



THE ALLIANCE FOR LONGEVITY INITIATIVES

Support for Healthy Lifespan Extension Remains Stable, But More Education on the Field is Needed

May 3, 2022 – Washington, DC – A new national poll of registered voters in the United States demonstrates broad support for scientific interventions that would increase healthy human lifespan. The poll, which was conducted by Public Policy Polling on behalf of The Alliance for Longevity Initiatives (A4LI), found that 73% of respondents believe that healthy lifespan should continue to increase if advancements in medicine and technology allow it to do so. Additionally, the majority of respondents (63%) indicated that they would utilize therapies that target aspects of aging if the drugs were safe, effective, available to all, and caused no side effects.

The longevity field has advanced significantly in recent years. By treating the biological causes of aging, new therapies could treat or even prevent age-related diseases such as diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and others. But while scientists have made significant progress in this area of study, additional research is needed. 68% of respondents support medical research that seeks to treat the cellular aging process as a means to prevent or delay the onset of age-related disease, and nearly half (48%) believe that increasing funding for this research should be a priority for the US government. Currently, the National Institute of Aging – Division of Aging Biology [receives just 0.6%](#) of the National Institutes of Health's nearly \$52 billion budget.

But while there is broad support for therapies that would extend the healthy human lifespan, more education may be needed to raise public awareness of this rapidly developing field. Despite the significant investment the longevity field has received in recent years, it appears that many Americans are still unaware of efforts to develop longevity medicines. Only one-quarter of respondents reported that they have heard about aging research or longevity medicine on media platforms, such as TV news, social media, news outlets or podcasts.

Education will be key to driving continued support for the longevity field. In addition to raising awareness of existing efforts to extend the healthy human lifespan, Americans should be informed of the many benefits of pursuing this line of research. In addition to providing improved health outcomes for citizens, therapies that target aging have the potential to provide significant financial benefits, known as the "longevity dividend," through decreased healthcare spending, increased economic productivity, and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth. Some economists have suggested that extending the average American's healthy lifespan by just one year could generate as much as [\\$38 trillion in returns](#). A4LI is working with stakeholders to raise awareness for the field both among policymakers and the general public.

"Americans are ready for novel therapies that could ensure we live longer, better lives," said A4LI Founder & President Dylan Livingston. "But policy will need to catch up with the science to make this a reality. Raising public awareness for this innovative field of medicine will be integral to bringing about social and political change."

The results of the poll are [available here](#).

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About The Alliance for Longevity Initiatives

The Alliance for Longevity Initiatives is the first and only 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization founded with the goal of creating social and political action around the issues of combating age-related chronic conditions and increasing our number of healthy, disease-free years. A4LI works with healthcare leaders and experts in the geroscience and regenerative medicine fields to ensure the initiatives we pursue are the right steps to accomplish A4LI's mission. Ultimately, we would like to see governments around the world prioritize keeping their citizens in excellent health for much longer.