



Knowledge Key to Support for Embryonic Stem Cell Research -Survey Questions

Research in animals indicates that stem cells may provide the opportunity to replace parts of people's bodies that are damaged or not working correctly. Stem cell therapy could someday treat problems for children and adults, such as brain diseases, cancer, and diabetes.

Q1. How much do you know about the issue of stem cell research?

- A lot
- Some
- None

Q2. Would you be interested in learning more about the issue of stem cell research?

- Yes
- No

Embryonic stem cell research uses human embryos from fertility programs that were not used to start pregnancies. Supporters of embryonic stem cell research say that using these embryos potentially gives medical benefits to others, and that most of the embryos would be destroyed anyway. Opponents of embryonic stem cell research say that destroying an embryo for research is not acceptable because the embryo is a potentially viable human life.

Q3. Do you think that embryonic stem cell research should be allowed?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

[IF Q3=Yes, then Q3a]

Q3a. Who should be allowed to perform embryonic stem cell research? (check all that apply)

- Private industry
- Government
- Universities

Q4. What do you think about having state versus national laws about embryonic stem cell research?

States should have their own laws

There should be one national law that applies to all states

Q5. How likely is it that you will vote in the November 2008 Presidential election?

Very likely

Somewhat likely

Somewhat *unlikely*

Very *unlikely*

Participants were also asked demographic questions on age, gender, annual household income, education, race/ ethnicity and the presence of children in the household.

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