



January National Survey

January 2023

Results from a public opinion survey commissioned in January 2023

Survey Methodology

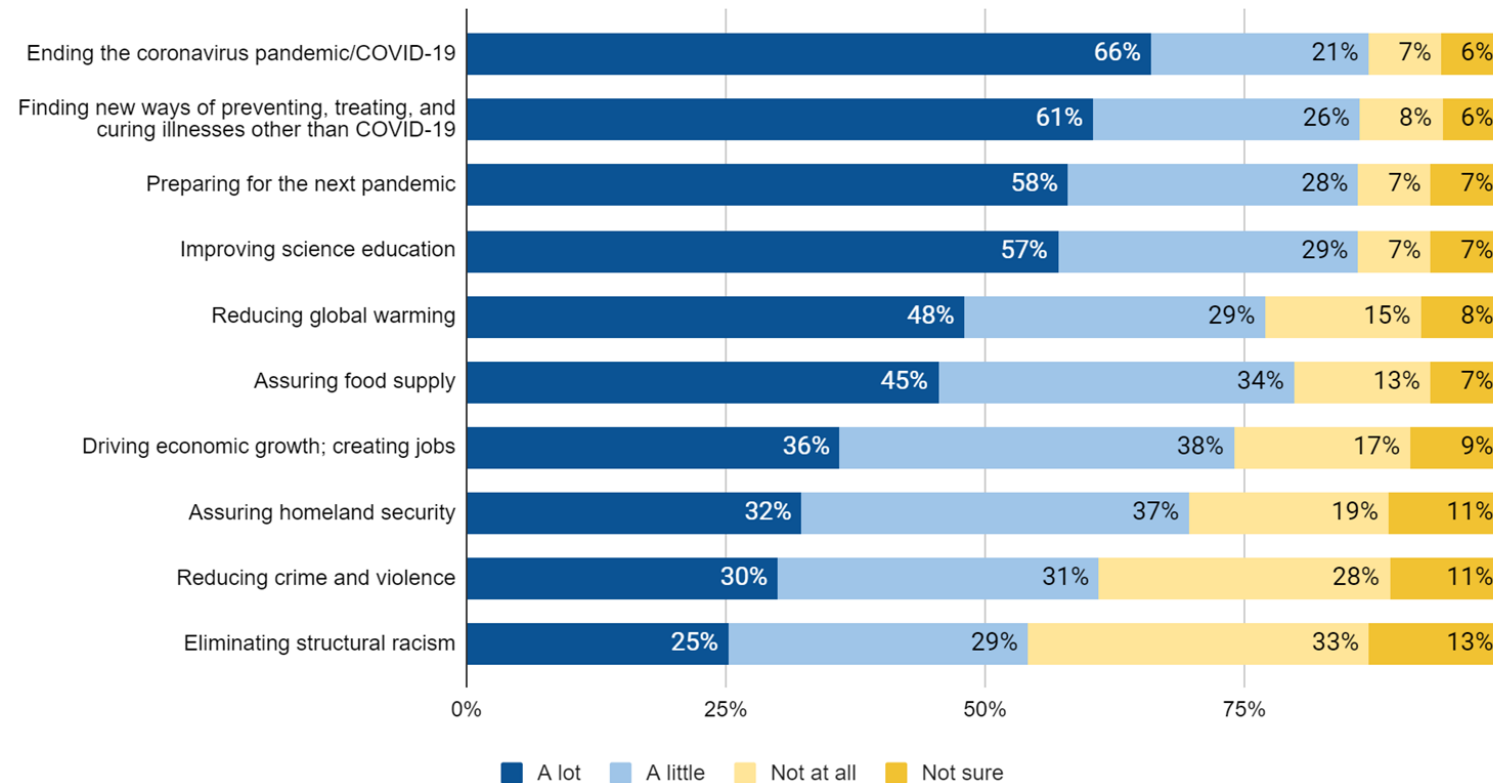
This online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in January 2023, among 1,002 adults. The survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.*

Subsets of the data have a larger margin of error than the full data set. The sample is weighted to best represent the demographics of the population being surveyed. Weighted variables may include age, race, gender, party, education, and religion.

**Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides*

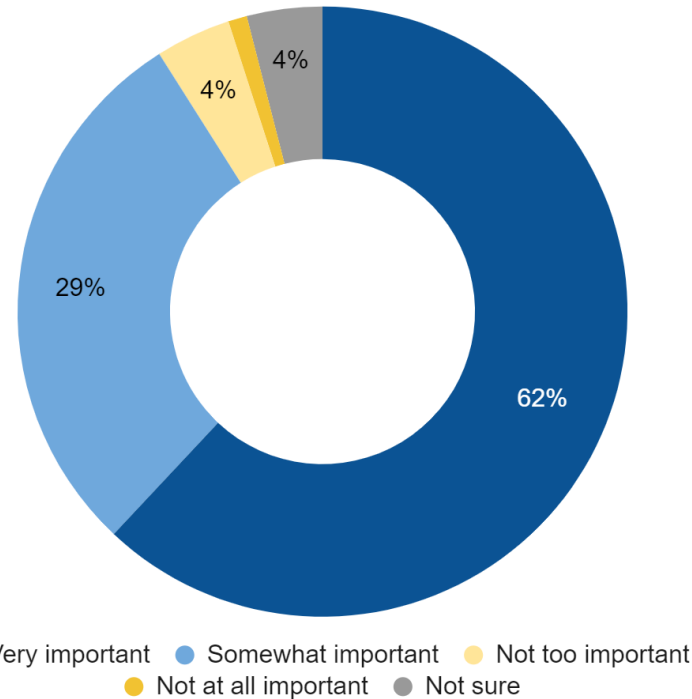
Americans say S&T can help address a number of issues facing the U.S.

How much can science, technology, and innovation help address the following issues?



Most Americans say it is important for the U.S. to be a global leader in S&T

How important do you think it is that the U.S. is a global leader in science and technology?



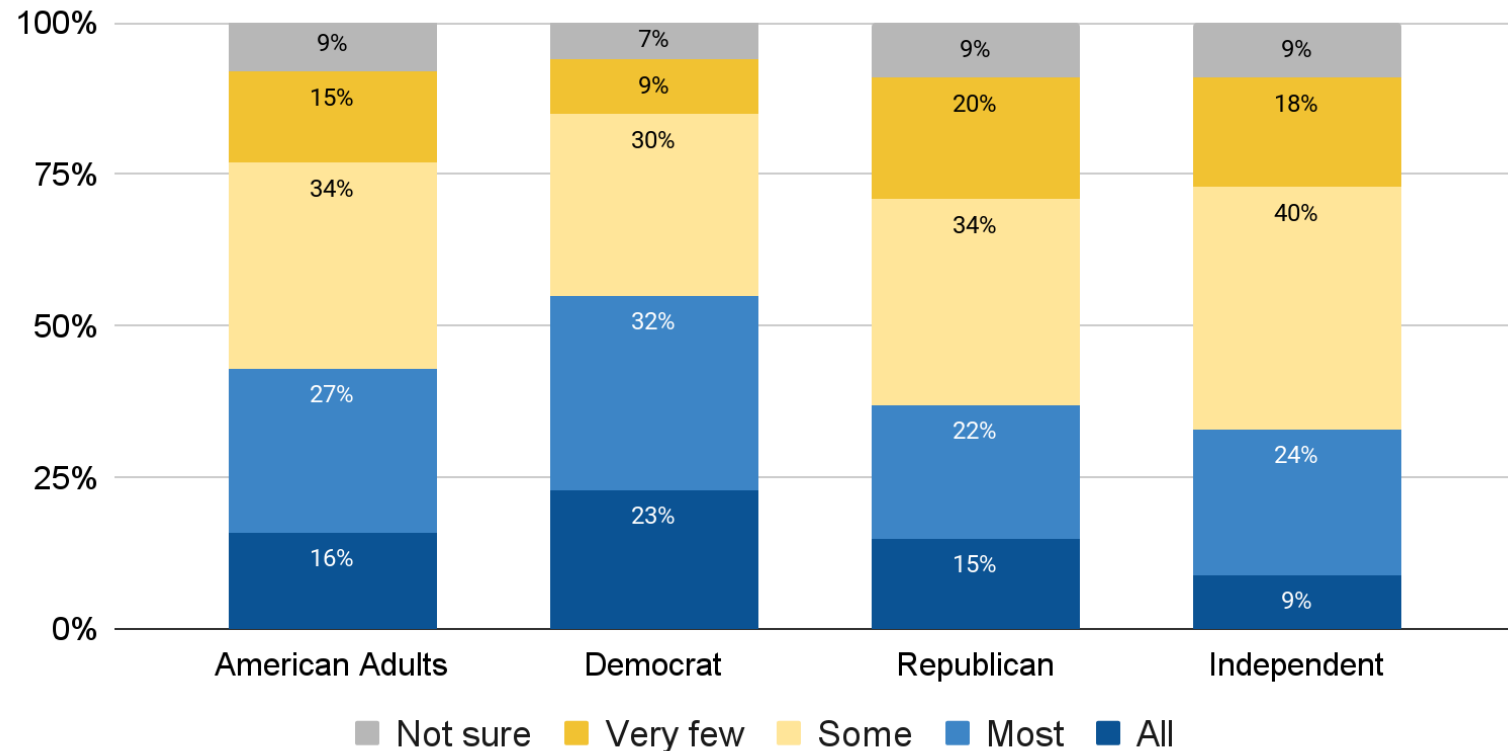
Young people (aged 18-24) less likely (74%) than the general population (91%) to say “very or somewhat important”.

Nearly 8 in 10 say R&D investment creates U.S. jobs

In general, do you think investments in research and development are creating employment opportunities for all, most, some, or very few people in this country?

Young people (aged 18-24) more likely (85%) than the general population (77%) to say “All, Most, or Some” .

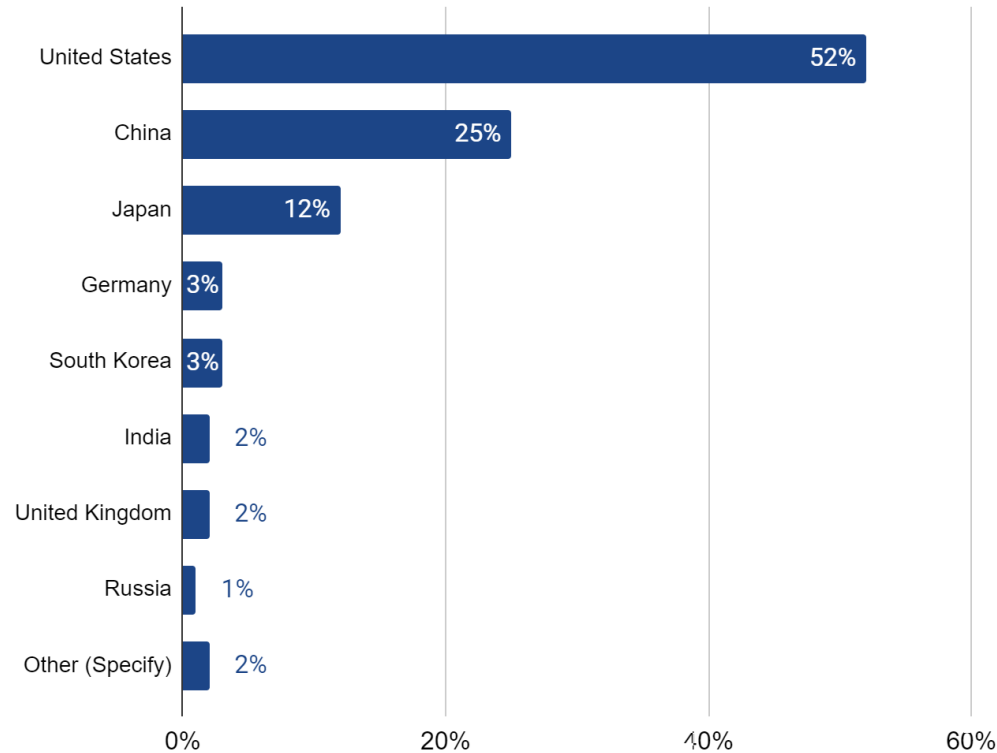
Hispanics more likely (84%) to say "All, Most, or Some"



Source: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2023.

A majority of Americans believe the U.S. will be the world leader in S&T in 2030, followed by China

In your view, which of the following will be the number one world leader in science and technology in the year 2030?

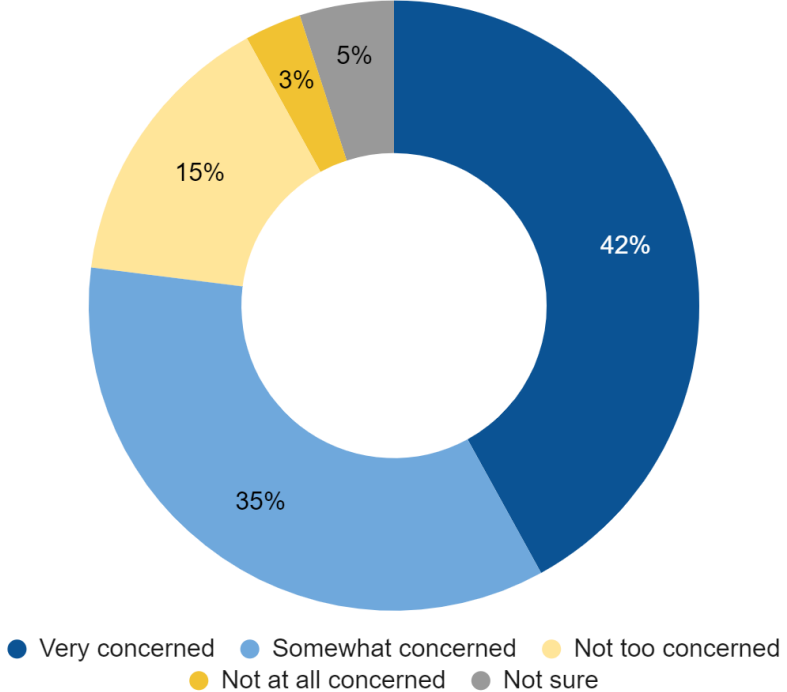


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77% are concerned China could surpass the U.S. as the leading global S&T power

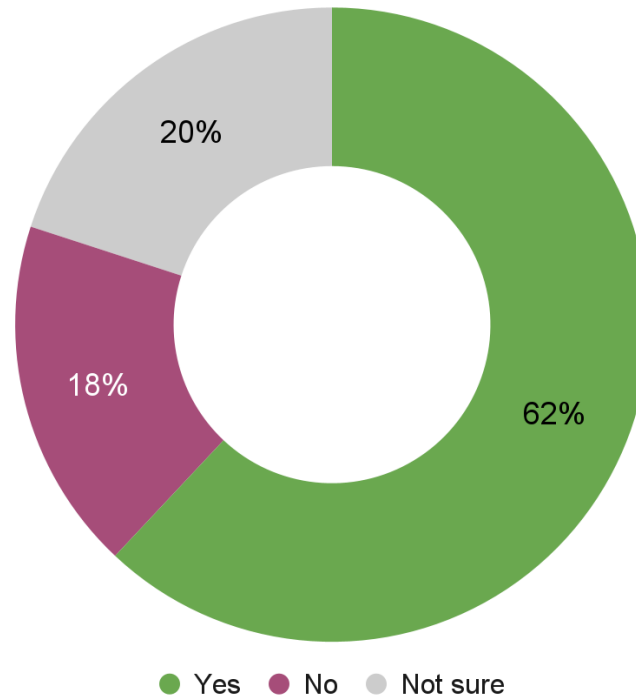
How concerned are you with the possibility of China surpassing the U.S. as the world's leading science and technology power?

Young people (aged 18-24) less likely (65%) than the general population (77%) to say “Very or somewhat concerned”.



6 in 10 support more taxpayer support of S&T

Do you believe Congress should invest more taxpayer dollars to advance science and technology in the U.S.?



73%
Say "Yes"



54%
Say "Yes"

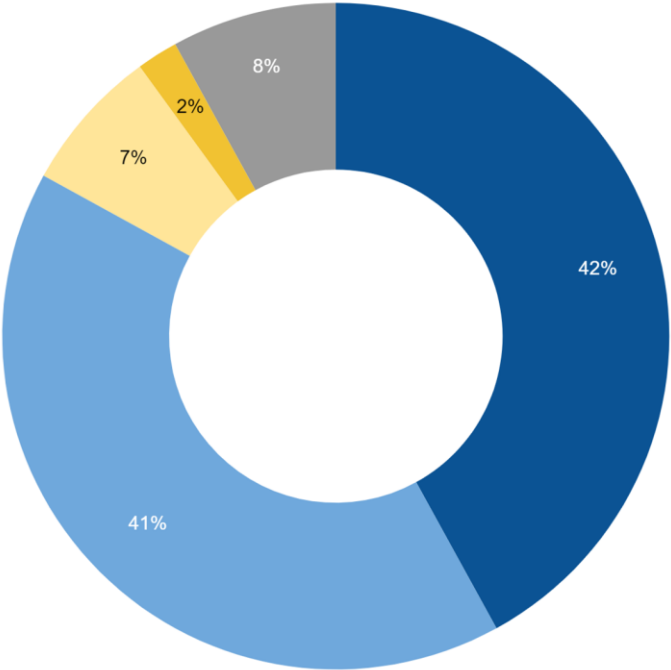


56%
Say "Yes"

High bipartisan support for basic research

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.

Young people (aged 18-24) less likely (74%) than the general population (83%) to say “Strongly or somewhat agree”.



● Strongly agree ● Somewhat agree ● Somewhat disagree ● Strongly disagree ● Not sure



92%

Say “Strongly or somewhat agree”



78%

Say “Strongly or somewhat agree”

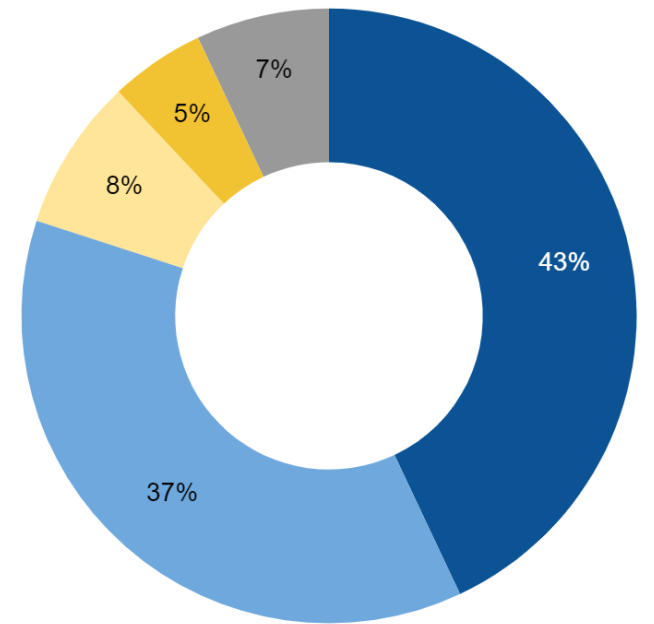


76%

Say “Strongly or somewhat agree”

8 in 10 favor increased federal spending on vaccine research

Do you favor or oppose increased federal spending on research to improve and find new vaccines?



● Strongly favor ● Somewhat favor ● Somewhat oppose
● Strongly oppose ● Don't know



90%

Say "Strongly or somewhat favor"



75%

Say "Strongly or somewhat favor"

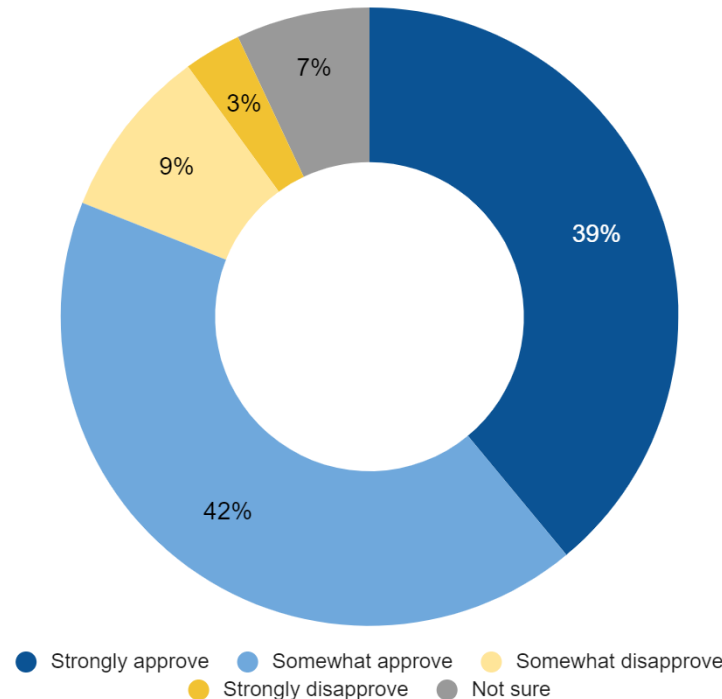


77%

Say "Strongly or somewhat favor"

8 in 10 support public funds for scientific research at universities

As you may know, the federal government provides public funds on a competitive basis to universities to conduct basic scientific research. Do you approve or disapprove of the federal government spending to sponsor scientific research at universities?



89%

Say "strongly or somewhat approve"



80%

Say "strongly or somewhat approve"

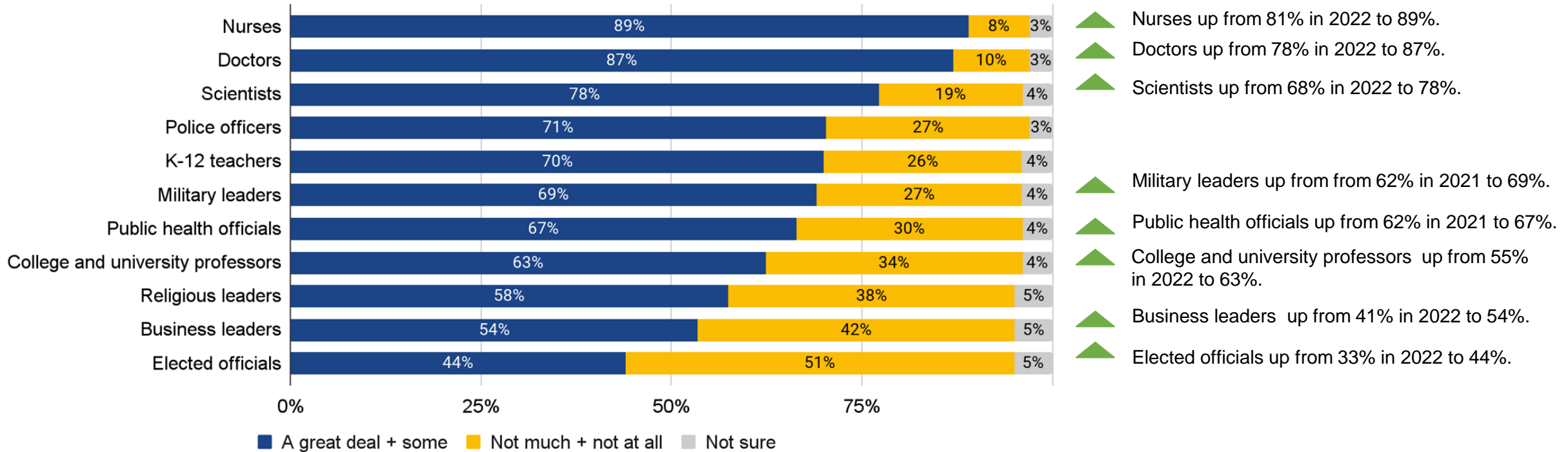


73%

Say "strongly or somewhat approve"

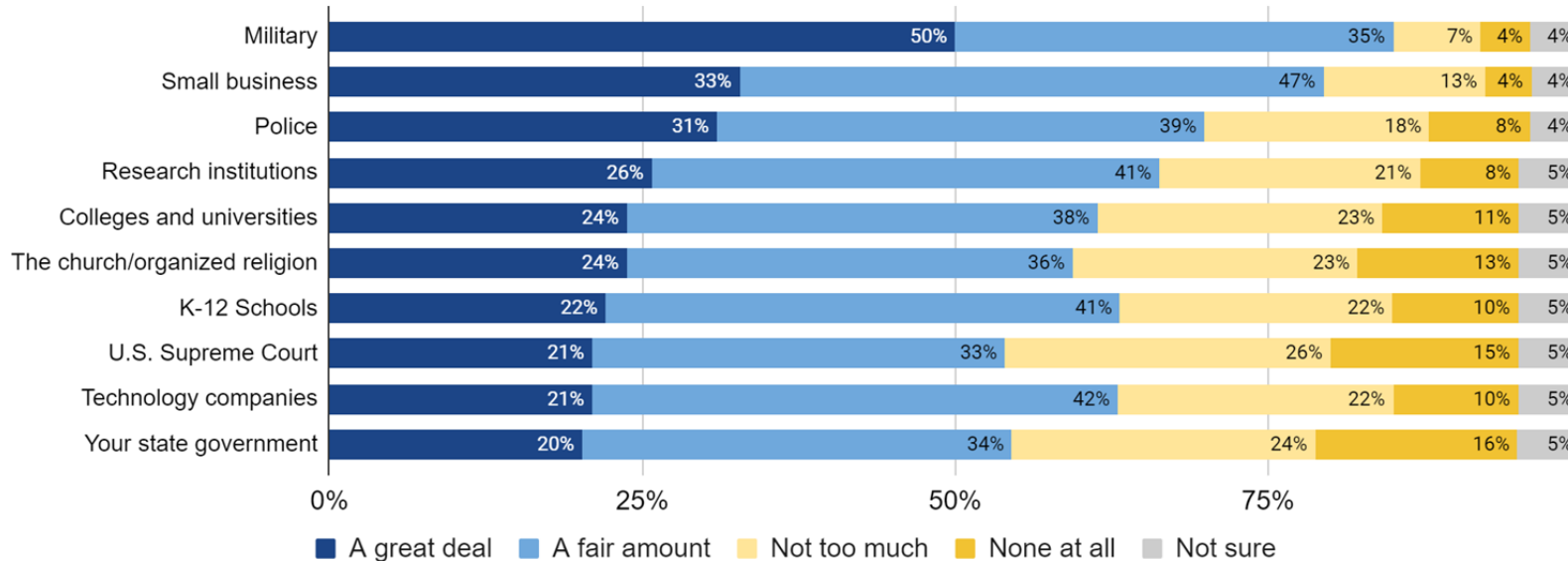
Confidence in health care providers and scientists is high

How much confidence do you have in each of the following to act in your best interest?



Confidence in military is high, trust among other institutions is diminishing

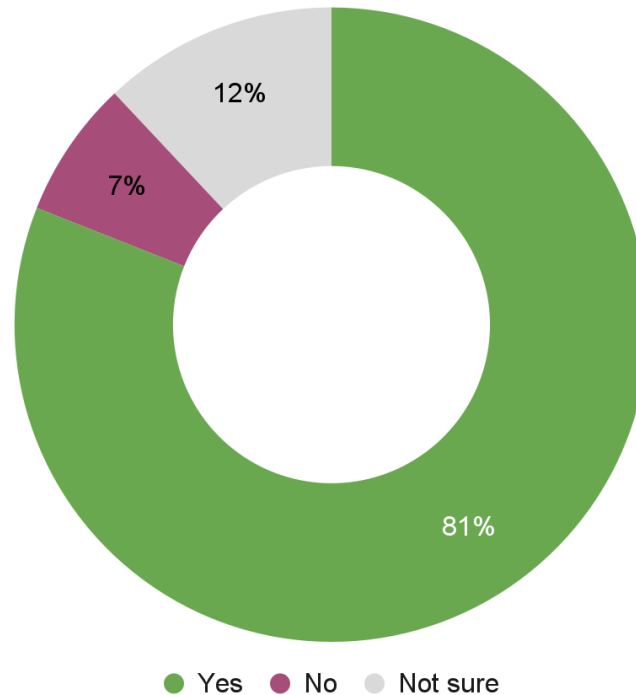
How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions?



- ▼ Research institutions down from 76% in 2021 to 67%.
- ▼ Public K-12 schools down from 69% in 2021 to 63%.
- ▼ U.S. Supreme Court down from 64% in 2021 to 54%.
- ▼ State government down from 61% in 2021 to 54%.
- ▼ Federal government down from 51% in 2021 to 46%.

8 in 10 say scientists' job should include communicating their research to the public

Should scientists consider it part of their job to inform the public about their research and its impact on society?



86%
Say "Yes"



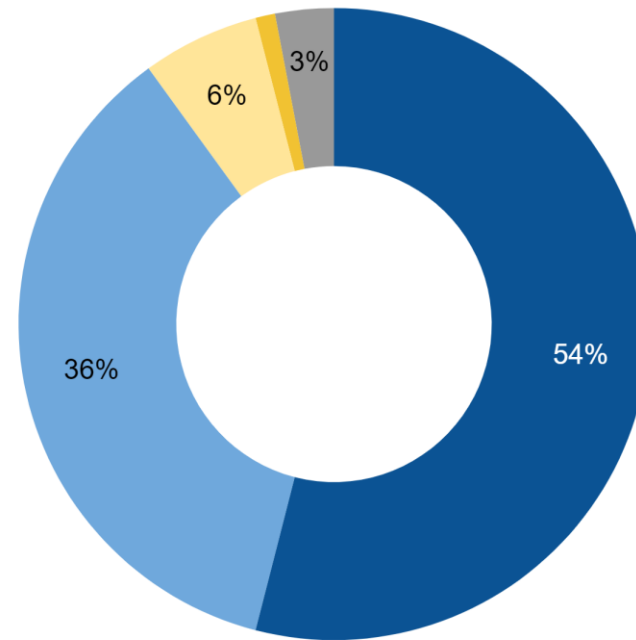
77%
Say "Yes"



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Say "Yes"

90% say it's important for scientists to inform elected officials about their research

How important is it for scientists to inform elected officials about their research and its impact on society?



● Very important ● Somewhat important ● Not too important
● Not at all important ● Not sure



95%

Say "Very or Somewhat Important"



89%

Say "Very or Somewhat Important"

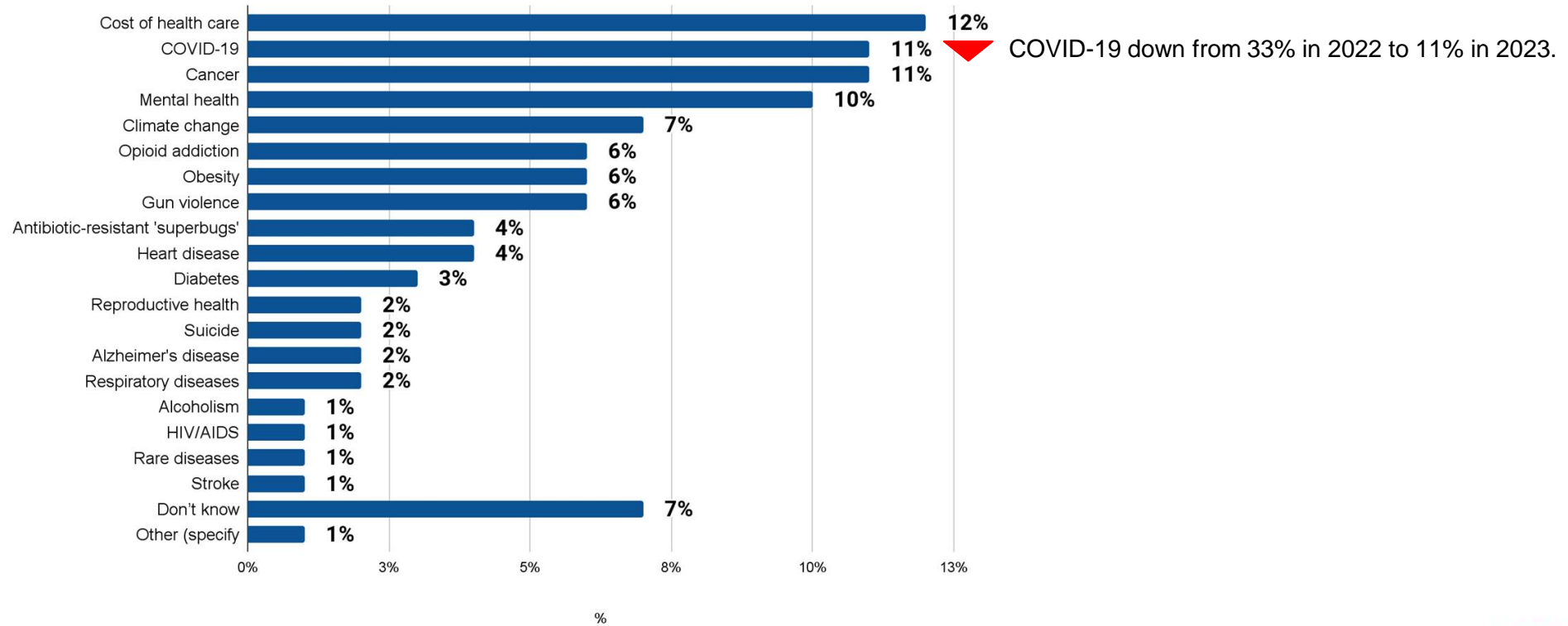


87%

Say "Very or Somewhat Important"

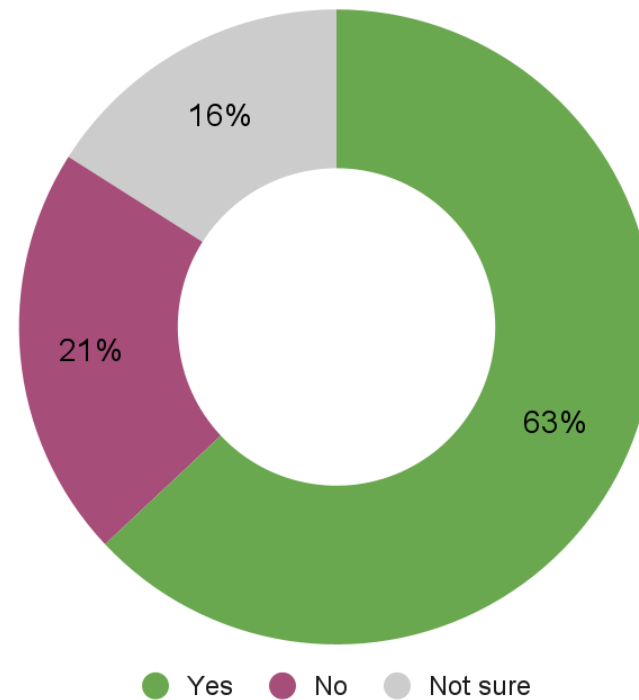
Cost of health care is the most important health issue

What would you say is the single most important health issue facing the nation?



63% willing to pay more taxes in support of medical and health research

Would you be willing to pay \$1 per week more in taxes if you were certain that all of the money would be spent on additional medical and health research?



72%
Say "Yes"



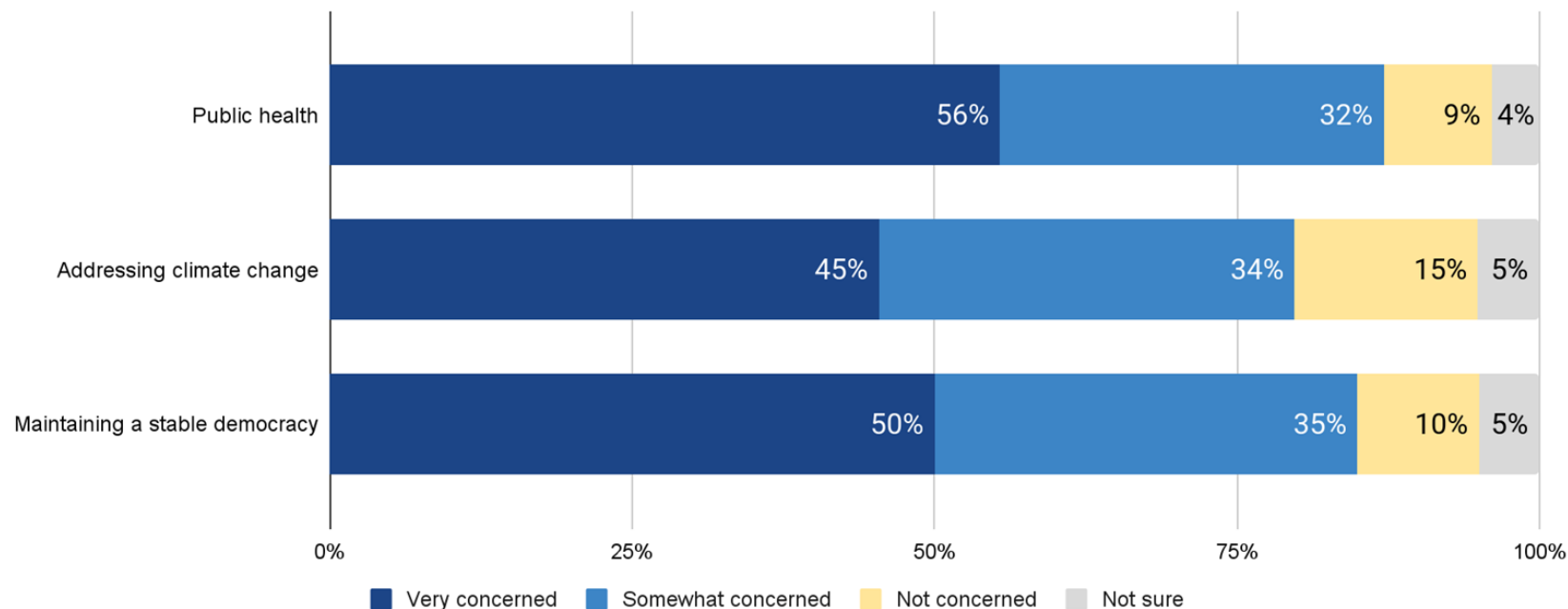
57%
Say "Yes"



60%
Say "Yes"

Most Americans are concerned about mis/disinformation

Misinformation is false or inaccurate information, while disinformation is false information which is deliberately intended to mislead. Please indicate to what extent you are concerned with the impact of misinformation/disinformation on the following?

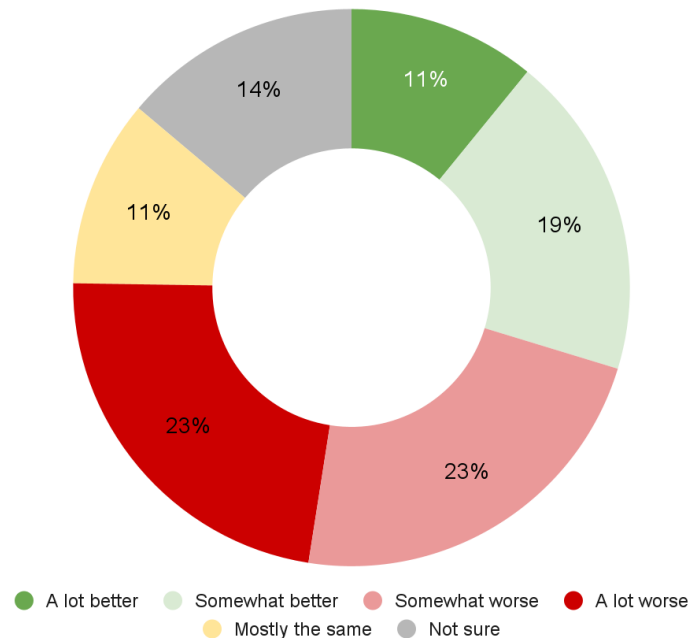


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Opioid abuse continues to be a major problem

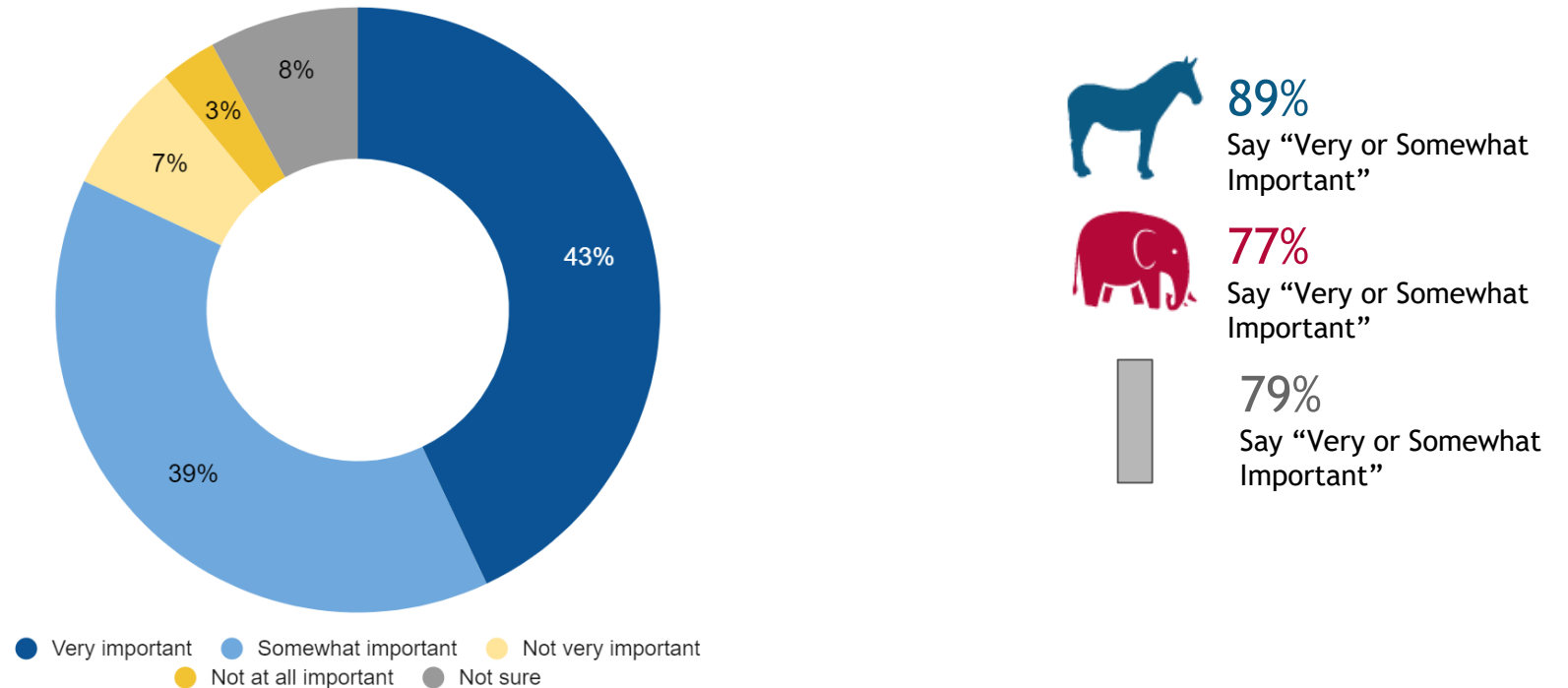
In the past 5 years, do you think the problem of people being addicted to opioids in your local community has gotten better, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

Respondents in a rural area are more likely (68%) than the general population (46%) to say “Somewhat worse or A lot worse”.



Strong support for federal funding of international infectious disease detection programs

How important is it for the federal government to fund international programs on detection of infectious disease outbreaks?

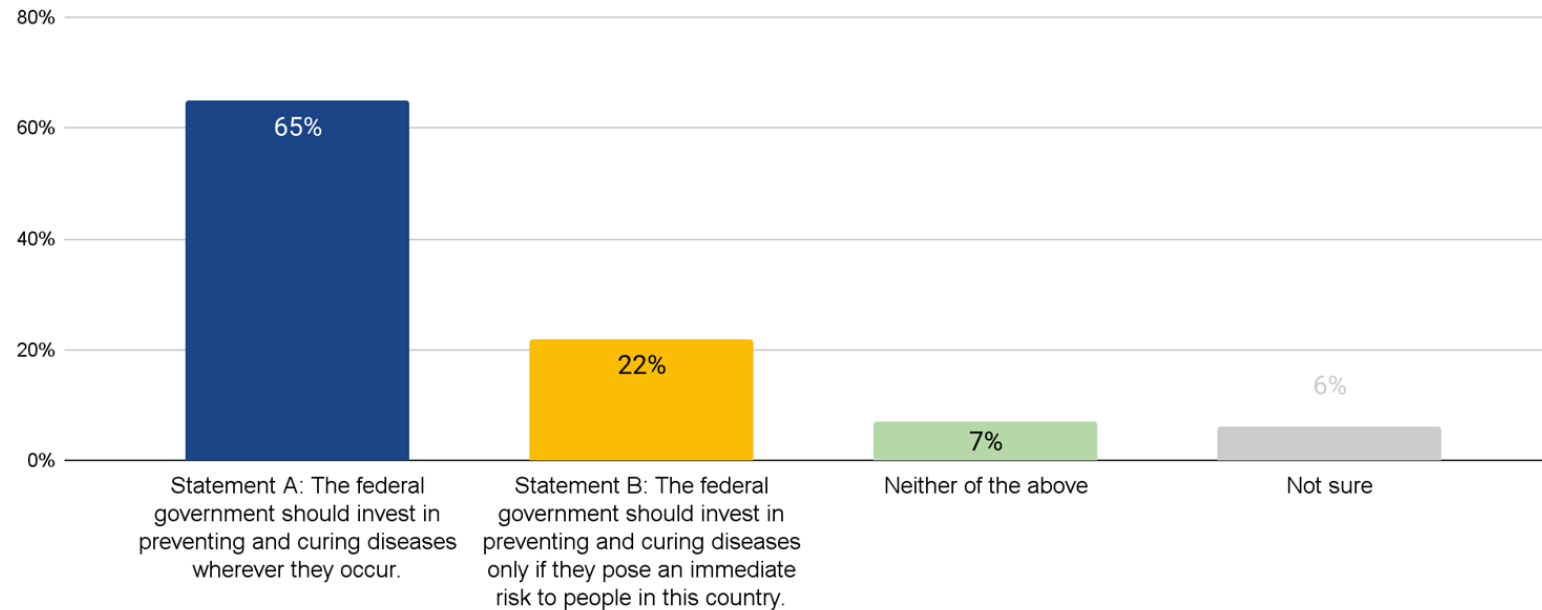


Federal government should invest in preventing and curing diseases wherever they occur

Which statement is closest to your view?

Statement A: The federal government should invest in preventing and curing diseases wherever they occur.

Statement B: The federal government should invest in preventing and curing diseases only if they pose an immediate risk to people in this country.



73%
Say "Statement A"



59%
Say "Statement A"



63%
Say "Statement A"

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