



Voters' Attitudes About Federal Funding for Cancer Research

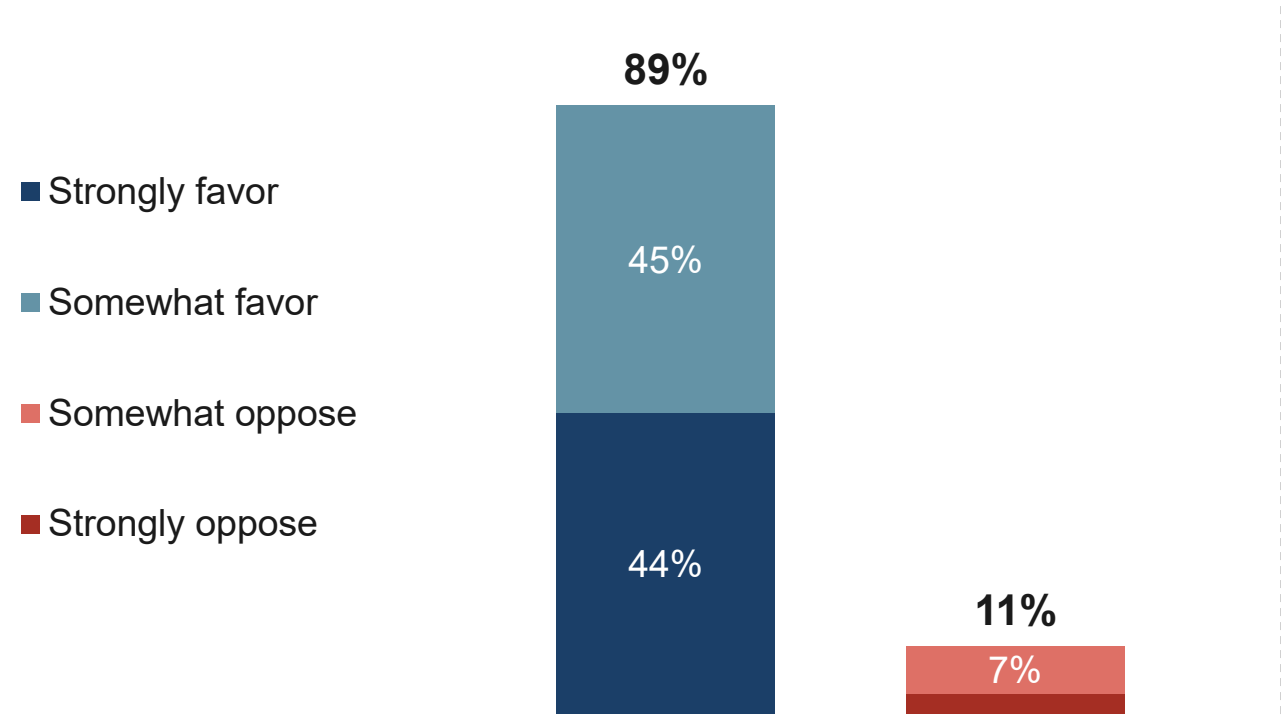
Key findings from a survey of 1,001 registered voters nationwide
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Very high levels of support for federal funding for medical research span the electorate.

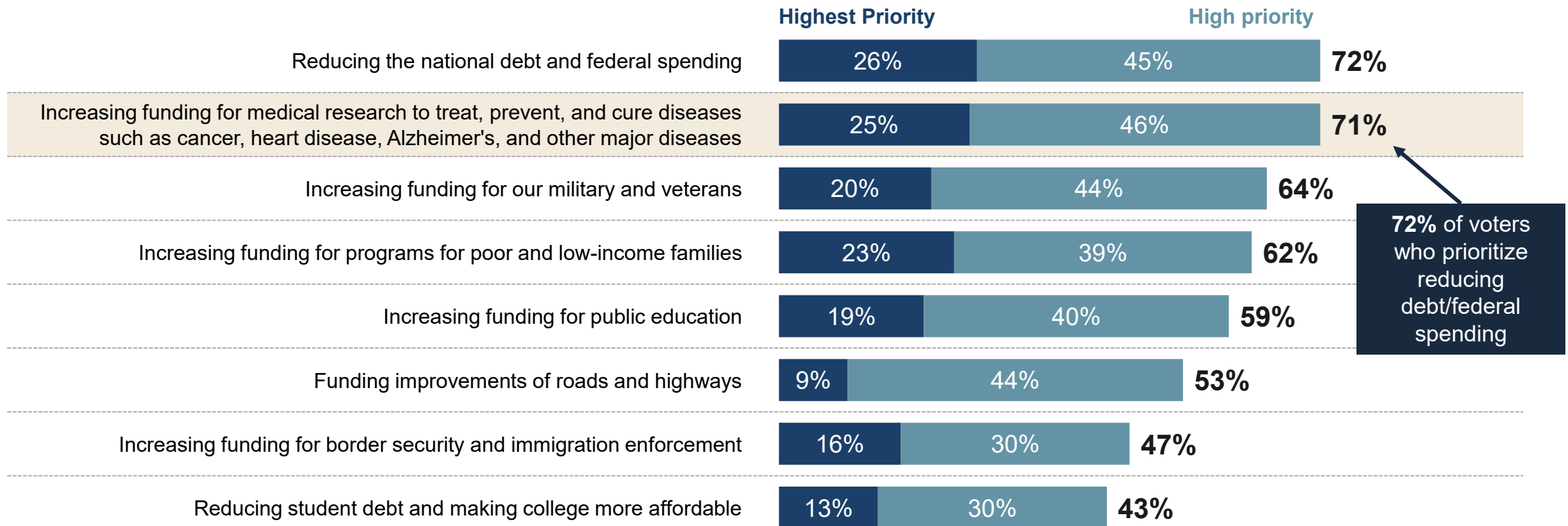
The federal government provides public funds to institutions such as the National Institutes of Health, or NIH, to conduct medical research on the treatment, prevention, and cure for major diseases. Do you favor or oppose the federal government using taxpayer dollars to fund medical research to fight diseases and improve public health?



| | Favor | Oppose |
|--|-------|--------|
| Dems | 94 | 6 |
| Independents | 85 | 15 |
| Republicans | 86 | 14 |
| MAGA supporters | 85 | 15 |
| Reducing debt/federal spending high priority | 88 | 12 |
| Men | 89 | 11 |
| Women | 90 | 10 |
| Age 18-34 | 89 | 11 |
| Age 35 to 49 | 92 | 8 |
| Age 50-64 | 88 | 12 |
| Age 65+ | 88 | 12 |

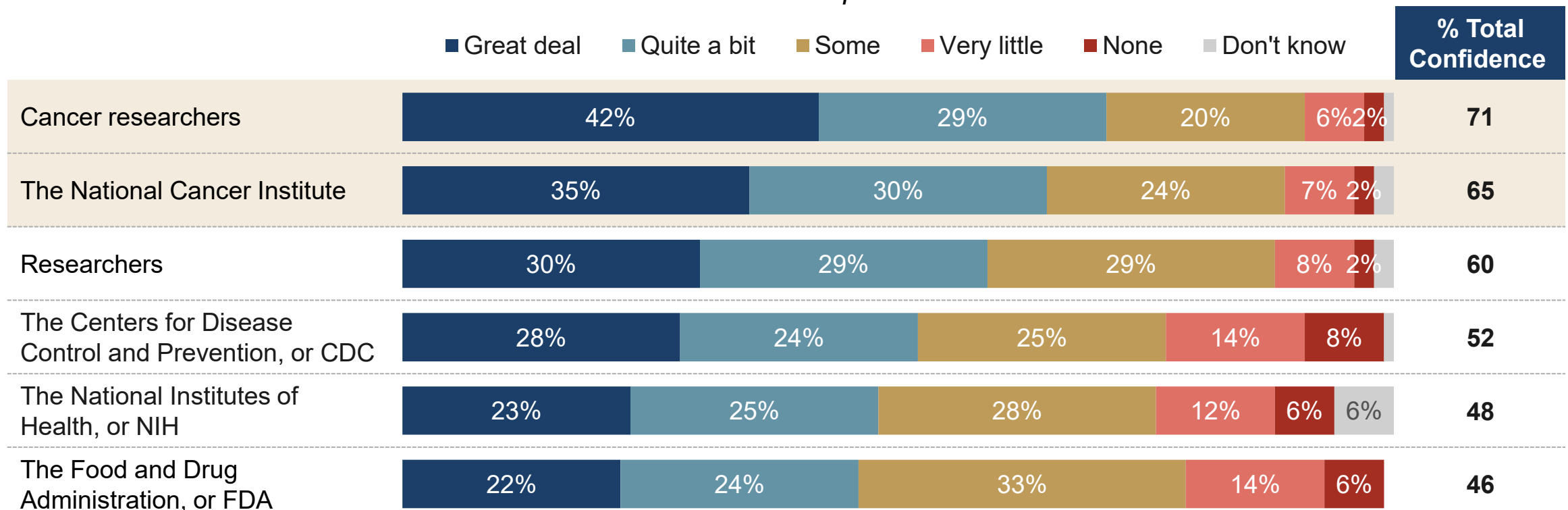
Even with an emphasis on reducing federal debt and spending, voters rank increasing funding for medical research as a top Congressional priority.

Please indicate how high a priority you think each issue should be for Congress.



Voters have high levels of confidence in cancer researchers and the National Cancer Institute to act in the best interests of the public.

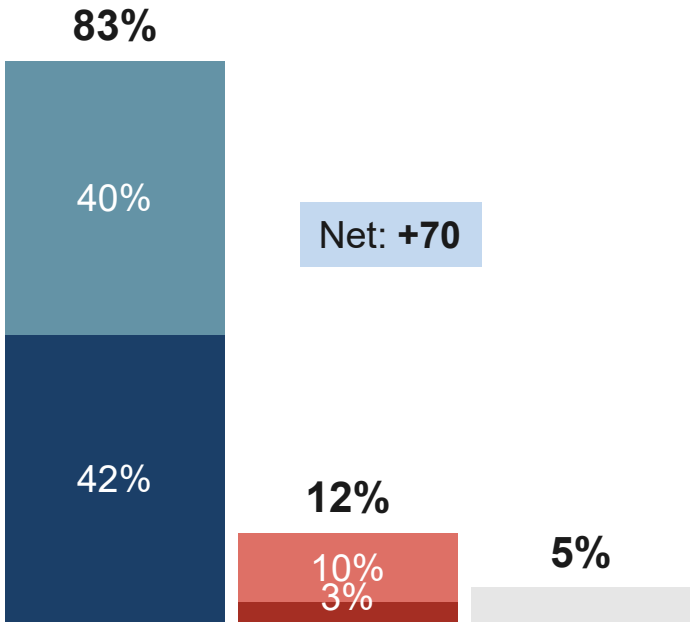
Please indicate how much confidence you have in each of the following groups and institutions to act in the best interests of the public.



Support for increasing federal funding for cancer research is widespread across the electorate.

Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose increasing federal funding for cancer research?

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

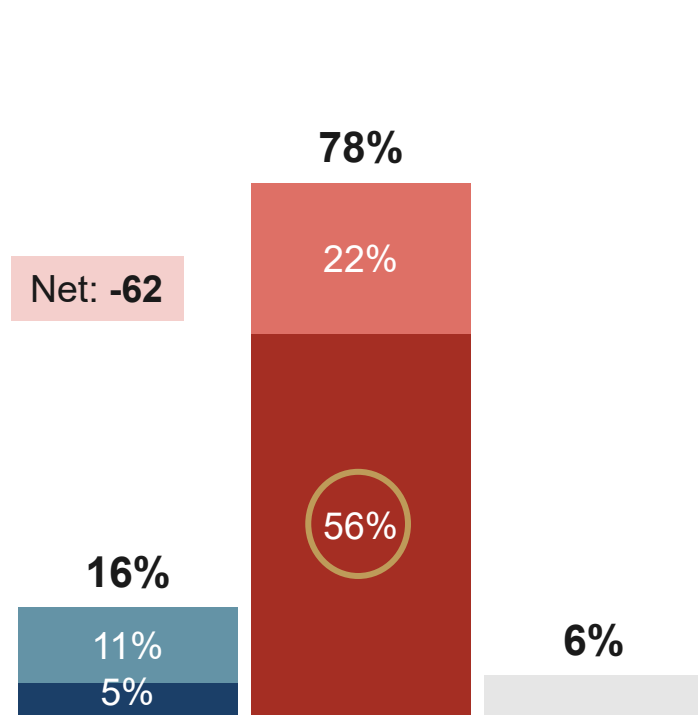


| | Favor | Oppose |
|--|-------|--------|
| Dems | 93 | 5 |
| Independents | 75 | 16 |
| Republicans | 75 | 19 |
| MAGA supporters | 75 | 19 |
| Reducing debt/federal spending high priority | 81 | 14 |
| Men | 83 | 14 |
| Women | 82 | 11 |
| Age 18-34 | 90 | 8 |
| Age 35 to 49 | 80 | 16 |
| Age 50-64 | 81 | 14 |
| Age 65+ | 81 | 11 |

There is broad and intense opposition to a 37% cut in federal funding for cancer research.

There is a proposal before Congress to cut federal funding for cancer research by 37%. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

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

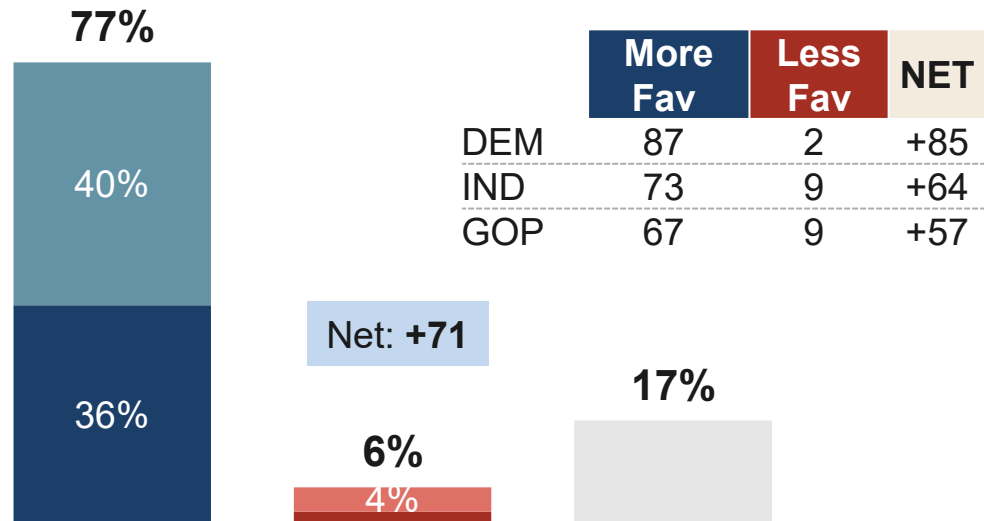


| | Favor | Oppose |
|--|-------|--------|
| Dems | 10 | 88 |
| Independents | 15 | 80 |
| Republicans | 23 | 68 |
| MAGA supporters | 26 | 65 |
| Reducing debt/federal spending high priority | 18 | 76 |
| Men | 18 | 78 |
| Women | 14 | 78 |
| Age 18-34 | 13 | 81 |
| Age 35 to 49 | 21 | 73 |
| Age 50-64 | 17 | 78 |
| Age 65+ | 14 | 80 |

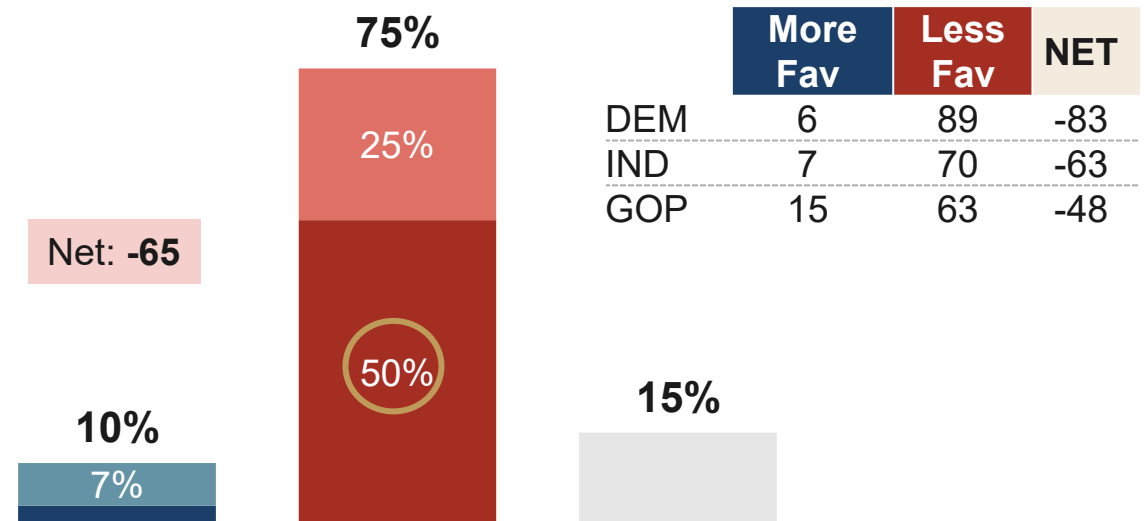
Members of Congress will get a substantial boost in favorability for supporting increasing federal funding and a corresponding decline for supporting a 37% cut.

■ Much more fav. ■ Somewhat more fav. ■ Somewhat less fav. ■ Much less fav. ■ No difference

How would you feel towards your member of Congress if you learned they voted to increase federal funding for cancer research over the next decade?



How would you feel towards your member of Congress if you learned they voted for a 37% cut in federal funding for cancer research?



Voters support increasing cancer research funding because they believe it is important to find a cure and save lives.

(aggregated volunteered reasons voters favor increasing federal funding for cancer research)

Cancer is affecting more young people

Will help prevent cancers, advance early detection

Finding a cure will benefit society

Cutting funds would delay/slow progress

Cancer is widespread, increasing

Must find cure, too important to cut

Will save/prolong lives/lower death rates

Will reduce healthcare costs/relieve financial burdens

Will relieve suffering, cancer is devastating

Have personal experience with cancer

Will find new/improve current treatments

Need to increase funding