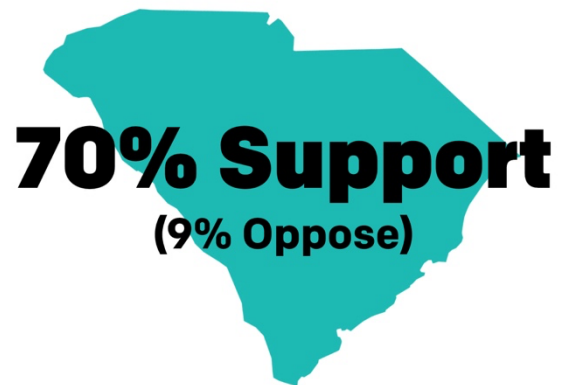




SOUTH CAROLINIANS WANT U.S. INVESTMENT AGAINST GLOBAL DISEASE

ONE's 2026 national survey finds that **a large and growing majority of South Carolinians support US funding to fight infectious diseases overseas**, including investments in childhood vaccines and HIV/AIDS treatment – the very things Congress funds via PEPFAR, Gavi, and the Global Fund.

By a nearly eight-to-one margin, South Carolinians believe the US government should invest in preventing and treating diseases in other countries to reduce the risk of future outbreaks reaching the United States. 70% support US global disease prevention funding, compared to just 9% who oppose it. 20% remain neutral or unsure. **Support among South Carolinians has grown 7 percentage points since ONE's 2025 poll**, with increases across all demographics.



Support is strong in both parties: Nationally, self-identified **Trump voters support US funding to combat disease overseas by a 5-to-1 ratio** (65% support, 13% oppose), while **86% of Democratic voters support global health investments**, with only 3% opposed.

Strong Support for Child Vaccine Funding Notwithstanding Vaccine Hesitancy

South Carolinians support US funding for childhood vaccination programs in low-income countries by a nearly seven-to-one margin: 69% favor global vaccine funding, compared to just 10% opposed and 21% neutral or unsure. National support spans party lines, with 63% of Republicans supporting [with only 14% opposed] and 85% of Democrats supporting [with 4% opposed]. This support persists even while 55% of Americans express some personal vaccine hesitancy. Many hesitant Americans still support immunization programs abroad, viewing global funding and personal vaccine choices as distinct issues.

Even Stronger Support for funding HIV/AIDS Treatment

Seventy-eight percent of South Carolinians support US funding for global HIV/AIDS treatment programs, compared to just 13% who oppose it. **Support has increased by 8 percentage points since last year.** Strong majority support exists on both sides of the aisle: Nationally, 72% of Trump voters and 91% of Democratic voters support US investment in HIV/AIDS treatment abroad.

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