

**SURVEY OF GEORGIA REGISTERED VOTERS  
REGARDING STEM CELL RESEARCH**

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Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with Ayres, McHenry & Associates, a public opinion research company. We're talking with people in Georgia today for just a few minutes about stem cell research in Georgia. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation. The survey will take about fifteen minutes (DO NOT PAUSE).

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A. Are you registered to vote in the county in which you live?

YES ..... GO TO QUESTION C  
NO ..... GO TO QUESTION B

B. Is there anyone else in your household who is registered to vote in your county?

YES ..... May I speak with that person please? GO TO INTRO  
NO ..... THANK AND CLOSE

C. Are you, or is any member of your family, employed by a media organization?

YES ..... THANK AND CLOSE  
NO ..... GO TO QUESTION 1  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ..... THANK AND CLOSE

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1. Have you seen or heard anything about a type of medical research called stem cell research?

IF YES, ASK: Have you seen or heard a lot about it, or just a little?

YES/A LOT ..... 40%  
YES/A LITTLE ..... 46%  
NO, NOT SEEN OR HEARD ..... 14%

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Results are based on 600 respondents, with a margin of error of  $\pm 4.00$  percent.  
Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

Now I am going to ask you if you support or oppose conducting particular types of medical research in Georgia. (RANDOMIZE)

IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (support/oppose), or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

	<i>STRNG SUPP</i>	<i>SMWHT SUPP</i>	<i>SMWHT OPPS</i>	<i>STRNG OPPS</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
2. Research on stem cells taken from adults that are found in places like bone marrow.	56%	29%	5%	6%	4%
	<b>85%</b>		<b>11%</b>		
3. Research on stem cells taken from embryos that have been created in a laboratory for the purpose of research.	28%	21%	12%	32%	7%
	<b>49%</b>		<b>44%</b>		
4. Research on stem cells taken from donated embryos from fertility clinics that would otherwise be discarded.	40%	23%	9%	24%	5%
	<b>63%</b>		<b>33%</b>		
5. Reproductive cloning, or creating an embryo to be placed in a woman's body that is an exact genetic duplicate of an existing human being.	6%	10%	12%	67%	5%
	<b>16%</b>		<b>79%</b>		
6. Therapeutic cloning research, or creating an embryo in a laboratory that would not be placed in a woman's body, but that would produce cells that could lead to new treatments for diseases.	29%	24%	12%	29%	6%
	<b>53%</b>		<b>41%</b>		

### Embryonic versus Adult Stem Cell Research

7. Which of these statements about embryonic stem cell research comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)
- Supporters of embryonic stem cell research say Georgia should allow stem cell research on cells taken from embryos. Embryos used in this research are created in a laboratory dish, and are no more than 200 cells and no more than two weeks old. The overwhelming majority of medical experts believe that research on these embryonic stem cells could provide cures for many diseases and injuries that cannot be provided by adult stems cells. Embryonic stem cell research is a major new medical breakthrough, and medical researchers should be allowed to pursue research that could save your life or the lives of your loved ones.
  - Opponents of embryonic stem cell research say Georgia should limit stem cell research to cells taken from adults. Research on stem cells taken from embryos has not yet provided and may never provide cures. Research on stem cells taken from adults has already provided successful treatments for a number of diseases without the ethical and moral dilemmas of taking stem cells from embryos. We should concentrate research on adult stem cells, and prohibit unethical and immoral experimentation on embryos.

ALLOW EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH ..... 48%  
LIMIT TO ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH ..... 45%  
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION ..... 8%

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## Research on Donated Embryos from Fertility Clinics

8. Which of these statements about research on donated embryos comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)
- a. Supporters say Georgia should allow research on stem cells taken from donated embryos from fertility clinics that would otherwise be discarded. That research has the potential to find cures to save your life and the lives of your loved ones. It makes no sense to throw away embryos that could do so much good for so many people.
  - b. Opponents say Georgia should prohibit research on stem cells taken from donated embryos from fertility clinics that would otherwise be discarded. Experimenting on viable human embryos for any purpose is a line that should not be crossed. That research is unethical and immoral.

ALLOW RESEARCH ON DONATED EMBRYOS.....63%  
PROHIBIT RESEARCH ON DONATED EMBRYOS.....34%  
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....4%

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## Therapeutic Cloning

9. Which of these statements about therapeutic cloning research comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)
- a. Supporters say Georgia should allow therapeutic cloning research. Therapeutic cloning creates stem cells that could save your life or the lives of your loved ones. It does not create cloned babies. It uses a patient's own cell and an unfertilized egg to create stem cells in a laboratory that match the patient's genetic makeup. Those stem cells could then be used to develop new drugs and grow new cells to repair damaged organs that would be much less likely to be rejected because they would be genetically identical to the patient.
  - b. Opponents say Georgia should prohibit therapeutic cloning research. Therapeutic cloning creates a cloned human embryo which is then destroyed to obtain the stem cells. Experimenting on viable human embryos for any purpose is a line that should not be crossed. That research is unethical and immoral.

ALLOW THERAPEUTIC CLOING.....55%  
PROHIBIT THERAPEUTIC CLONING.....42%  
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....4%

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Now that we have talked about these issues, let me ask you again if you support or oppose conducting particular types of medical research in Georgia. (RANDOMIZE)

IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (support/oppose), or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

	<i>STRNG SUPP</i>	<i>SMWHT SUPP</i>	<i>SMWHT OPPS</i>	<i>STRNG OPPS</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
10. Research on stem cells taken from embryos that have been created in a laboratory for the purpose of research.	31%	26%	12%	28%	3%
	<b>57%</b>		<b>40%</b>		
11. Research on stem cells taken from donated embryos from fertility clinics that would otherwise be discarded.	42%	25%	7%	24%	2%
	<b>67%</b>		<b>31%</b>		
12. Therapeutic cloning research, or creating an embryo in a laboratory that would not be placed in a woman's body, but that would produce cells that could lead to new treatments for diseases.	32%	24%	11%	30%	3%
	<b>56%</b>		<b>41%</b>		

Now I am going to read two statements about therapeutic cloning research. Would you please tell me if each statement makes you more likely or less likely to support therapeutic cloning research, or if that statement has no effect on your position. (RANDOMIZE):

	<i>MORE LIKELY</i>	<i>LESS LIKELY</i>	<i>NO EFFECT</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
13. Therapeutic cloning research is strongly supported by many medical organizations and patient groups including the American Medical Association, the American Diabetes Association, the Christopher Reeves Paralysis Foundation, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Parkinson's Action Network.	48%	12%	39%	2%
14. Therapeutic cloning research is strongly opposed by many conservative religious groups including the National Catholic Conference, the National Right-to-Life Association, Focus on the Family, and the Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics.	19%	23%	56%	3%

15. Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: any medical research that is allowed by federal law should be allowed in Georgia?

STRONGLY AGREE.....	40%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	27%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	11%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....	19%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	3%

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16. If embryonic stem cell research done outside of Georgia creates new medicines and treatments for diseases, do you think those medicines and treatments should be allowed or prohibited in Georgia?

ALLOWED.....	75%
PROHIBITED.....	19%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	7%

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

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Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

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17. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

IF "REPUBLICAN" OR "DEMOCRAT", ASK: Would you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	STRONG REPUBLICAN.....	21%
	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN.....	13%
	INDEPENDENT LEAN REPUBLICAN.....	8%
	INDEPENDENT/NO PREFERENCE.....	12%
IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK: Do you think of yourself as closer to the (ROTATE: Republican or Democratic Party)?	INDEPENDENT LEAN DEMOCRAT.....	10%
	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT.....	9%
	STRONG DEMOCRAT.....	24%
	REFUSED.....	3%

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18. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE: very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative)?

VERY LIBERAL.....	7%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL.....	16%
MODERATE.....	31%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE.....	26%
VERY CONSERVATIVE.....	17%
NO OPINION.....	4%

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19. In general, would you say you are (ROTATE: pro-choice or pro-life) on abortion?

PRO-CHOICE.....	48%
PRO-LIFE.....	43%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	9%

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20. About how often do you attend religious services: more than once a week, once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, or almost never?

MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK .....	19%
ONCE A WEEK .....	34%
FEW TIMES A MONTH .....	17%
FEW TIMES A YEAR .....	15%
ALMOST NEVER .....	13%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED .....	3%

21. Do you consider yourself to be part of the conservative Christian political movement, also known as the Religious Right?

YES .....	19%
NO .....	75%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED .....	6%

22. About how long have you lived in Georgia?

FEWER THAN 5 YEARS .....	8%
5 TO 9 YEARS .....	8%
10 TO 19 YEARS .....	14%
20 OR MORE YEARS .....	69%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED .....	1%

23. Would you say the area where you live is urban, suburban, small town, or rural?

URBAN .....	21%
SUBURBAN .....	33%
SMALL TOWN .....	24%
RURAL .....	20%
REFUSED .....	2%

24. What was the last year of school you completed?

LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL .....	5%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE .....	22%
SOME COLLEGE .....	26%
COLLEGE GRADUATE .....	26%
POST-COLLEGE .....	20%
REFUSED .....	2%

25. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

18 TO 34 .....	14%
35 TO 49 .....	33%
50 TO 64 .....	32%
65 OR OLDER .....	20%
REFUSED .....	2%

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26. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF "NO," ASK: What would you say is your main race (ROTATE: white, African-American, Asian), or something else?

YES/HISPANIC .....	1%
NO/WHITE .....	67%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN .....	28%
NO/ASIAN .....	1%
NO/OTHER .....	2%
REFUSED .....	1%

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27. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

\$15,000 OR LESS .....	8%
\$15,000 TO \$30,000 .....	11%
\$30,000 TO \$50,000 .....	18%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000 .....	18%
\$75,000 OR MORE .....	29%
REFUSED .....	16%

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28. Gender (from observation)

MALE .....	45%
FEMALE .....	55%

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29. Finally, in which county do you live?

WRITE IN COUNTY FIPS CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

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