A majority of Democratic and Republican voters believe that investment in scientific research should be a priority for the U.S. federal government.

Since 2015, more women and Republican voters have increased their support for federal investment in scientific research.

60% of voters feel strongly that the federal government should invest more in scientific research.

72% of voters feel that scientific research helps grow the U.S. economy.

94% of voters believe it is important for the United States to be the global leader in science and technology.

Voters’ views about the importance of the United States being the global leader in scientific research and technology are on the rise. Today, 61% of voters say it is “very important” compared to 48% in 2015.
The most important contributions science makes to the U.S. economy and society are:
(when ranked by personal importance)

1. developing **new medicines** and curing diseases
2. developing **new energy technologies**
3. identifying the best ways to protect our **environment**
4. developing new **national security technologies**
5. creating new technologies for **business/job growth**
6. keeping America competitive in a **global economy**
7. exploring and better **understanding the world** in which we live
8. exploring **space**

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