

Omnibus Poll

June 13 - 14, 2013



1. Heard of legal battle to patent human genes

How much have you heard about the legal battle over whether individuals and companies should be allowed to patent human genes?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
A lot	7%	10%	4%	11%	7%	6%	4%	7%	7%	7%	7%	5%
A fair amount	23%	26%	19%	22%	21%	25%	23%	24%	21%	23%	24%	14%
Not much	34%	38%	31%	28%	34%	36%	39%	29%	39%	35%	36%	24%
Nothing	31%	21%	40%	29%	31%	31%	33%	35%	28%	32%	30%	41%
Not sure	4%	4%	5%	9%	6%	1%	2%	5%	5%	3%	3%	15%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (471)	100% (529)	100% (169)	100% (301)	100% (380)	100% (150)	100% (326)	100% (440)	100% (234)	100% (900)	100% (100)

	Race				Education					
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Less than high school	High school	Some college	College grad	Post grad	
A lot	7%	6%	8%	12%	2%	6%	7%	10%	12%	
A fair amount	23%	24%	18%	21%	35%	17%	25%	22%	35%	
Not much	34%	37%	25%	32%	42%	34%	30%	40%	38%	
Nothing	31%	30%	40%	32%	18%	36%	34%	26%	13%	
Not sure	4%	4%	10%	4%	3%	6%	4%	2%	2%	
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (811)	100% (94)	100% (95)	100% (34)	100% (348)	100% (343)	100% (184)	100% (91)	

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	Total	A lot	A fair amount	Not much	Nothing	Not sure
A lot	7%	100%	—	—	—	—
A fair amount	23%	—	100%	—	—	—
Not much	34%	—	—	100%	—	—
Nothing	31%	—	—	—	100%	—
Not sure	4%	—	—	—	—	100%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (66)	100% (229)	100% (349)	100% (314)	100% (42)

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2. Should it be legal for individuals and companies to patent genes

Do you think it should be legal for individuals and companies to patent genes, which they have identified and isolated, even if they occur naturally in humans?

	Gender		Age				Party ID			Voter Registration		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Yes, it should be legal for individuals and companies to patent genes the same way that inventions are patented	7%	10%	5%	12%	8%	5%	5%	7%	8%	7%	6%	17%
No, but it should be legal to patent treatments and procedures which discover or utilize a particular gene	21%	22%	20%	14%	20%	26%	24%	17%	23%	24%	23%	8%
No, it should not be legal to patent genes or uses of genes	43%	47%	39%	44%	44%	45%	39%	40%	44%	47%	44%	37%
Not sure	28%	21%	35%	31%	28%	25%	32%	36%	25%	21%	27%	38%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (471)	100% (529)	100% (169)	100% (301)	100% (380)	100% (150)	100% (326)	100% (440)	100% (234)	100% (900)	100% (100)

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No, but it should be legal to patent treatments and procedures which discover or utilize a particular gene	21%	25%	13%	10%	8%	16%	22%	34%	29%
No, it should not be legal to patent genes or uses of genes	43%	45%	31%	46%	60%	38%	47%	42%	43%
Not sure	28%	25%	47%	27%	21%	37%	25%	20%	24%
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No, it should not be legal to patent genes or uses of genes	43%	52%	55%	44%	36%	13%
Not sure	28%	4%	11%	24%	44%	80%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (66)	100% (229)	100% (349)	100% (314)	100% (42)