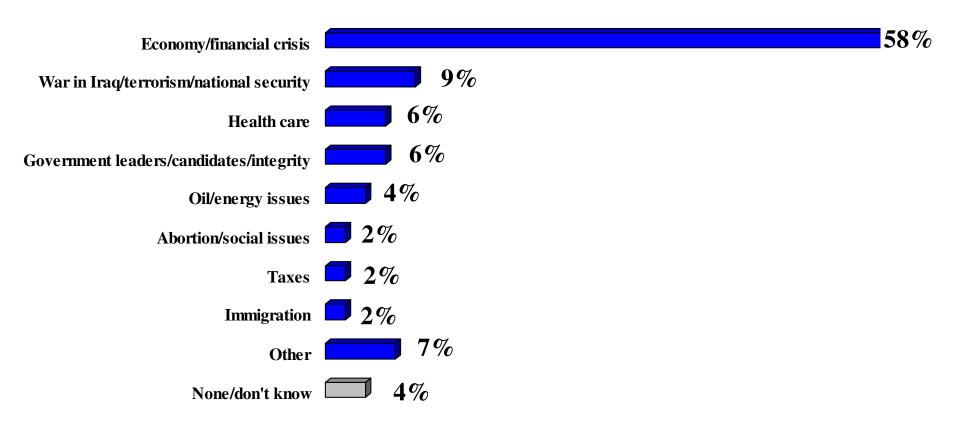
Most Important Election Issues

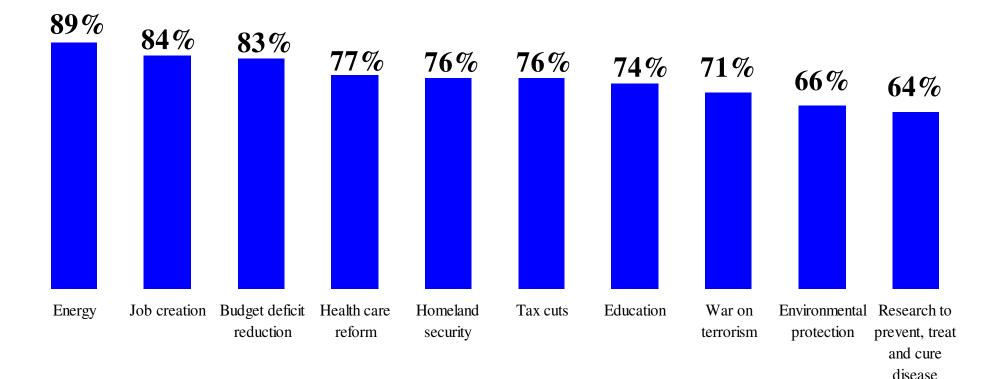
What would you say is the single <u>most</u> important issue for you this election? *(first mentions)*





Likeliness to Vote for Candidate

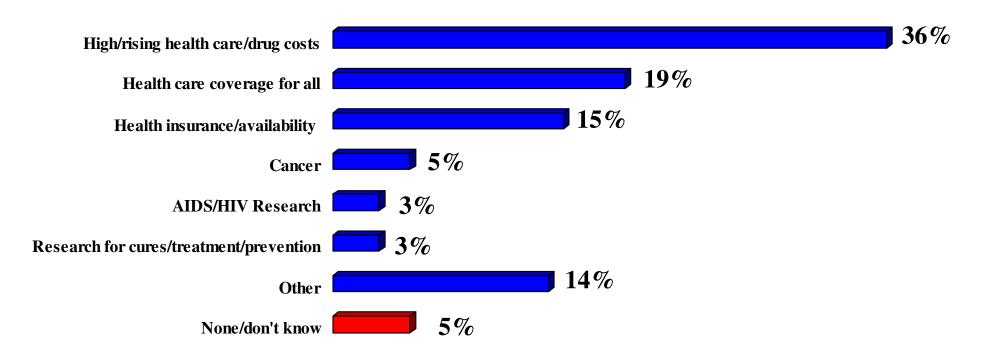
Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a presidential candidate who made each of the following issues a top priority for the next Administration? (% saying "Much More" or "Somewhat More")





Most Important Health Issues

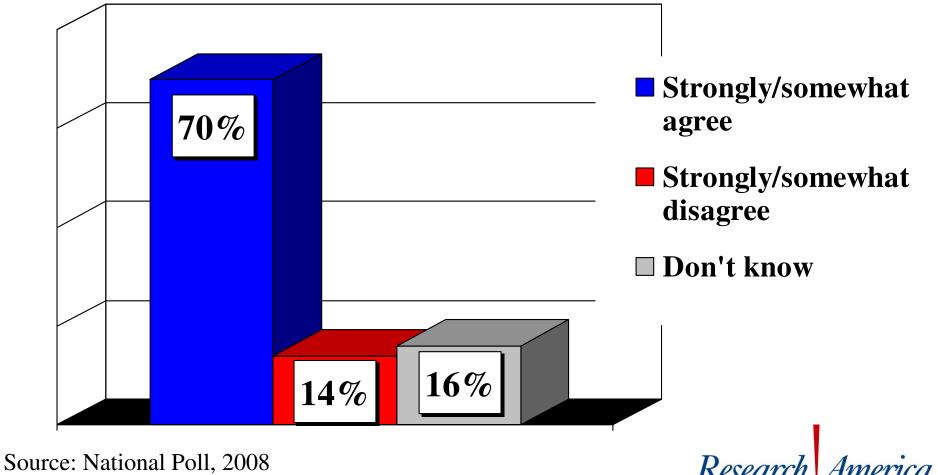
What would you say is the single <u>most</u> important health issue? (*first mentions*)





U.S. Competitive Edge in Innovation

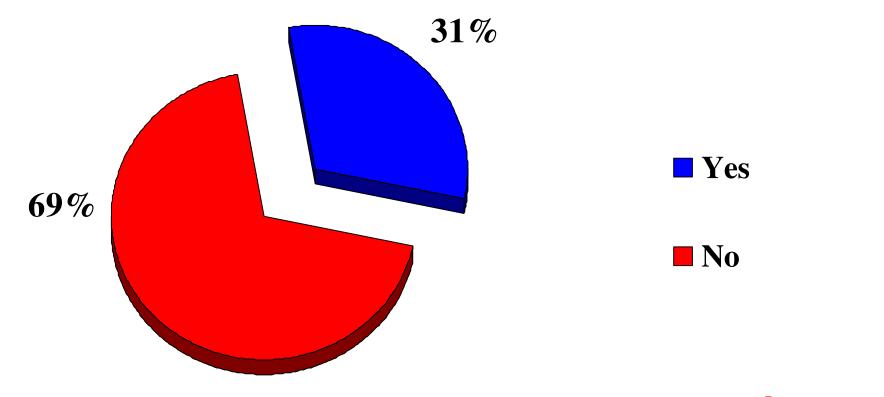
Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The U.S. is losing its global competitive edge in science, technology and innovation.



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U.S. Does Not Have Best Health Care System

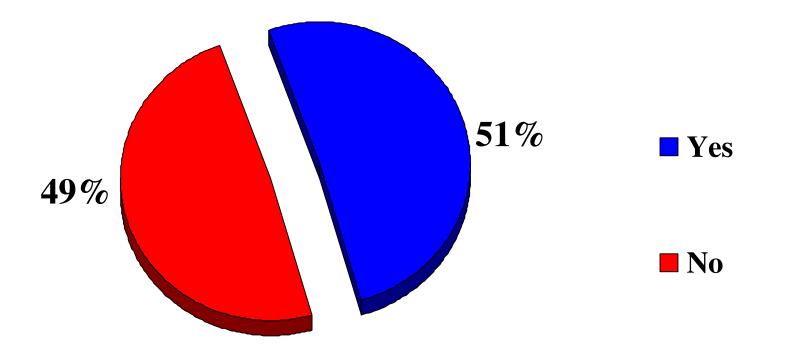
Do you believe that the United States has the best health care system in the world?





Americans Split on Whether Health Care is Based on Research

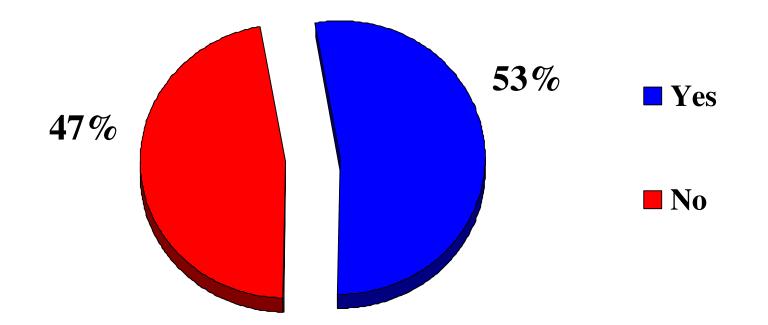
Do you believe that the health care services Americans generally receive are based on the best and most recent research available?





Some Americans Believe Their Own Health Care is Based on Research

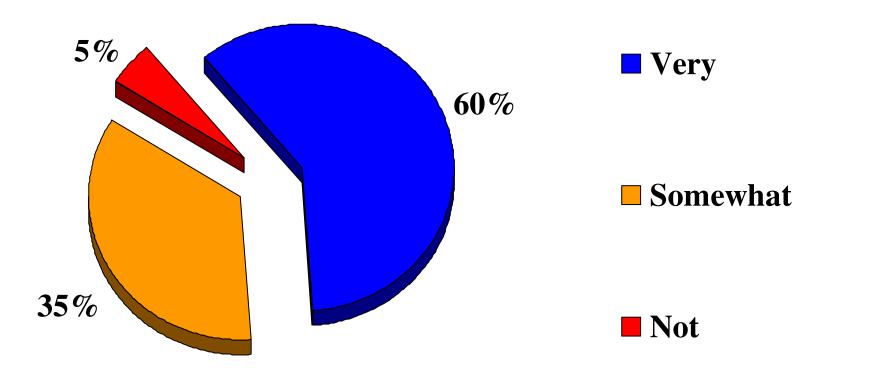
Do you believe that the health care services *you personally* receive are based on the best and most recent research available?





U.S. Should Support Research to Improve Health Care System

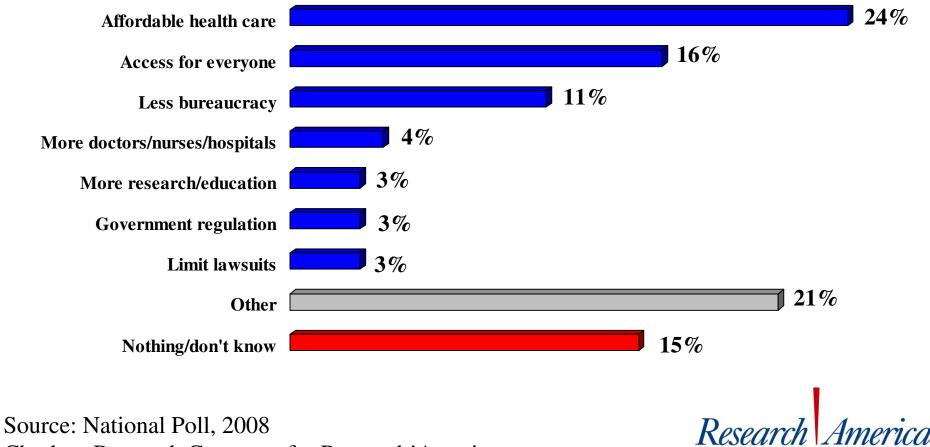
How important is it that our nation support research that focuses on how well the health care system is functioning?





Affordability Key to Making Health Care System Function Better

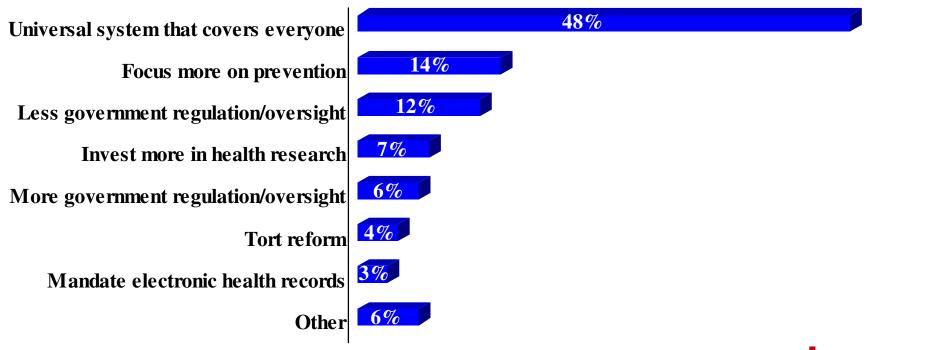
What could be done to make the health care system function better? *(first mentions)*



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Americans Favor Universal Coverage to Improve Health Care System

Which of the following do you think would be the <u>best</u> way to help make the health care system function better?

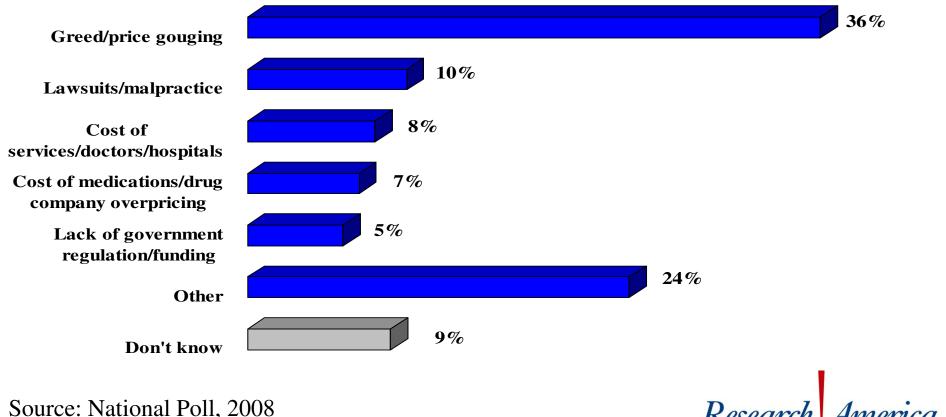




Greed Cited as Top Cause of Rising Health Care Costs

The majority of Americans say our health care costs too much. What would you say is the number one reason for that?

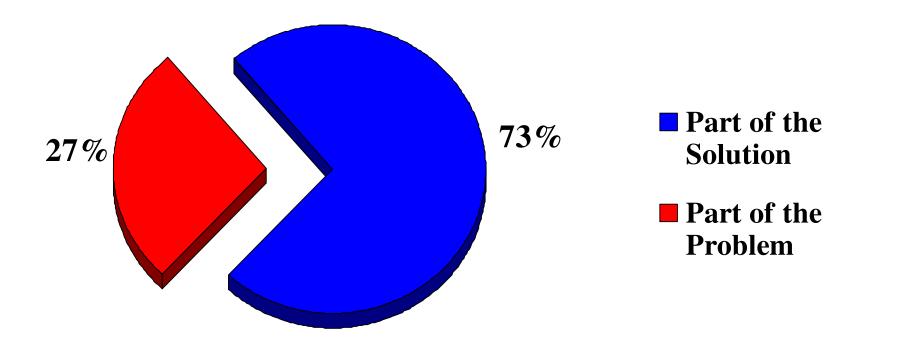
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Research Is A Solution to Rising Health Care Costs

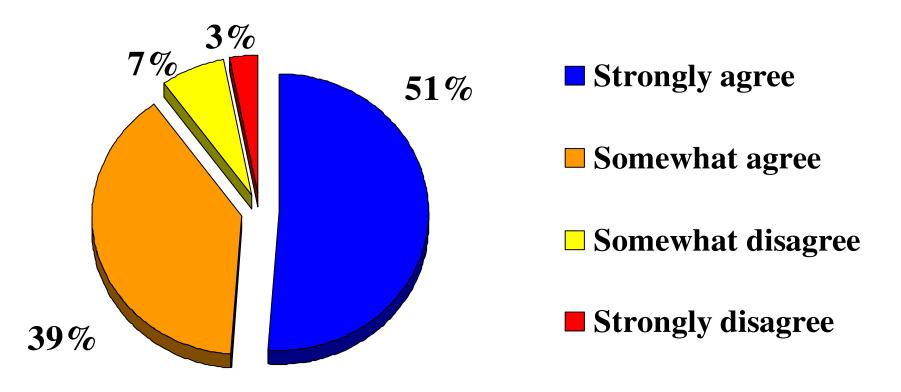
When it comes to rising health care costs, would you say research to improve health is part of the problem or part of the solution?





Mental Health Services Should be Part of All Health Care Plans

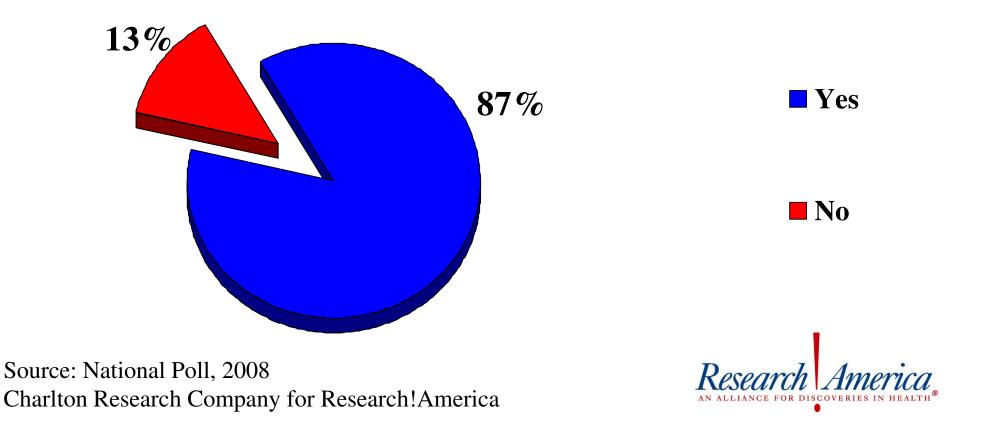
Do you agree or disagree that mental health services should be part of all health care plans in the public and private sectors?





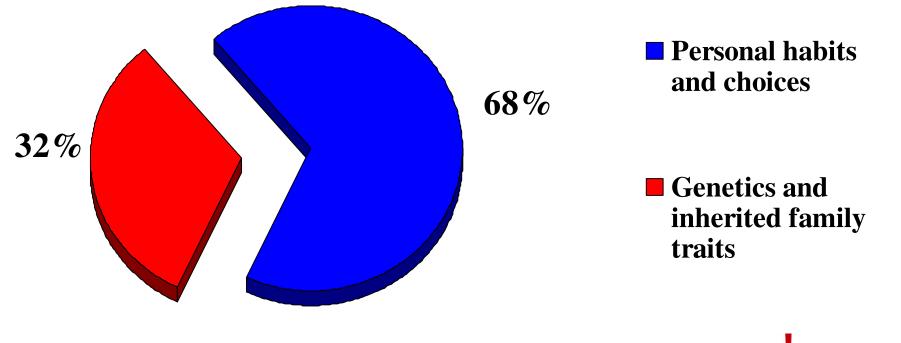
Americans Willing to Share Health Information to Improve System

Assuming that appropriate privacy protections were used, would you be willing to share your health information so: 1) doctors and hospitals can improve their services; 2) researchers can better study diseases and learn about the quality of health care overall; 3) public health officials can better track disease and disability and the causes?



Americans Think Habits and Personal Choices Trump Genes

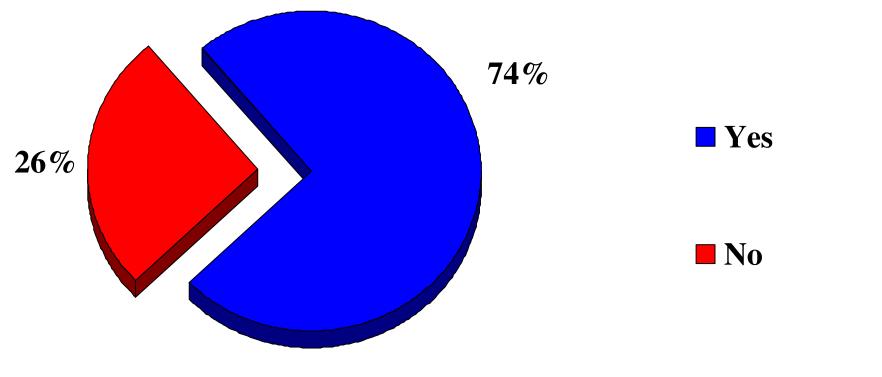
Which do you think is more important in determining how healthy you are: personal habits and choices or genetics and inherited family traits?





Americans Want To Be Genetically Tested for Personalized Medicine

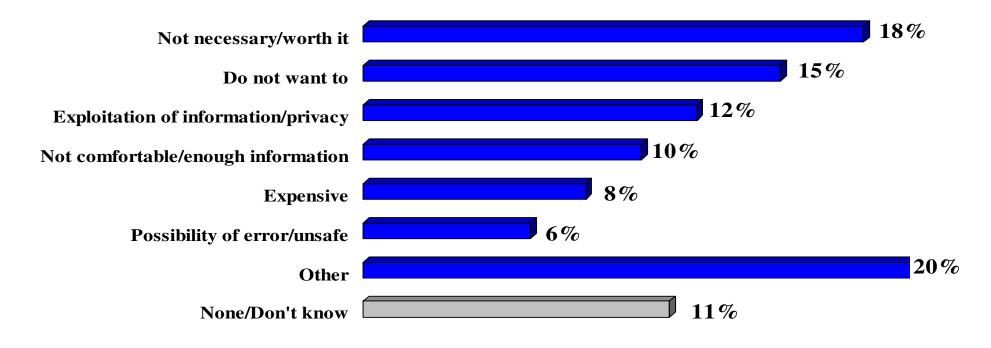
Would you want to be genetically tested to determine which medications might be most effective and safest for you?





Some Americans Resist Genetic Tests

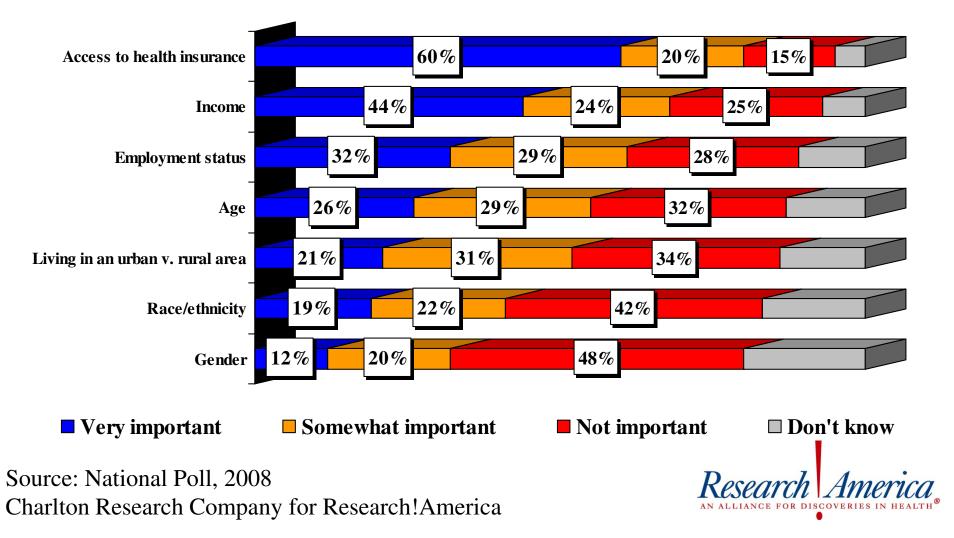
Why would you not want to be genetically tested to determine which medications might be most effective and safest for you? (n=264)





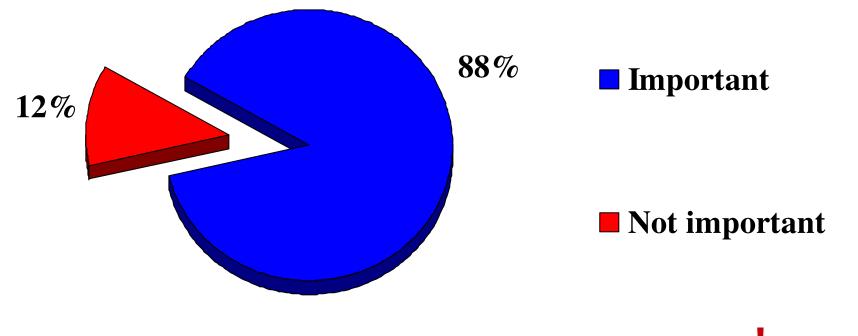
Factors in Who Receives High-Quality Healthcare

The quality of health care varies among populations in the U.S. How important do you think each of the following is in determining if someone receives high-quality health care?



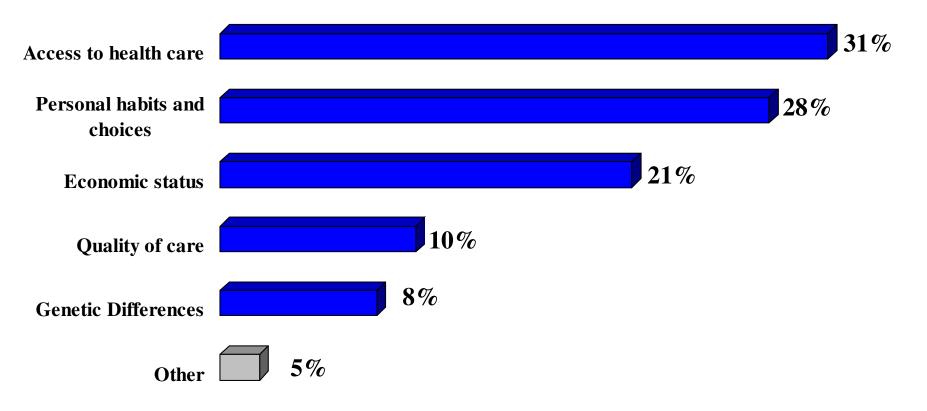
Important to Eliminate Health Disparities

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?



Causes of Health Disparities

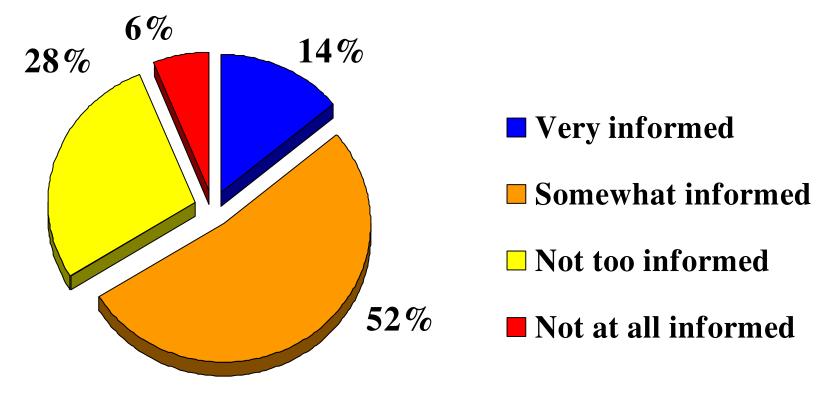
When considering possible causes for health differences among minority groups, which of the following possible causes do you think has the most impact?





Few Very Well Informed of Candidates' Positions on Research

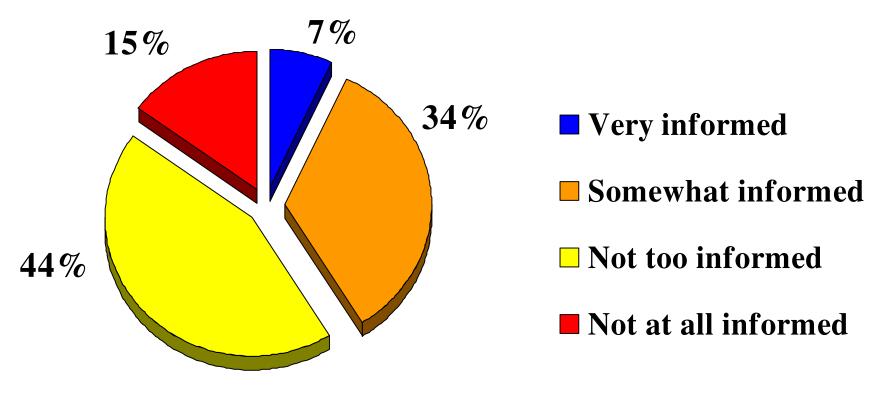
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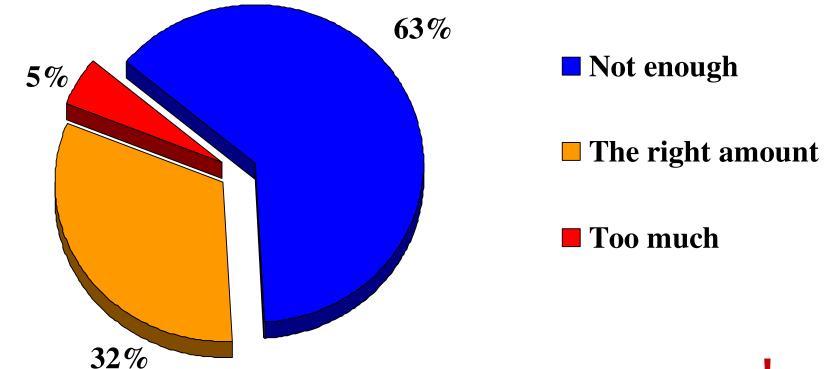
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Americans Say Not Enough Spent on Research

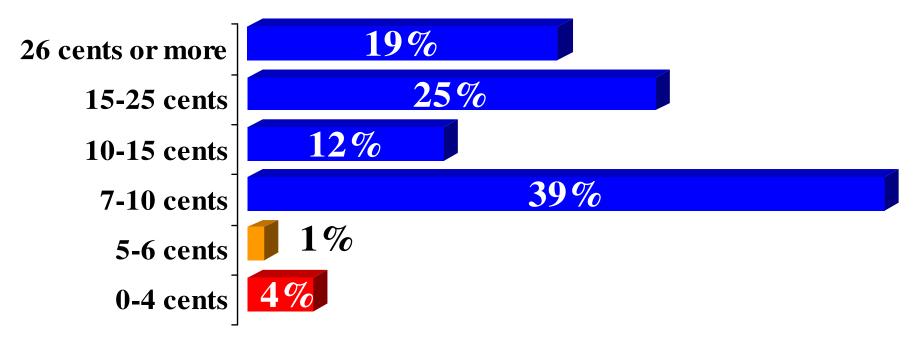
In 2007, the U.S. spent 5 and a half cents of each health dollar on research to prevent, cure and treat disease and disability. Do you think that is too much, the right amount, or not enough?





Americans Want More Spent on Research to Improve Health

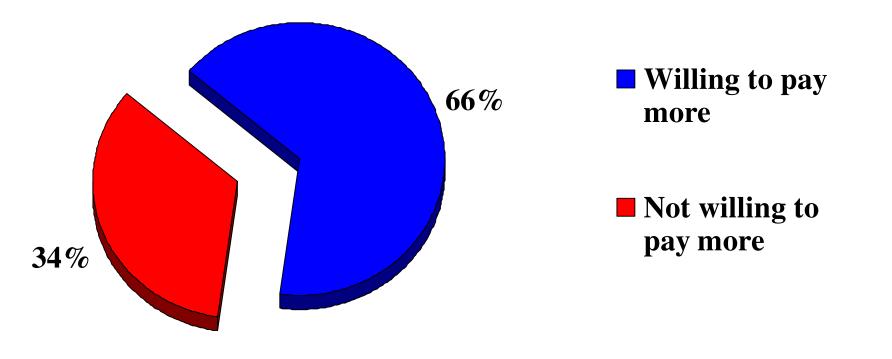
How many cents of each health dollar do you think we SHOULD spend? (n=632)





Americans Willing to Pay More for Medical Research

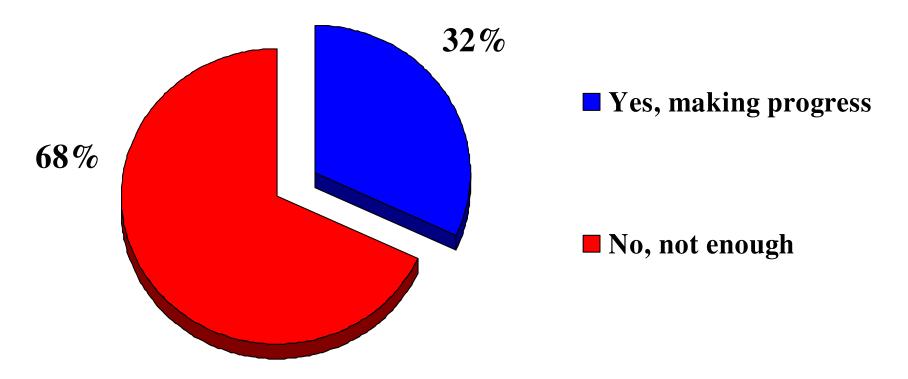
Would you be willing to pay \$1 per week more in taxes if you were certain that all the money would be spent for additional medical research, or not?





Americans Expect More Progress in Research

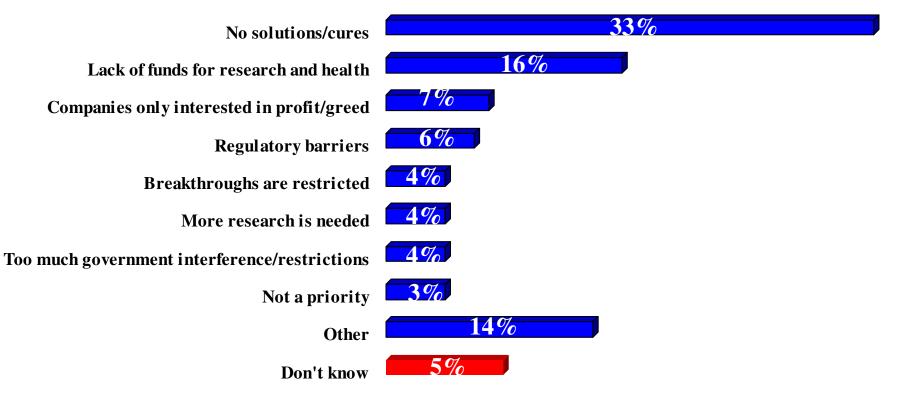
Do you believe that we are making enough progress in medical research in the U.S. or not?





Barriers to Progress

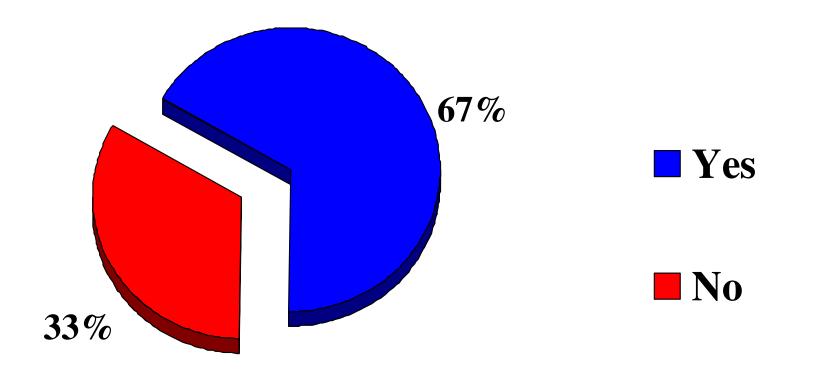
Why do you believe that we are not making enough progress? *(first mentions)* (n=676)





Animal Research is Necessary

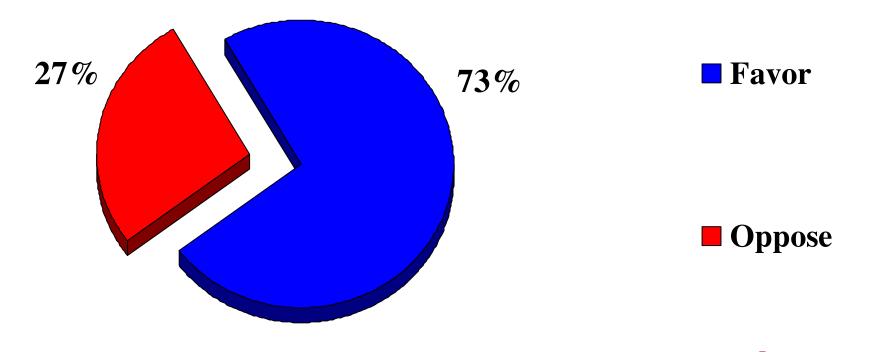
Do you believe the use of animals in medical research is necessary for progress in human health?





Majority of Americans Favor Federal Funding for ESCR

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





Methodology

The survey was conducted online by Charlton Research Company for Research!America in September 2008, with a sample of 1,000 U.S. adults (18+) and a margin of error of $\pm 3.1\%$.