# **Overarching Points**

- No consensus theory
- Research for public purposes
- No "golden age"

# **Key Questions**







What problem are you trying to solve?

What tool is appropriate? Does it already exist? How will you know if you've succeeded?

## Key Moments in Federal Science Policy

- 1940s V. Bush, "Science: The Endless Frontier"
- 1950s Sputnik
- 1970s RANN
- 1980s Japan
- 1990s NIH doubling
- 2000s Rising Above the Gathering Storm
- 2020s CHIPS and Science





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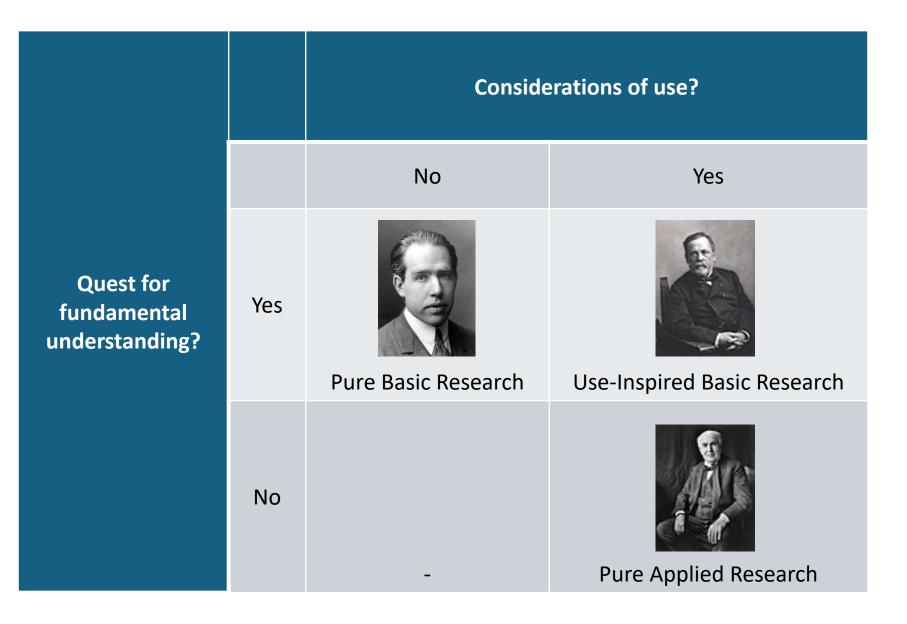








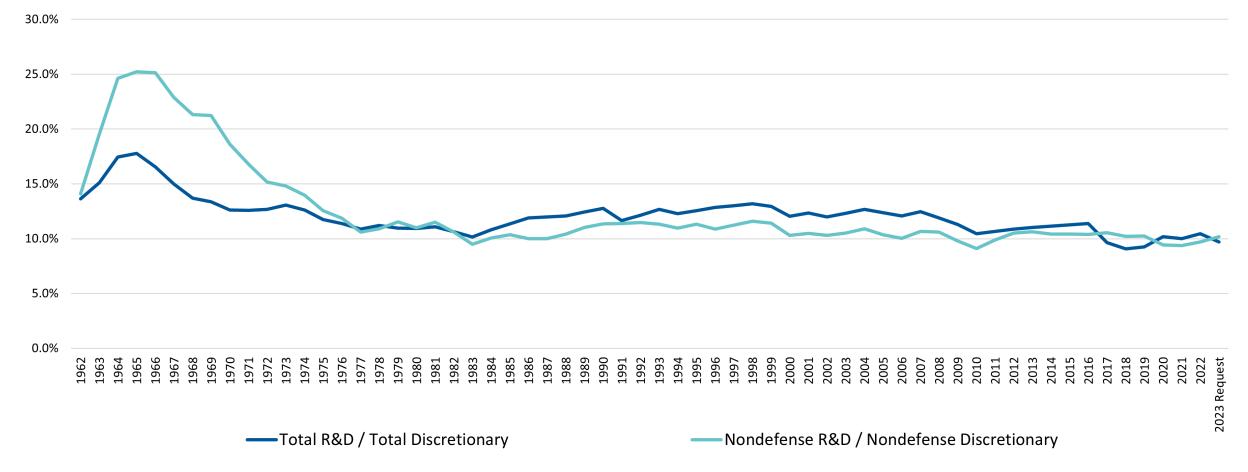
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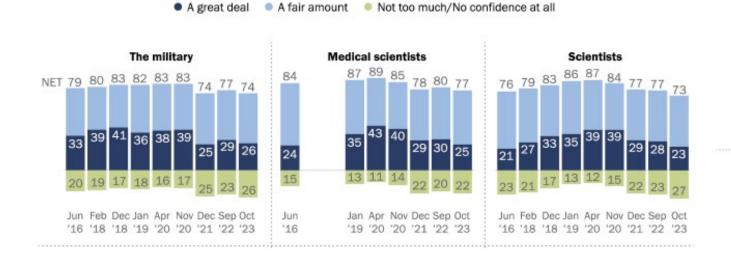
### **R&D** Follows Total Discretionary Spending Levels

**R&D** as a Percent of Discretionary Spending

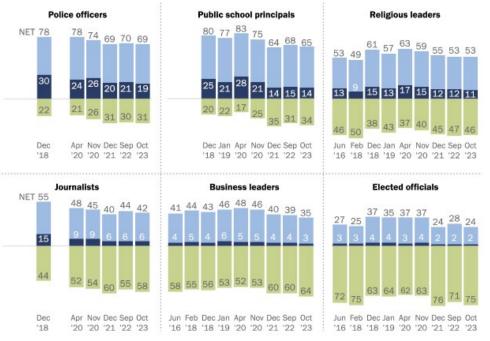
percentage of outlays, 1962-2023



# Trust in Scientists Remains High, but has Declined Since the COVID-19 Pandemic



% of U.S. adults who have of confidence in the following groups to act in the best interests of the public



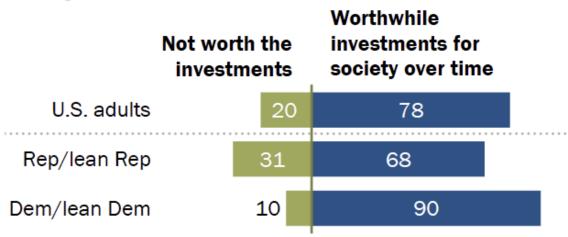
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# 78% of U.S. Adults Think Federal Investments in Scientific Research are Worthwhile

% of U.S. adults who say government investments in scientific research aimed at advancing knowledge are usually ...



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