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**Washington, DC** – A new national poll of registered voters in the United States demonstrates broad bipartisan support for advancing research into longevity treatments that would extend healthy human lifespan. The poll, which was conducted by Public Policy Polling on behalf of The Alliance for Longevity Initiatives (A4LI), found that 70% of respondents support medical research that seeks to treat the cellular aging process as a means to prevent or delay the onset of all age-related chronic diseases. The majority of poll participants also believe that the US government should prioritize funding for this area of research.

However, Americans' support for aging research is in stark contrast to the realities of US biomedical research priorities. Currently, the National Institute of Aging's (NIA) Division of Aging Biology receives just 0.6% of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) nearly [\\$52 billion](#) budget. Instead, most of the funding goes to specific diseases, such as Alzheimer's and cancer, despite longevity treatments having the potential to combat all age-related conditions in one foul swoop.

Age-related chronic diseases and conditions have both enormous human and economic costs. Aging is the greatest risk factor for chronic ailments and death. [Eighty percent](#) of Americans 65 or older, have at least one chronic condition and 50 percent have at least two. Age-related chronic conditions are also America's most expensive diseases. Approximately [84 percent](#) of all healthcare costs in the US are treatments for chronic diseases. The share of these costs is even higher for patients who receive healthcare through public programs. Ninety-nine percent of Medicare costs and [80 percent](#) of Medicaid expenditures go toward the treatment of chronic diseases. As of 2016, direct healthcare treatment for chronic diseases costs the US [\\$1.1 trillion](#). This is nearly equivalent to six percent of America's gross domestic product (GDP).

While the cost of age-related chronic conditions is tremendous, the economic benefits of effectively treating aging are even more significant. It is estimated that increasing healthy life expectancy by just one year would be worth [\\$38 trillion](#) in economic returns in the US and by 10 years these savings and additional economic output would accumulate to [\\$367 trillion](#).

"The rock-solid consistency of our polling since the start of 2022 is very encouraging." said A4LI

Founder & President Dylan Livingston. “Despite the ever-changing political landscape and tumultuous times we live in, initiatives to increase the US population’s healthy longevity remain widely popular. It’s our job as advocates to make policymakers aware of this fact.” The results of the poll are available [here](#).

### **Media Inquiries**

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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.