

The International Communications Research poll questions and results follow. USCCB press releases on the August 2004 and May 2005 polls are available at <http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/commarc.shtml>.

Questions asked by International Communications Research, a national research firm headquartered in Media, Pennsylvania. A weighted sample of 1022 American adults was surveyed by telephone May 19-23, 2006, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percent.

1. Stem cells are the basic cells from which all of a person's tissues and organs develop. Congress is considering the question of federal funding for experiments using stem cells from human embryos. The live embryos would be destroyed in their first week of development to obtain these cells. Do you support or oppose using your federal tax dollars for such experiments?

Support	38.6%
Oppose	47.8%
Don't know	11.9%
Refused	1.7%

2. Stem cells for research can be obtained by destroying human embryos. They can also be obtained from adults, from placentas left over from live births, and in other ways that do no harm to the donor. Scientists disagree on which source may end up being most successful in treating diseases. How would you prefer your tax dollars to be used this year for stem cell research? (Options rotated)

Supporting all methods, including those that require destroying human embryos, to see which will be most successful 23.6%

or

Supporting research using adult stem cells and other alternatives, to see if there is no need to destroy human embryos for research. 56.8%

Neither (volunteered)	11.1%
Don't know	7.2%
Refused	1.3%

3. Should scientists be allowed to use human cloning to try to create children for infertile couples?

Yes	9.7%
No	83.4%
Don't Know	5.9%
Refused	1.0%

4. Should scientists be allowed to use human cloning to create a supply of human embryos to be destroyed in medical research?

Yes	11.4%
No	81.2%
Don't Know	6.6%
Refused	0.8%

Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops