## AACR Survey on

## Cancer and Cancer Research Funding

Key findings from a survey among 1, 000 registered voters* nationwide, conducted July 25 to 29, 2015

## Increasing funding for medical research is among American voters' top priorities for Congress.

## How high a priority should this be for Congress?

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## Federally funded medical research has broad, bipartisan support among voters.

Information prior to question: "As you may know, the federal government provides public funds to institutions such as NIH to conduct medical research on 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 federal funding of medical research

Men 79\%

Women 82\%

Age 18 to 34
87\%
Age 35 to 49
81\%
Age 50 to 64 78\%
Age 65/over
77\%
Democrats
88\%
Independents 77\%
Republicans
75\%

More than five in six voters recognize that progress is being made in fighting cancer and other major diseases, but comparatively, few qualify the progress as rapid.

Is progress being made toward fighting and treating this disease or health issue? How much progress?
$\square$ Rapid progress is being made $\quad$ Just some progress is being made





Alzheimer's disease $\square$
Obesity
$\square$ 58\%

## Three in four American voters favor INCREASING federal funding for cancer research, including nearly half who strongly favor doing so.

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


## Among major health issues, voters are most worried about getting cancer.

Which ONE of these diseases and health issues do you worry the most about getting during your lifetime?


Alzheimer's disease $18 \%$



# Nearly nine in 10 Americans say that someone with whom they are close has had cancer. 



## Most voters are concerned that someone close to them will get cancer, with higher levels of concern among cancer survivors and those closest to them.

Generally speaking, how concerned are you that you will get cancer? And how concerned are you that someone in your family will get cancer?

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■ Extremely/very concerned ■ Somewhat concerned
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| I have had | I/family/ <br> friend have | No one <br> close has |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cancer | had cancer | had cancer |

Concerned I will get cancer

| $26 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $72 \%$ <br> $\left(45 \%^{*}\right)$ | $69 \%$ <br> $\left(27 \%^{*}\right)$ | $54 \%$ <br> $\left(11 \%^{*}\right)$ |
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Concerned family member will get cancer

| $45 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $80 \%$ <br> $\left(56 \%{ }^{*}\right)$ | $81 \%$ <br> $\left(47 \%{ }^{*}\right)$ | $64 \%$ <br> $\left(24 \%{ }^{*}\right)$ |
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Cumulative concern: I/family member will get cancer

| $48 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $84 \%$ <br> $\left(66 \%^{*}\right)$ | $85 \%$ <br> $\left(51 \%^{*}\right)$ | $66 \%$ <br> $\left(24 \%{ }^{*}\right)$ |  |
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## Voters say they would be more likely to vote for a Presidential or Congressional candidate who supports sustained increases in federal funding for cancer research.

Would the following information make you more likely or less likely to vote for this candidate, or would it not make a difference?

Candidate for president who supports making the fight against cancer a national priority by providing sustained increases in federal funding for cancer research over the next decade

Candidate for Congress who supports sustained increases in federal funding for cancer research over the next decade


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