



## Examples of January of 2025 Survey Results for Use in Advocacy

### Public Sentiment Influences Federal Policymaking!

#### 1. Bipartisan Support for Research & Development (R&D)

There is broad bipartisan support for increased investment in medical, health, and scientific research:

- **Support for U.S. Leadership:** 9 in 10 Americans agree it is important for the U.S. to lead in medical and health research.
- **Support for Basic Scientific Research:** Support for basic scientific research is strong: 85% agree it is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.
- **Increased R&D Investment:** 85% of Americans (92% Democrats, 86% Republicans, 74% Independents) believe the government should set a higher goal for R&D spending.
- **Public Willingness to Invest:** A majority of Americans (65% Total; 71% Democrats, 62% Republicans, 60% Independents) are willing to pay more in taxes to support medical and health research.

#### 2. Bipartisan Areas of Concern

Americans across the political spectrum share concerns that directly relate to the need for stronger investment in research:

- **Decline in U.S. Leadership:** 78% of Americans (77% Democrats, 83% Republicans, 71% Independents) are concerned that China could surpass the U.S. as the world leader in science and technology.
- **Inadequate STEM Education:** 9 in 10 Americans agree that K-12 STEM education must be a higher national priority.
- **Mental Health Crisis:** 86% of Americans are concerned about youth mental health.

#### 3. Bipartisan Support for Disease-Specific Research

Americans also strongly support federal funding for targeted disease research:

- **Infectious Disease Research:** 91% of Americans (96% Democrats, 93% Republicans, 84% Independents) believe the federal government should fund infectious disease research.
- **Rare Disease Research:** 86% of Americans (93% Democrats, 84% Republicans, 81% Independents) believe the federal government should fund rare disease research.
- **Mental Health Research:** A majority of Americans believe that federal investment in mental health research has been inadequate.

Source: Research!America [January of 2025 Survey](#) of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics