## Global Leadership in Science and Research

## Science Important to U.S. Health and Competitiveness

How important is the role science plays in ...?


Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## U.S. Should Be Global Leader in Scientific Research

How important do you think it is that the U.S. is a global leader in scientific research?


Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
Charlton Research Company for Research!America

## Research Important to U.S. Economy

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

$\square$ Very
$\square$ Somewhat
Not
Don't know

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Investment in Research Important for Job Creation and Higher Incomes

In terms of job creation and higher incomes, how important do you think it is to invest in scientific research?

$\square$ Very
$\square$ Somewhat
Not
Don't know

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Americans Expect U.S. Will Be Greatest Power of 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Century

The United States is generally regarded as the major world power of the 20th century.
Which of the following do you think will be the greatest power of this century?


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## Some Say U.S. Will Not Be Greatest Power of $21{ }^{\text {st }}$ Century

Why do you think the greatest superpower of this century will not be the U.S.? ( $n=272$ )

|  | First mentions |
| :--- | :--- |
| Economy/Cheaper labor elsewhere/national debt | $23 \%$ |
| Bad leadership/corruption/bad morals | 22 |
| Too many internal problems/too divided | 10 |
| Not investing in education/science/technology | 8 |
| Military is poor/losing war in Iraq | 7 |
| Foreign policy is poor | 6 |
| Not liked in other countries | 5 |
| Population is decreasing | 4 |
| Other | 6 |
| Don't know/Refused | 8 |

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## America's Greatest $20^{\text {th }}$ Century Achievements

What would you say was America's greatest achievement in the 20th century?
First mentions
Space program 17\%
Winning wars/becoming a superpower 14
Industrial/technological advances 13
Medical advances 11
Spread of democracy 6
Computers 4
Peace efforts 4
Economic growth 3
Efforts in Middle East and against terrorism 3
Equal rights/civil rights 3
Other 4
None/Don't know 21

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## America's Greatest Scientific Discoveries

What would you say has been the greatest scientific discovery of the last century?
First mentions
Medicine/vaccinations/antibiotics 15\%
Genetics/DNA/stem cell research ..... 11
Disease cures ..... 10
Medical advances ..... 7
Net health/medical discoveries: 51\%Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006Charlton Research Company for Research!America

## Science Education and Training

## U.S. Performance in Science and Math Education Lacking

Do you think the U.S. is performing well or performing poorly compared to other nations in terms of science and math education?


Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Very Important for U.S. to Educate and Train Researchers

How important is it for the U.S. to educate and train individuals qualified to conduct medical, health, and scientific research?


Very
$\square$ Somewhat
Not
Don't know

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## Encouraging Youth to Pursue Science Careers Is a Priority

How much of a priority do you think it is for the U.S. to encourage young people to pursue careers that require a solid education in science?


Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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# Expanding Research Career Opportunities Important for Young Americans 

How important is it for the U.S. to create more opportunities for careers in science and research for its young people?


Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
Charlton Research Company for Research!America

## Public Perception of Science and Research

## Scientist Most Prestigious Career

Do you feel each of the following is an occupation of very great prestige, considerable prestige, some prestige or hardly any prestige at all?


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## High Confidence in Medical and Scientific Communities

How much confidence do you have in the following institutions in this country? \{\% saying great deal or some\}


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## Americans Say Scientists Best Spokespersons for Research

Among the following categories of people and organizations, which three are best qualified to explain to you the impacts of scientific and technological developments on society?


## Most Americans Can't Name a Living Scientist

Can you give me the name of a living scientist?


Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Average American Not Knowledgeable about Science

In general, would you say the average American citizen's knowledge about science is...?

$\square$ Below average

About average
$\square$ Above average

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Scientific Research Very Important in America Today

In today's society, how important do you think scientific research is?

$\square$ Very
$\square$ Somewhat
$\square$ Not
Don't know

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Scientific Research Very Important

Why do you feel scientific research is very important? ( $\mathrm{n}=677$ )
First mentions
Cures for diseases/medicines 24\%
Medical research/health programs 13
Advancement/progress is necessary 12
Education/learning/intelligence/knowledge 8
Discoveries affect everything 7
Quality of life 6
U.S. as a world leader/forward nation 4

Breakthroughs/opportunities are essential 4
Everything deals with science (general) 4
Environment/pollution/global warming 3
Technologies 3
Leads us into the future 3
Economy/jobs 2
Energy/alternative fuel 2
Other 4
Don't know/refused 1
Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Research Somewhat Important

Why do you feel scientific research is somewhat important? ( $\mathrm{n}=104$ )
First mentions
Cures for diseases/medicines 17\%
Medical research/health programs 11
Both pros and cons (neutral) 9
God/religion 8
Discoveries/developments/improvements 5
Education/learning/intelligence/knowledge 5
Economy/jobs 5
Everything deals with science (general) 4
Tendency to go wrong/leads to misinformation 4
U.S. as a world leader/forward nation 3

Breakthroughs/achievements/opportunities 3
Space exploration 3
Other 12
None/don't know 14

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## Americans Want More Media Coverage of Science and Research

Would you like to see more, less or about the same amount of information about science and research in the media?


More

Same

Less

Don't know

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Sources of Health Information

When you need information about a health-related condition for you or your family, what sources of information do you pay attention to?

|  | First mentions |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Health care professionals | $64 \%$ |  |
| Internet | 22 |  |
| Family Member/Neighbor/Friend | 4 |  |
| Newspaper | 3 |  |
| TV | 2 |  |
| Radio | 1 |  |
| None | 1 |  |
| Don't know/Refused | 4 |  |

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Knowledge of Scientific Fields

## Can you think of any scientific fields of study?

First mentions
Medical ..... 25\%
Biology ..... 9
Physics/Nuclear physics ..... 6
Genetics/Microbiology/Molecular biology ..... 6
Chemistry ..... 5
Astronomy/Astrophysics ..... 5
Biotech/Medical/Pharmaceutical industry ..... 5
Engineering/Rocket science ..... 2
Environmental science ..... 2
Energy/fossil fuels/alternative ..... 2
Geology ..... 2
Other ..... 12
None/Don't know ..... 19

## Health Research Most Important

In what fields or areas do you think the most important scientific research is taking place today?

First mentions
Medical/health 44\%

Prescription drugs/pharmaceuticals 10
Biology 5
Space exploration 5
Environmental 4

Net health/medical discoveries: 66\%

## Work in Various Scientific Fields Impacts Discovery

How much do you think research in specific fields impacts scientific advances and discovery in other fields?


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## Americans Think Scientists Work Together

To what degree do you think scientists from different fields work together?


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■ Great deal
$\square$ Somewhat
Not
$\square$ Don't know

## Research

Collaborations Affect Medical Progress

## Research Most Important in Eliminating Disease

How important do you think scientific research is in addressing each of the following areas?


## Medical Progress Affected by Many Fields of Science

Medical progress is influenced by research in various fields. To what degree do think the following fields affect medical advances?


## Barriers to Better Health

Some people believe research to improve health should be making more progress. For each of the following, please tell me if you feel this is a reason why we are not making more progress.


Investing in Research

## States Should Provide Financial Incentives to Attract Research

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?


Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Biopharmaceutical Industries Important to Economy

How important do you think the biotech and pharmaceutical industries are to the U.S. economy ?

$\square$ Very
$\square$ Somewhat
$\square$ Not
$\square$ Don't know

Source: Bridging the Sciences Survey, 2006
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## Biopharmaceutical Industries Provide Jobs

How important do you think the biotech and pharmaceutical industries are in providing jobs in the U.S.?

$\square$ Very
Somewhat
$\square$ Not
Don't know

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