



The Science Coalition

Key Findings from a National Survey of Registered Voters

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Methodology

Forbes Tate Partners Insights conducted a national online survey among N=1,000 registered likely voters from February 20 - 23, 2023.

The margin of error for an N=1,000 sample size is +/- 3.10% at the 95% confidence interval.

Key Findings

- Nearly **eight in 10** voters approve of the federal government using taxpayer funds to invest in scientific research, with **strong support across parties**.
- **Two-thirds** of voters say we should invest more in scientific research, and nearly all agree it is essential to invest even during hard fiscal times.
- Nearly all voters believe it is important for the U.S. to be the **global leader** in scientific research and technology.
- Voters are concerned the U.S. is **losing ground in science to China** and other global competitors.
- Voters recognize that scientific research contributes to society, and see **lifesaving medicines**, a **competitive workforce**, and **national security** as important outcomes of research.

There is widespread agreement that the U.S. should invest more in scientific research, including support across parties.

The United States' federal investment in research and development is near its lowest point in 60 years when measured as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Do you think that the federal government should invest more in scientific research?

Approve or Disapprove of Investing More Federal Funds into Scientific Research

67%

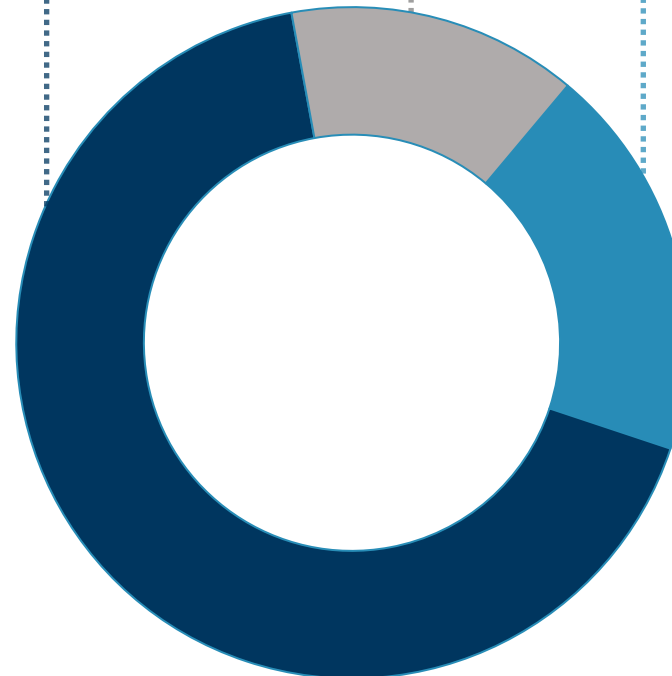
Yes, should invest more

14%

Don't know

19%

No, should not invest more

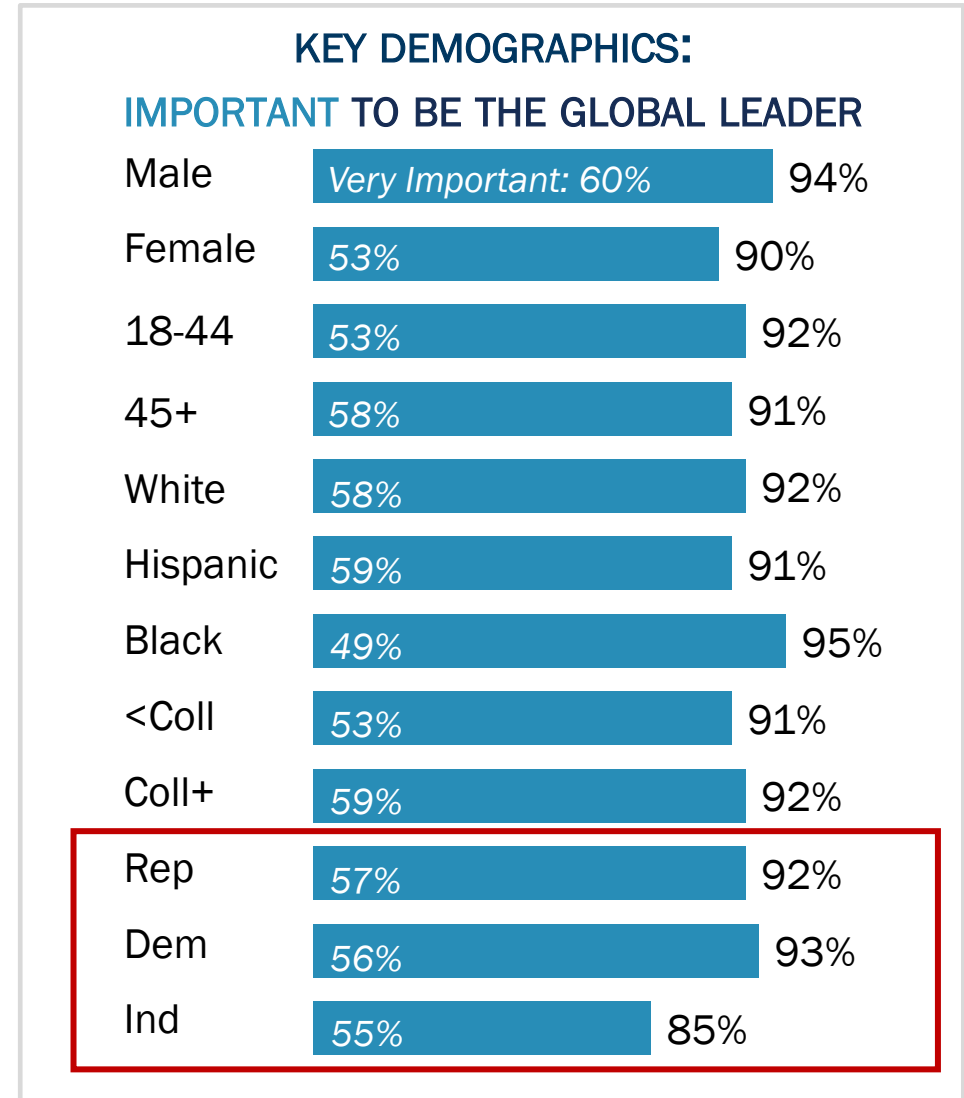
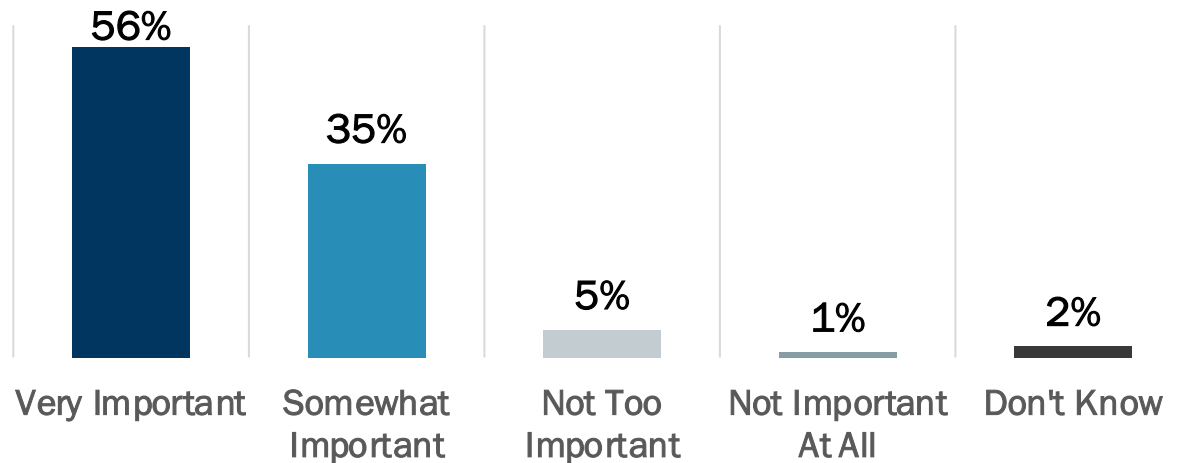
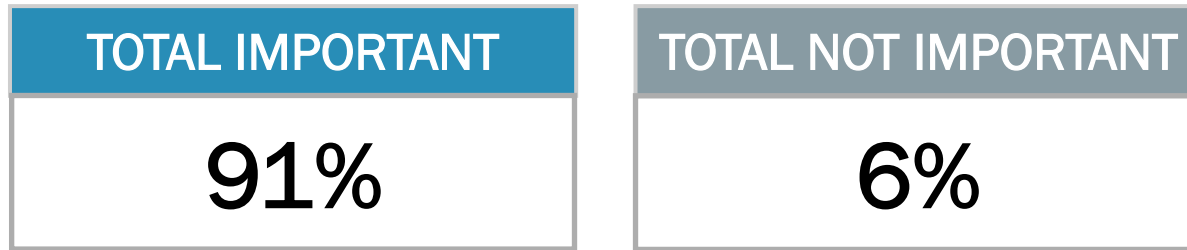


Male	73%	<Col	63%
Female	62%	Coll+	72%
18-44	76%	Rep	60%
45+	62%	Dem	76%
White	64%	Ind	65%
Hispanic	80%		
Black	72%		

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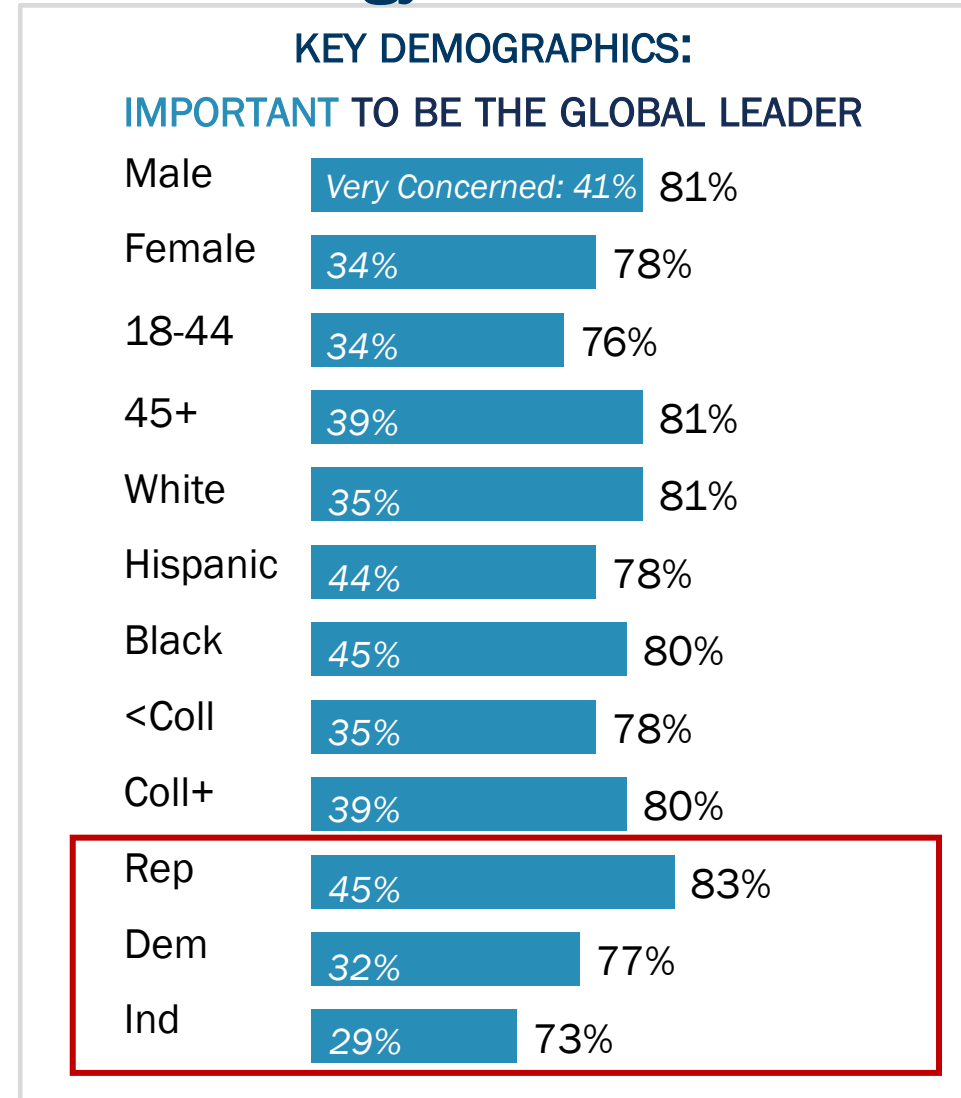
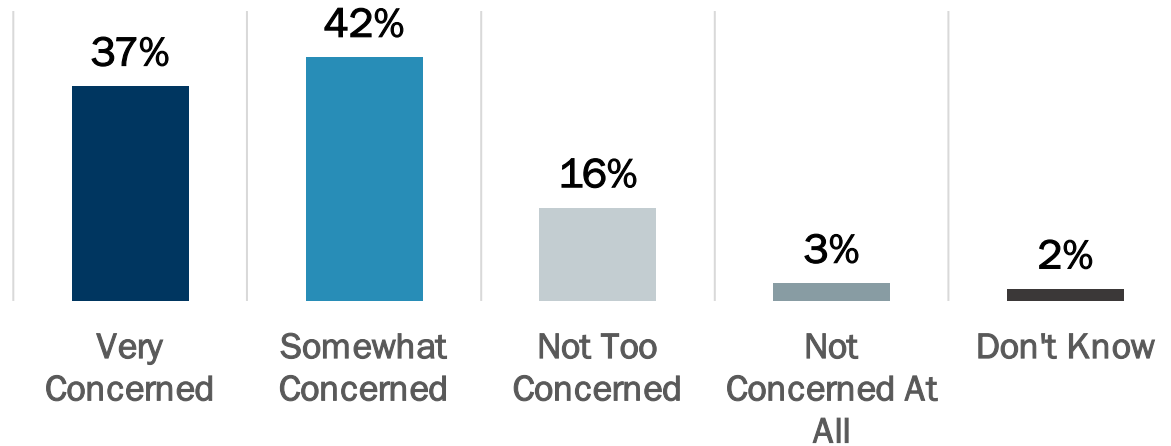
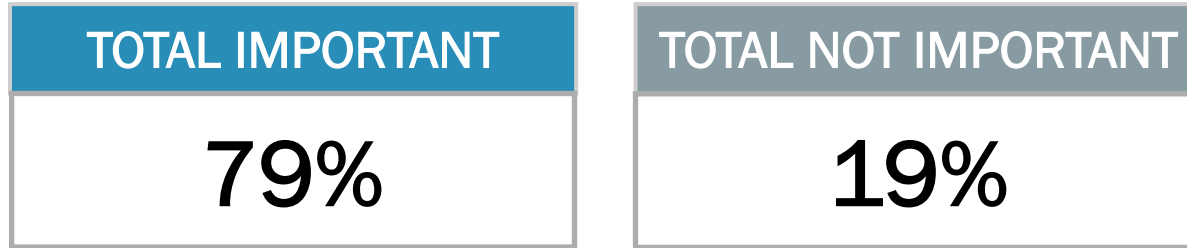
Nearly all voters prioritize the United States' global leadership in scientific research and technology.

How important do you believe it is for the United States to be the global leader in scientific research and technology?



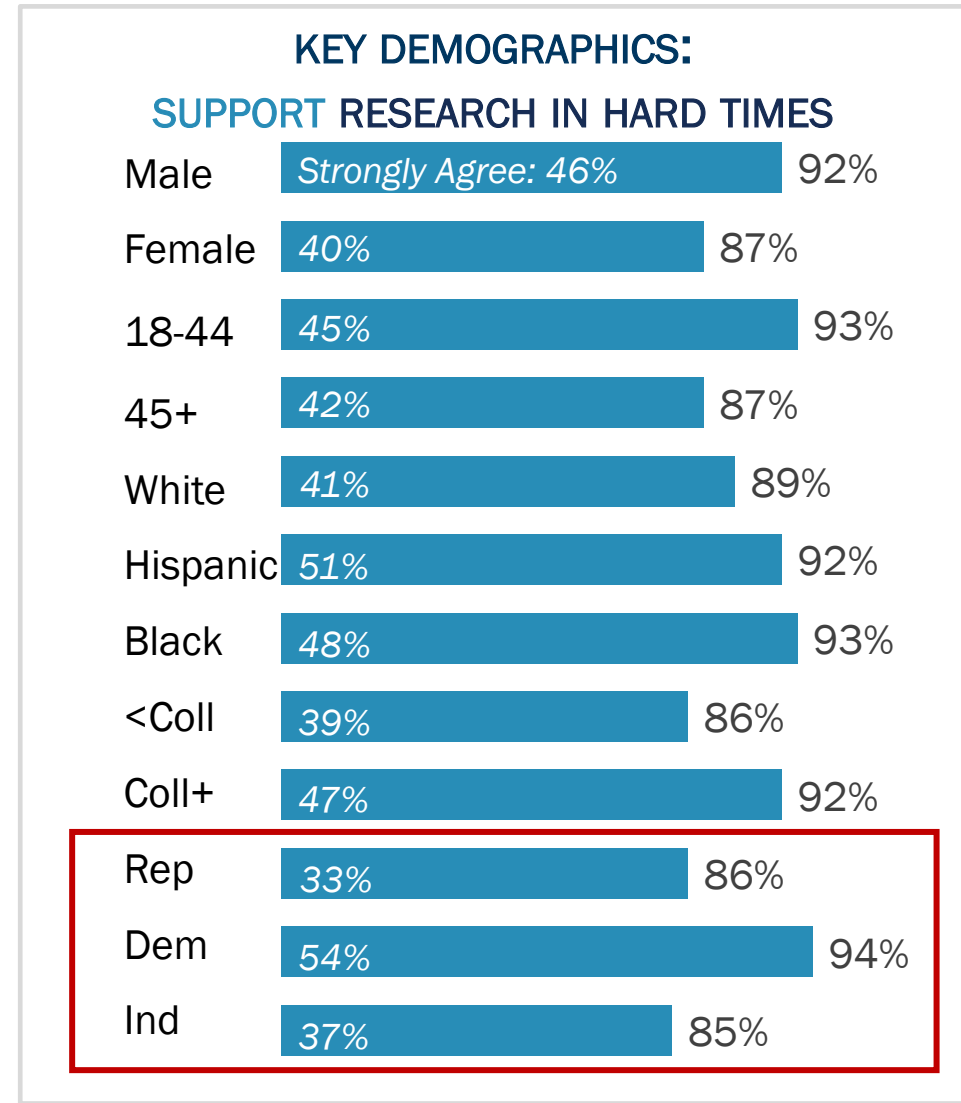
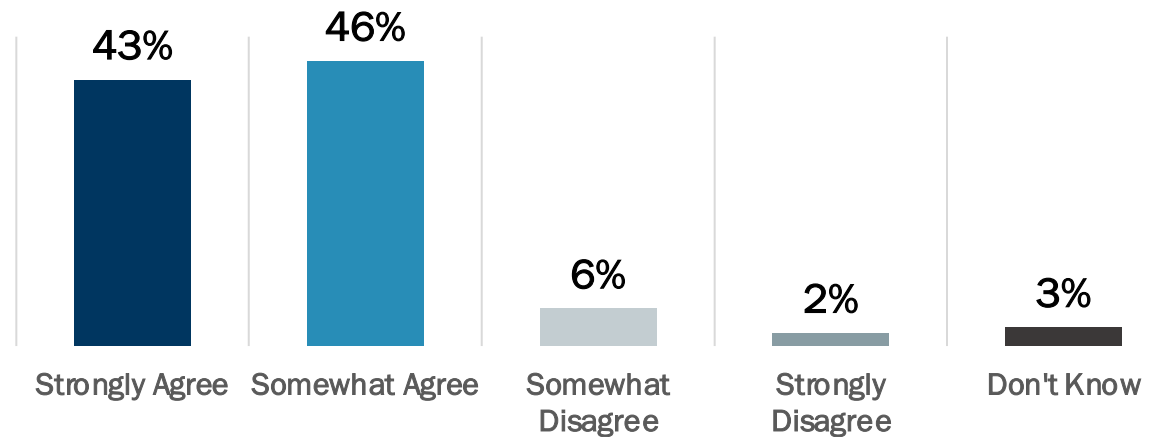
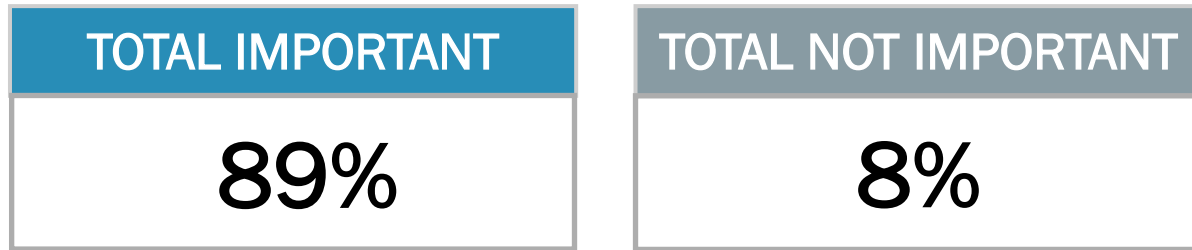
Voters on both sides of the aisle are worried the U.S. is losing ground to global competitors like China in research and technology.

Thinking about the United States' global role in scientific research and technology, how concerned are you that the U.S. is losing ground to countries like China and other global competitors?



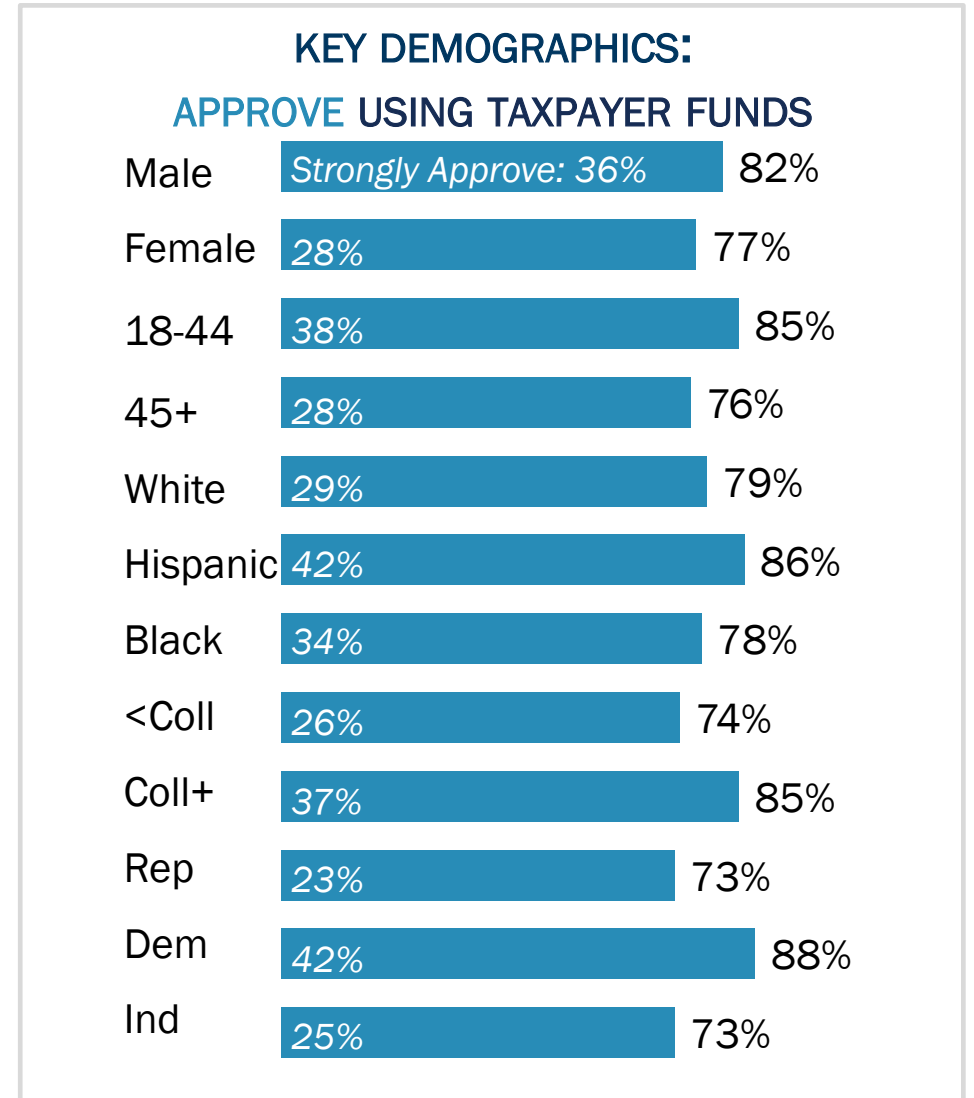
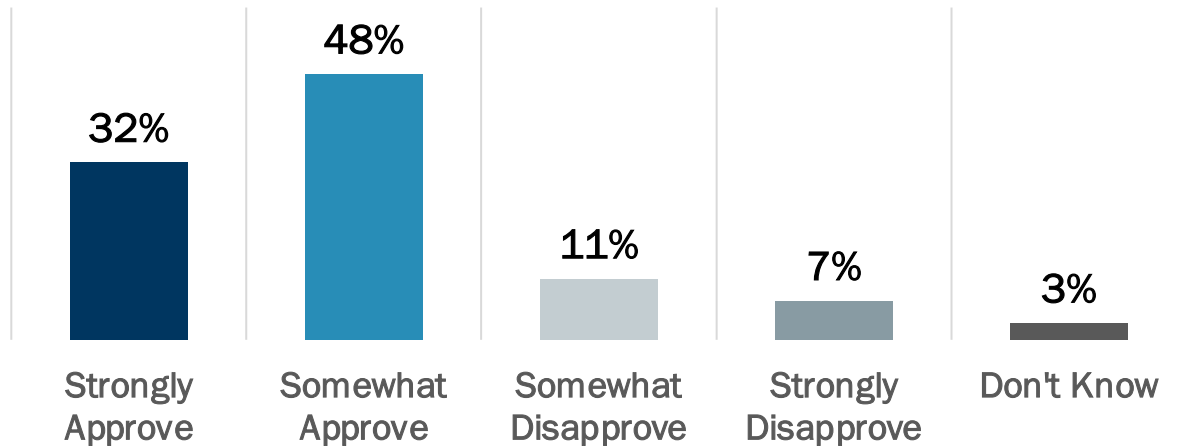
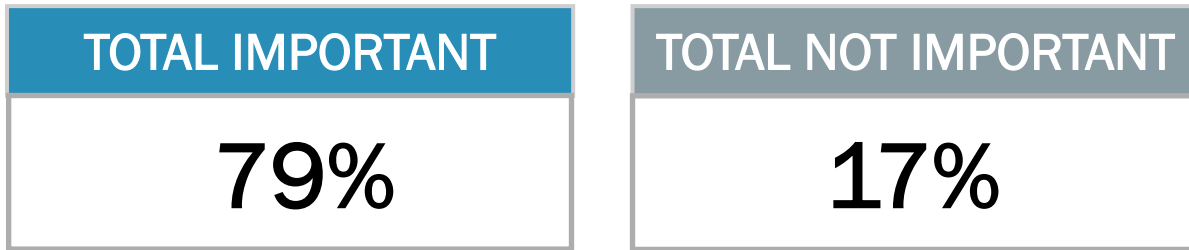
Voters broadly agree that even during hard fiscal times, it is essential that the federal government invests in scientific research.

Some people say that even during hard fiscal times, it is essential that the federal government invests in scientific research. Outcomes of scientific research help power our economy, create jobs, improve health, and strengthen our national security. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



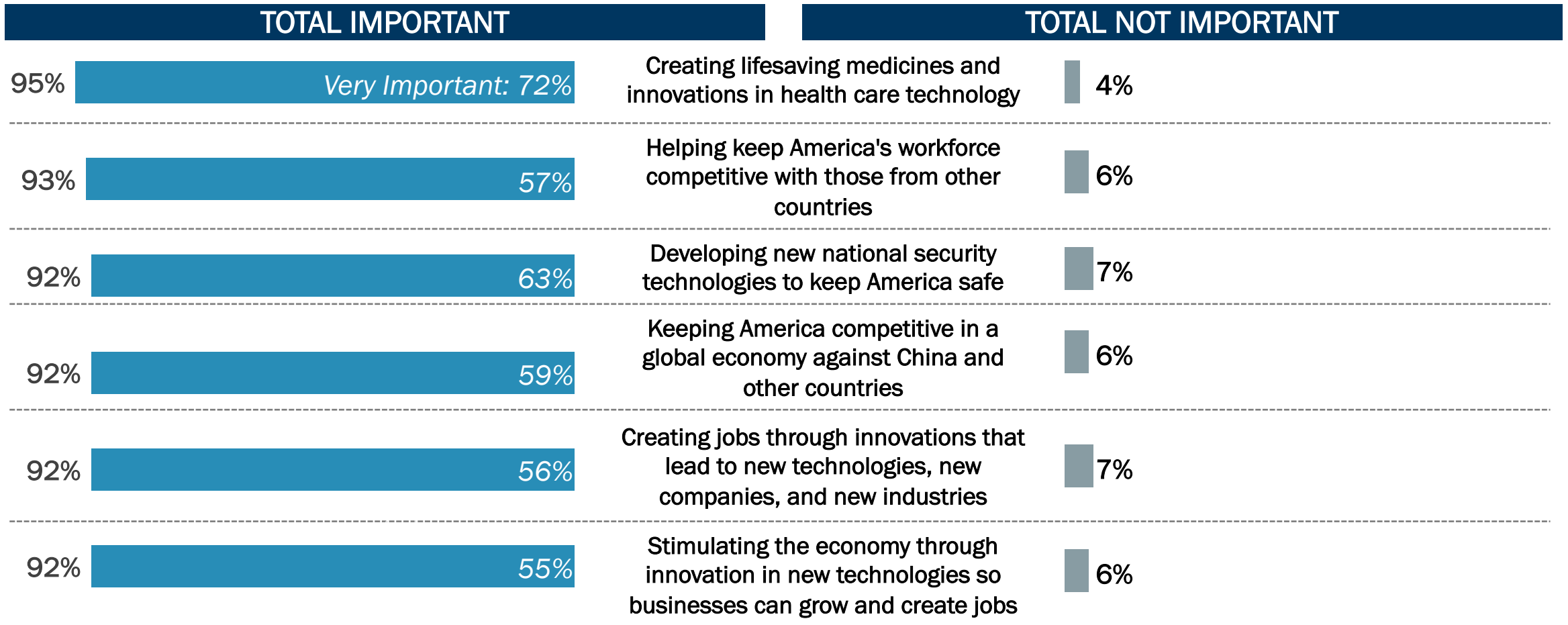
Voters strongly approve of using federal funds to invest in research, including strong support across parties.

As you may know, the federal government provides public funds to conduct scientific research. Do you approve or disapprove the federal government using taxpayer funds to invest in scientific research?



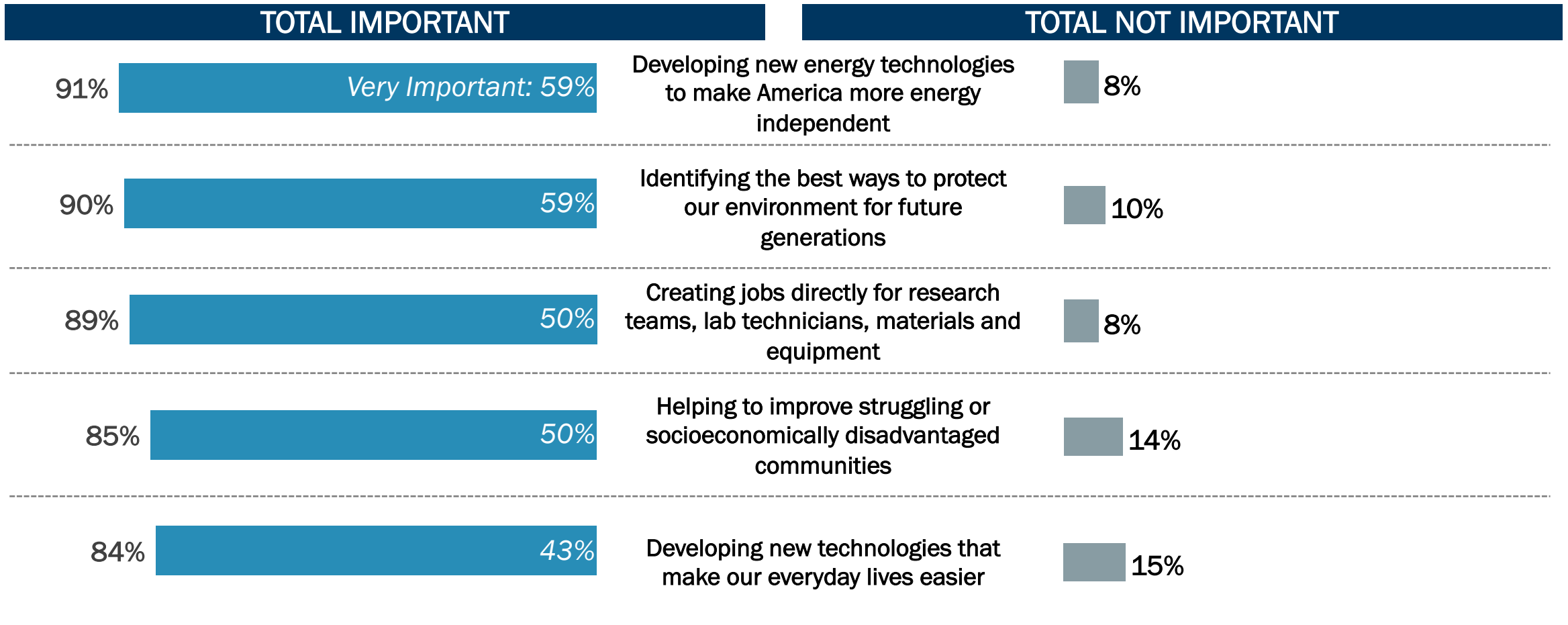
Americans view medicines, a competitive workforce, and national security as some of the greatest benefits of research.

Below are some different ways that scientific research contributes to our economy and society. For each, please indicate how important that scientific research contribution is to you.



Developing new energy technologies and protecting the environment are also seen as important.

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