


## Majority of Americans Favor Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Would you favor or oppose a law that bans using embryonic stem cells to clone a human being but allows them to be used for the pursuit of cures for diabetes, paralysis, Parkinson's and other diseases?


## Methodology

The survey was conducted online by Charlton Research Company for Research!America in June 2009, with a sample of 800 U.S. registered voters (18+) and a theoretical sampling error of $\pm 3.5 \%$.

