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From June 26 to 28, 2026, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,182 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and recalled presidential vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is ±3 percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit dataforprogress.org/our-methodology.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,182 unless otherwise specified.

[1] When it comes to deciding which proposals for scientific research get federal funding, which of the following comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde-pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Decisions should be made by panels of scientists and experts based on scientific merit — research funding is too important to leave to political considerations.	70	83	78	52	72	67	64	73	66	77	80	72	69	73
Decisions should be made by the president's team — elected leaders should direct how taxpayer money is spent on research.	22	11	12	39	19	26	26	20	25	18	11	22	23	20
Don't know	8	5	10	9	9	7	10	7	10	5	9	7	8	7
(NET)	+48	+72	+66	+13	+53	+41	+38	+53	+41	+59	+69	+50	+46	+53
Weighted N	1,182	458	267	457	632	550	404	778	744	438	58	136	823	171

[2] Under current rules, grants for scientific research are decided by scientists and experts in the field.

The White House has proposed new rules that would require all research paid for by the federal government to match the White House's priorities. Under this proposal, White House officials would have final approval over all grant funding, and scientists' recommendations could be overruled.

Supporters say taxpayer-funded research should reflect the priorities of elected leaders, not just the judgment of scientists.

Opponents say letting political officials overrule scientists would hurt the quality of American scientific research.

Knowing what you know now, do you support or oppose these proposed rules?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Asian	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	10	4	7	17	8	12	12	9	10	10	2	12	9	12
Somewhat support	24	11	19	39	21	26	25	23	25	21	24	17	24	26
Somewhat oppose	22	22	22	21	23	20	23	21	23	19	29	19	22	22
Strongly oppose	38	58	45	15	40	36	32	42	34	46	42	45	38	34
Don't know	7	5	8	8	8	5	8	6	8	4	3	7	7	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	34	15	26	56	29	38	37	32	35	31	26	29	33	38
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	60	80	67	36	63	56	55	63	57	65	71	64	60	56
SUPPORT (NET)	−26	−65	−41	+20	−34	−18	−18	−31	−22	−34	−45	−35	−27	−18
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[3] Do you think the scientific community — including research labs and universities — should have a say over whether this rule goes into effect?

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Definitely should	45	62	48	26	45	45	43	46	40	53	56	46	43	46
Probably should	32	25	35	36	31	33	32	31	31	32	25	33	33	30
Probably should not	14	8	6	24	14	13	14	14	16	10	10	9	15	16
Definitely should not	5	1	3	9	5	4	4	5	6	3	5	4	4	4
Don't know	5	3	8	5	5	5	7	4	7	2	5	8	5	4
SHOULD (TOTAL)	77	87	83	62	76	78	75	77	71	85	81	79	76	76
SHOULD NOT (TOTAL)	19	9	9	33	19	17	18	19	22	13	15	13	19	20
SHOULD (NET)	+58	+78	+74	+29	+57	+61	+57	+58	+49	+72	+66	+66	+57	+56
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