



Ending Medical Testing on Animals in the USA

A nationwide poll of 1,000 adults
conducted by SurveyUSA

August 2019

Key findings

Nearly 9 in 10 would back a law to require medical researchers to use scientifically valid alternative tests whenever possible

When given facts about animal testing, Americans' opinions change markedly; support for medical testing on animals **falls from 52% to 29%**

59% of participants said they were more likely to vote for a candidate who supported the use of alternatives



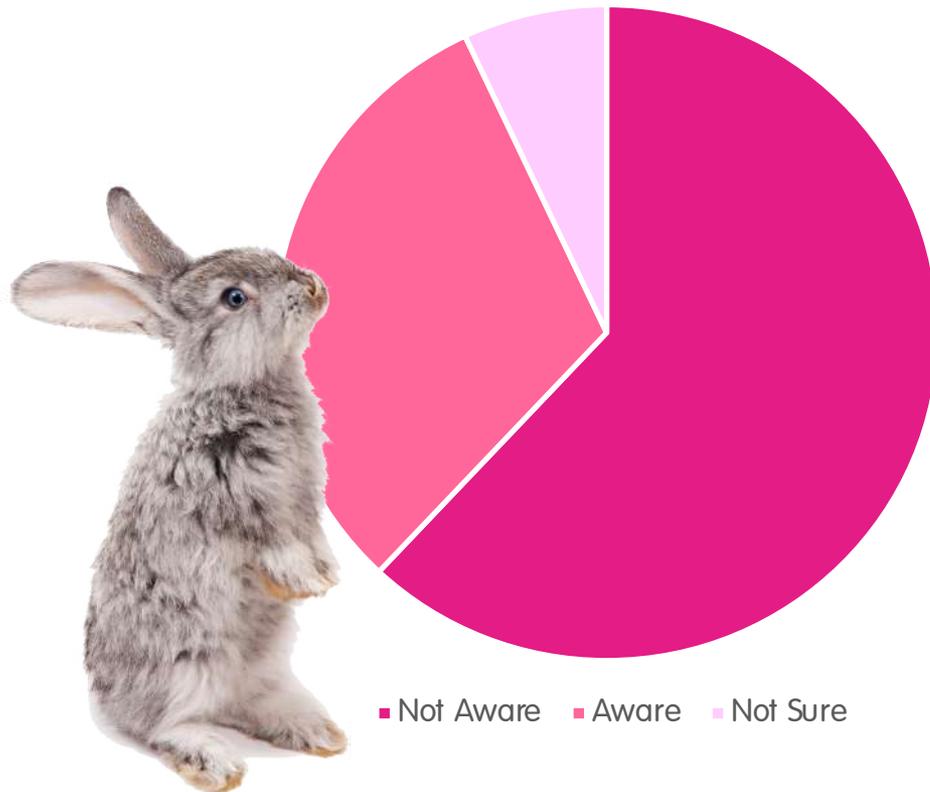
National Institutes for Health information provided

The following information was provided to participants which drastically changed their views on animal testing:

"Currently, the federal government spends over \$12 billion taxpayer dollars a year on animal testing for medical research through The National Institutes of Health, or NIH. The differences between animals and humans mean that many tests show one thing in animals, but a completely different thing in humans. NIH has acknowledged that "animal models often fail to provide good ways to mimic disease or predict how drugs will work in humans, resulting in much wasted time and money while patients wait for therapies," and that close to 9 out of 10 new medications fail because they are found to be dangerous or ineffective in humans despite having been successfully tested in animals."

Public opinion after information...

Awareness of alternatives



- **74%** of participants were **unaware of the information provided**
- **62%** of participants prior to this survey were **unaware that alternatives to animal testing existed**



Support for alternatives

- **79% of participants** believed that the NIH should prioritize funding research proposal that use scientifically valid **alternatives to animal testing**
- **80% believe** medical researchers should provide evidence that there is no suitable **non-animal alternatives** before receiving taxpayers funding for animal testing

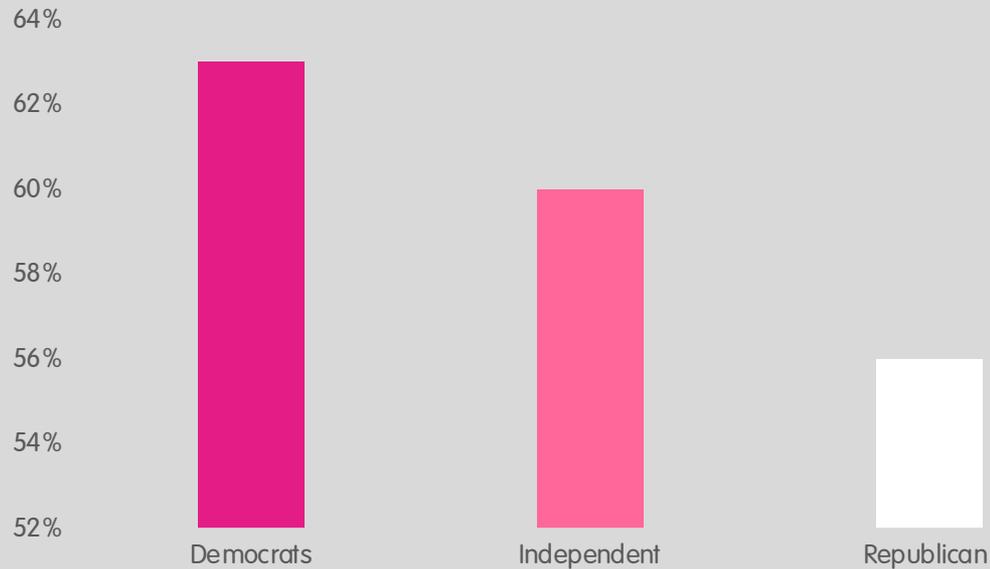


Support for a federal law

- **88% of participants would support a federal law** which would require medical researchers to use scientifically valid alternatives tests whenever possible
- While **59% were more likely to support a candidate** for office who supported such a law



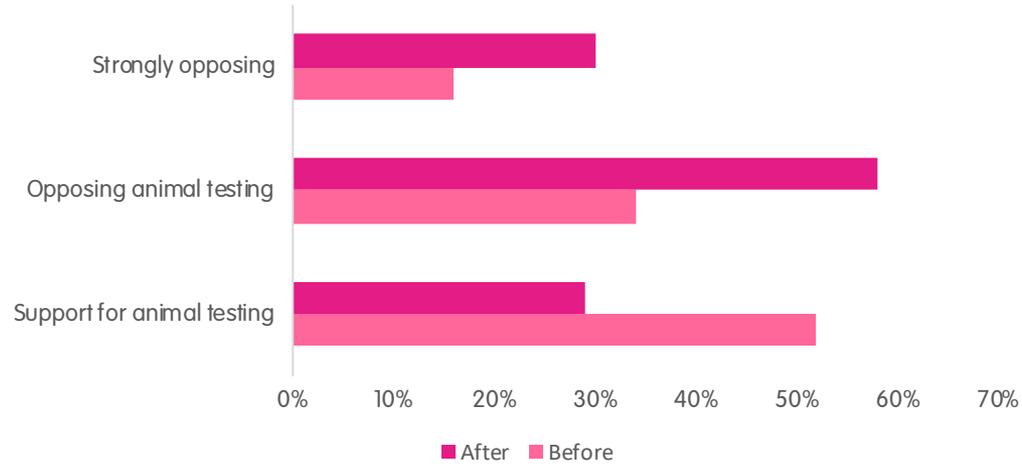
Party Affiliation



Cross party support

- From the 59% that were more likely to support a candidate that was in favor for a federal law that made researchers use scientifically valid alternative whenever possible, **63% would affiliate themselves as Democrats, 60% as independent, and 56% as Republican.**

Opinion before and after information



Strong opposition to animal testing

- By the end of the survey **participants supporting animal testing in medical research fell from 52% to 29%**
- **Those opposed climbed from 34% to 58%**
- **The number strongly opposed nearly doubled, from 16% to 30%**

Methodology



- The survey had 1,000 US adult participants across 50 states
- Research was conducted online between 29th August and 30th August 2019
- The survey was conducted by [SurveyUSA](#)

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