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Science Debate 2008: Where Are We Now?

Mary Woolley, President, Research!America

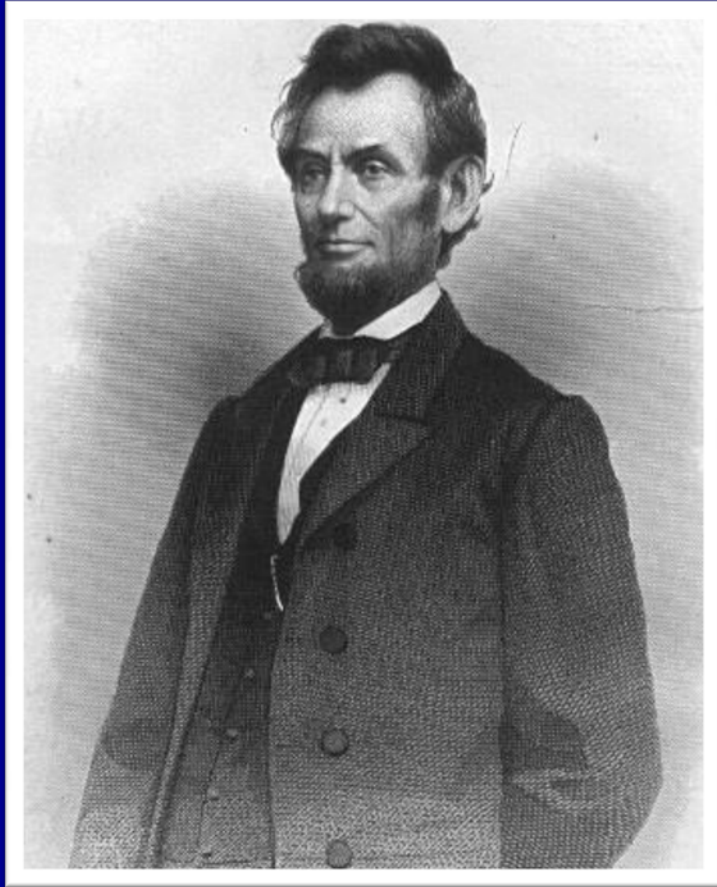
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Capital Science 2010
Arlington, VA

“Science is BACK at the Department of Health and Human Services. This president is very committed to science as the basis we use when making decisions, the central theme to be guided by.”



HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
Research!America Dinner, July 2009



“...public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed.”

President Abraham Lincoln

Public Trust

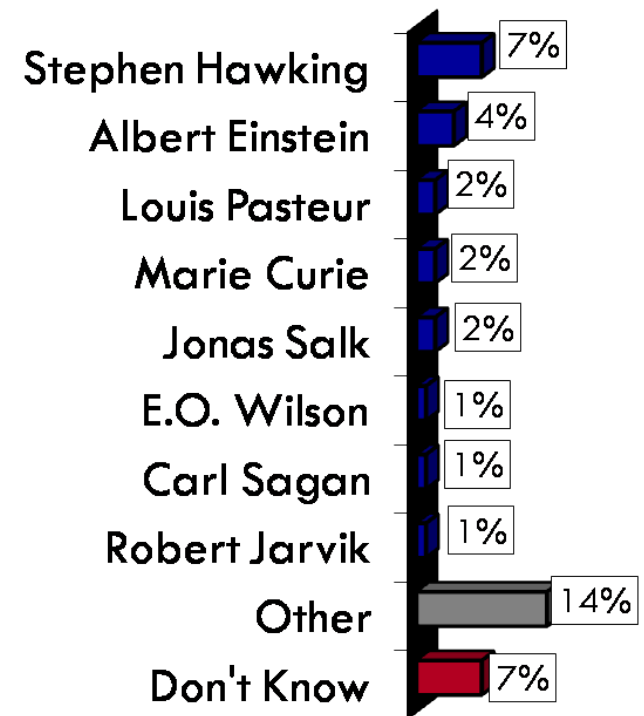
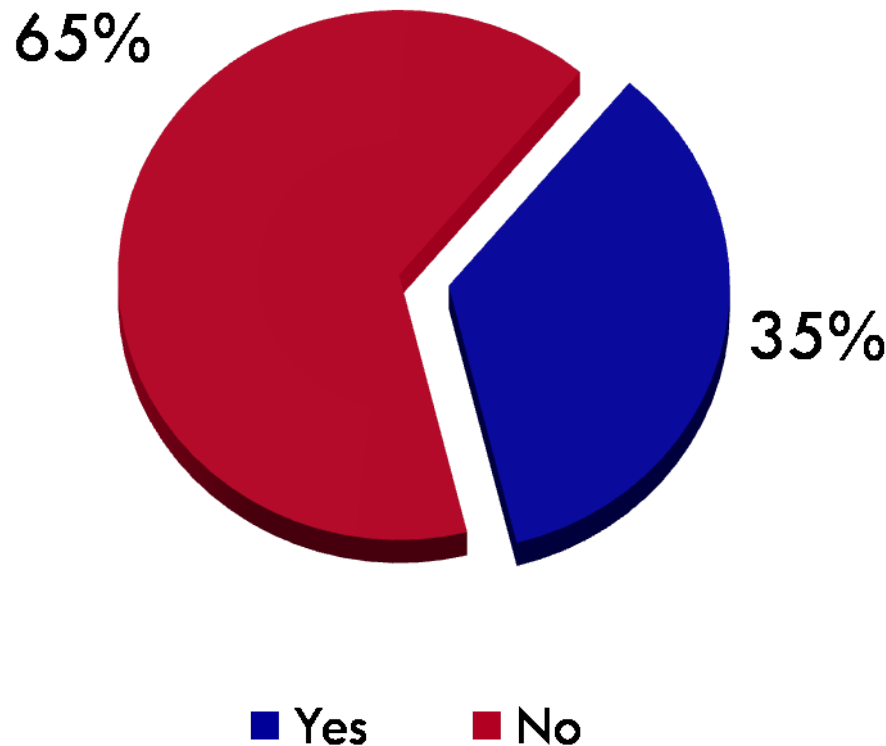
Would you generally trust each of the following types of people to tell the truth, or not?

	Would Trust	Would Not	Not Sure/ Refused
	%	%	%
Doctors	85	12	3
Teachers	83	15	2
Scientists	77	19	4
Police officers	76	21	3
Professors	75	19	6
Clergymen or priests	74	22	4
Journalists	39	58	3
Members of Congress	35	63	3
Lawyers	27	68	5
Actors	26	69	5

And Yet, Despite High
Levels of Public
Confidence,
Scientists are Invisible in
Our Society...

Most Americans Can't Name A Living Scientist

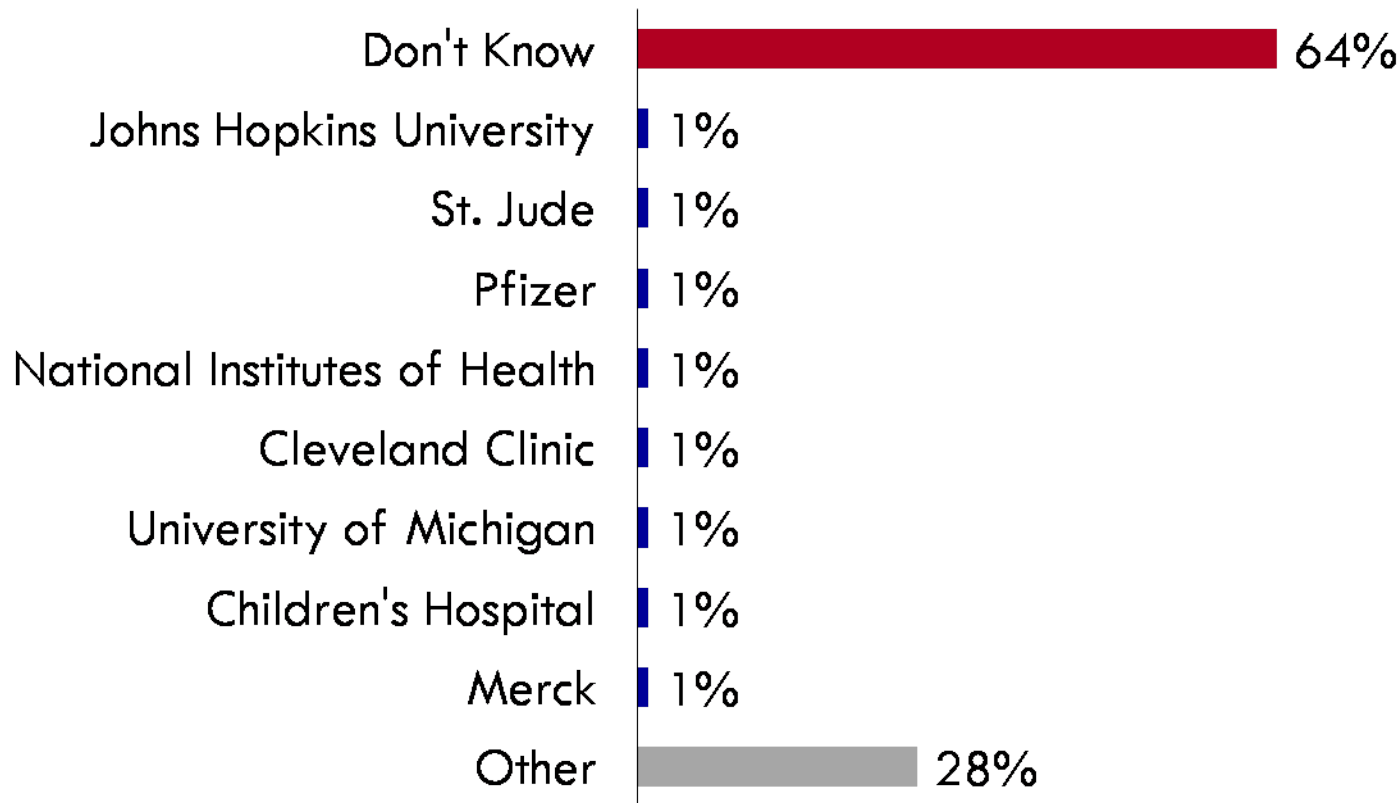
Can you name a living scientist?



Source: Your Congress—Your Health Survey, June 2009
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Americans Don't Know Where Research is Conducted

Do you know of any institutions, companies or organizations where medical or health research is conducted?



Source: Your Congress—Your Health Survey, May 2007

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“Scientists like to tell ourselves that we are too busy to worry about image. But the reality is that our work only has a chance of making a difference if we *build a much broader base of popular support for medical research than currently exists in this country.*”

Rock Star of Science Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD



Chairman Obey and NIH Director Collins at the 2010 Research!America Advocacy Awards

NIH American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Funding

The U.S. Congress and President Obama made an historic \$10.4 billion reinvestment in the National Institutes of Health through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. American scientists are competing for ARRA grants that will protect and create jobs while advancing research to improve health.

Nationwide, \$4,721,255,260 has been awarded in ARRA funding for 13,071 projects.*

Communities across the country are already seeing the benefits. Use the map below to see how the funding is distributed in each state.

*ARRA grants will continue to be awarded throughout 2010 and this resource will be updated periodically to reflect the disbursement of the total investment.

Last update: February 23, 2010

Click on a state below or for more detail on U.S. territories: [American Samoa](#) , [Guam](#), [Puerto Rico](#), [Virgin Islands](#)

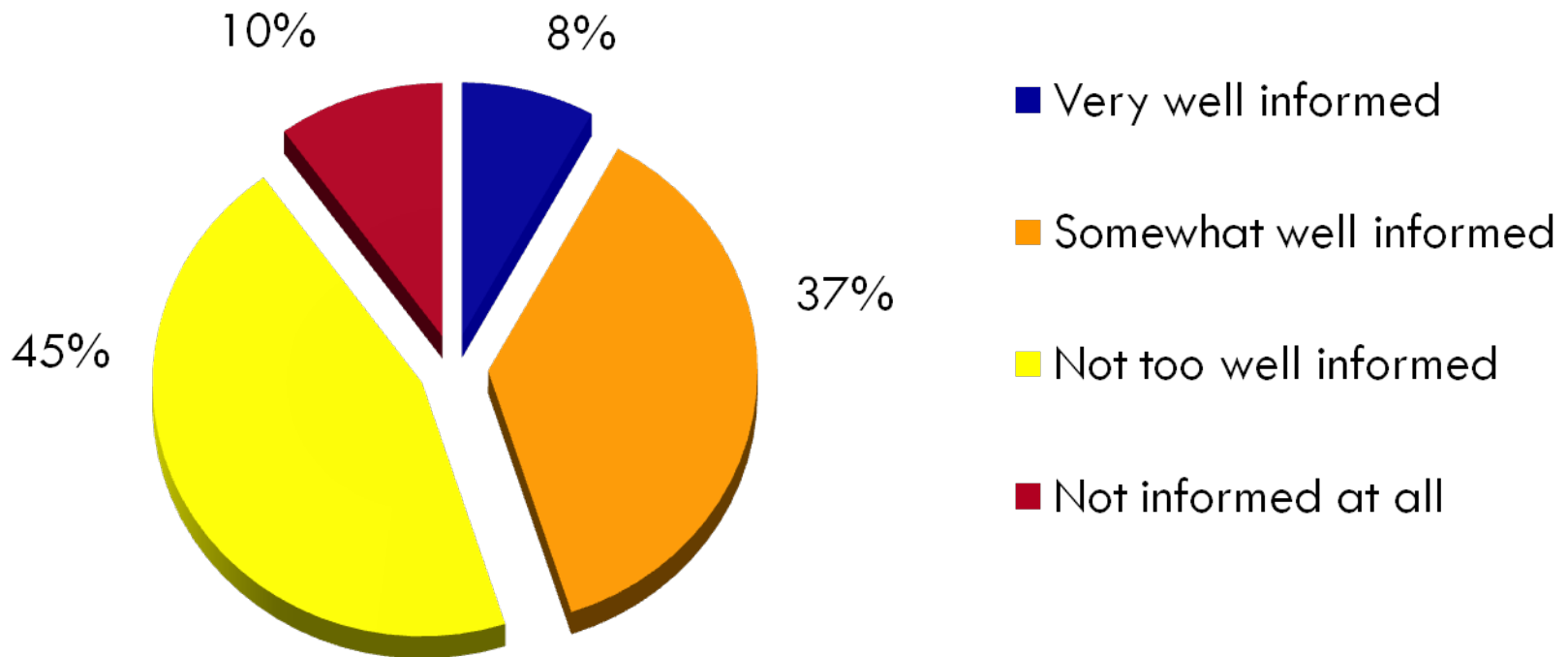


ARRA Funding by State and District

Research!America is tracking how the NIH is investing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding by state and congressional district. Visit www.researchamerica.org/arra_NIHfunding.

Most Not Well Informed on Elected 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?



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Coming Soon

Your Candidates-Your Health

2010



Outreach to Candidates

After the primaries, all candidates for Congress will be invited to participate to provide responses to a questionnaire about health, research and related issues

Extensive public outreach through the Research!America advocacy network and sponsoring partners to encourage candidates to share their views

www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.com



Sample Questions to Members/Candidates

- Your Congress: How important do you think education and training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics is to U.S. competitiveness and our future economic prosperity?
- Your Candidates: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The U.S. is in danger of losing its global competitive edge in science, technology and innovation." If you agree, what approach would you take to change this trend?



Everybody in the science and technology community who cares about the future of the world should be tithing 10 percent of his or her time to interacting with the public in the policy process.”

John P. Holdren, PhD
President Obama's Science Adviser

A Challenge: Pass the Starbucks Test



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