

Legislative Outlook & Update

June 7, 2024

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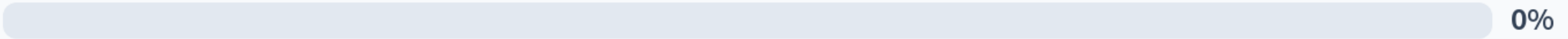


Matt Owens, *President (COGR)*

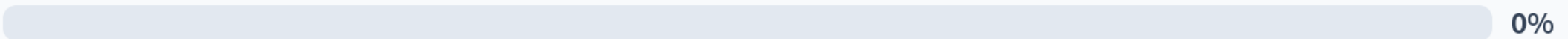
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When will Congress complete the FY2025 Appropriations Process?

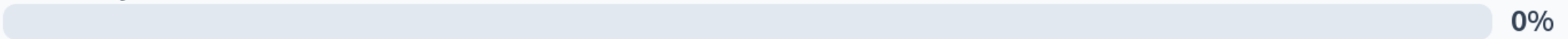
On time - before September 30, 2024



December 2024



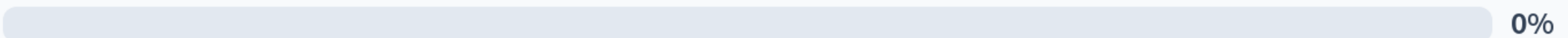
February 2025



March 2025

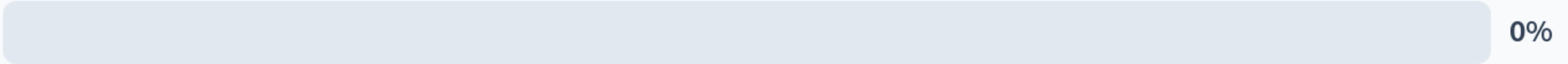


After March 2025...

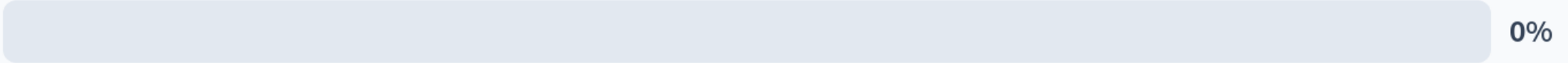


What will happen for FY2025 federal funding for research agencies?

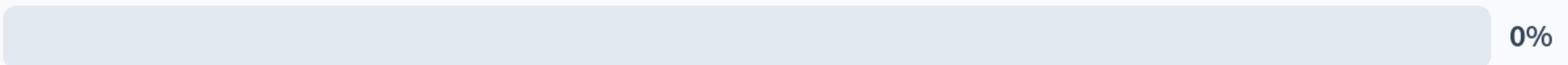
Big Increases



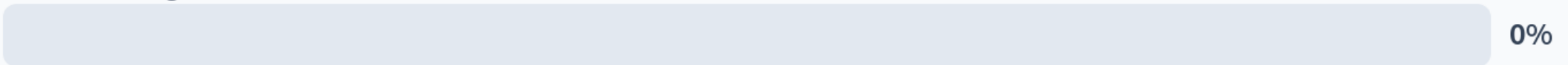
Big Cuts



A Mix of Increases and Cuts



Flat Funding



What current legislative policy issue affecting research institutions INTERESTS you the most?

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Endowments

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Export Controls

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Facilities & Administrative Costs

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First Amendment Issues

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Research Security

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Other

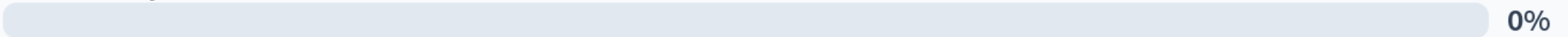
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4. What current legislative policy issue affecting research institutions CONCERNS you the most?

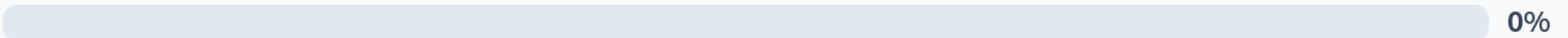
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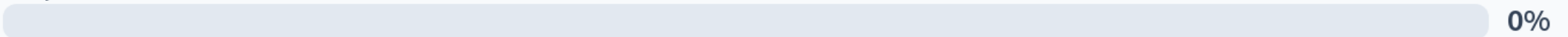
Biosecurity



Endowments



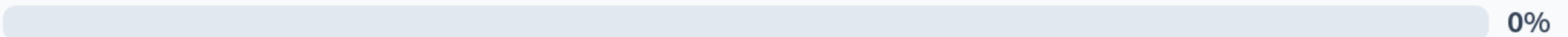
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Facilities & Administrative Costs



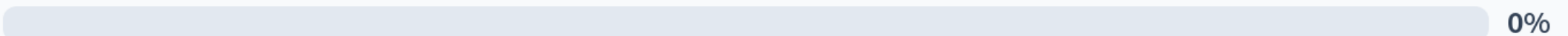
First Amendment Issues



Research Security



Other



2024- The Congressional Landscape

Elections dominate the agenda

- Presidential cycle
- Narrow margins
- Factions, not parties

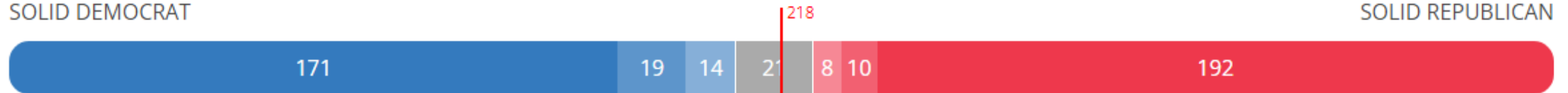


The Landscape – No More Middle

RATINGS SUMMARY

SOLID DEMOCRAT

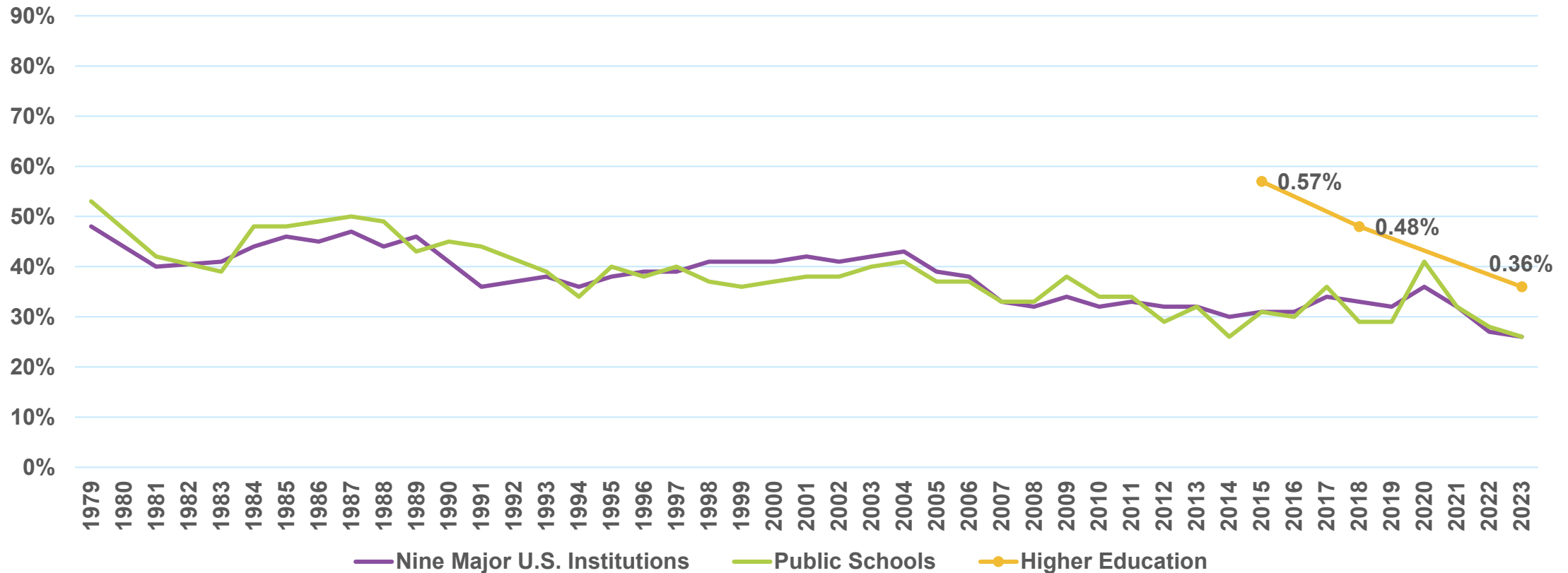
SOLID REPUBLICAN



- **Solid:** These races are not considered competitive and are not likely to become closely contested.
- **Likely:** These races are not considered competitive at this point but have the potential to become engaged.
- **Lean:** These races are considered competitive races, but one party has an advantage.
- **Toss Up:** These races are the most competitive; either party has a good chance of winning.

Confidence in Higher Education

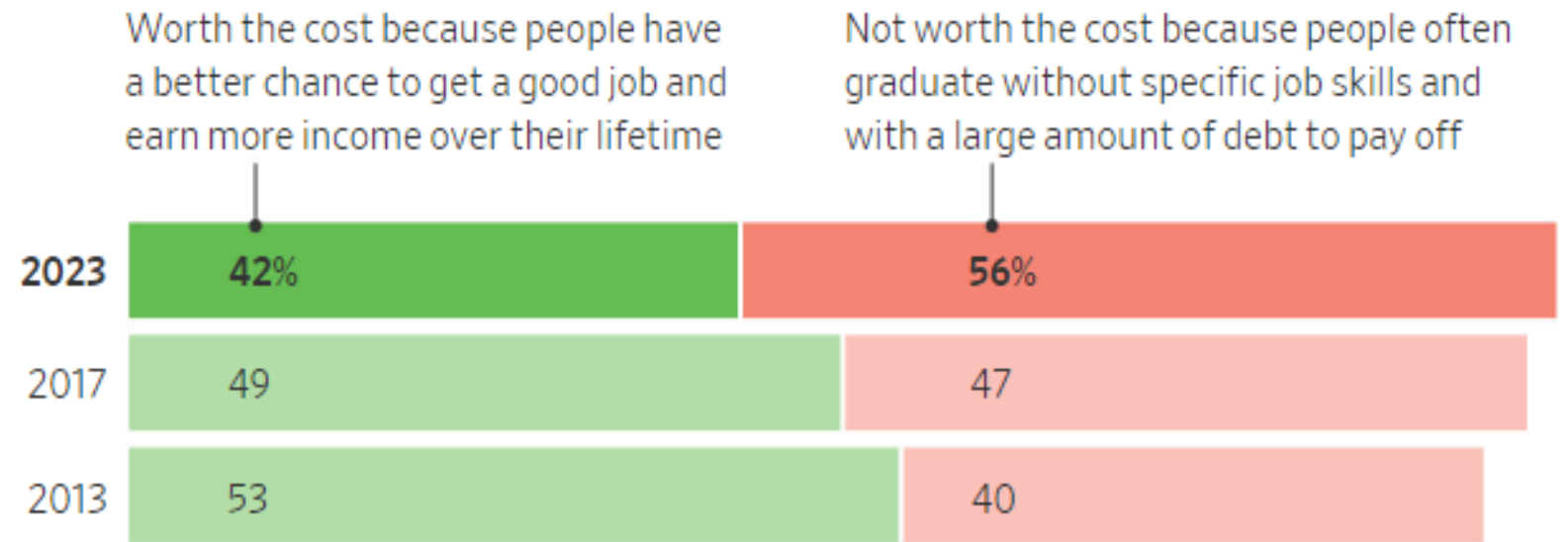
Percent of Americans with “Great Deal” or “Quite A Lot” of Confidence in Institutions



Source: Gallup; Nine institutions: Banks, Big Business, the military, the Supreme Court, Congress, church/organized religion, public schools, newspapers, and organized labor

Americans Losing Faith

When it comes to getting a four-year college degree, which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view? A four-year college education is...



Note: 'Don't know'/skipped/refused responses not shown. Numbers that don't add up to 100 are due to rounding.

Source: WSJ/NORC poll of 1,019 adults, conducted March 1-13, 2023; margin of error +/- 4.1 pct. pts. 2017 data from WSJ/NBC survey of telephone poll of 1,200 adults conducted Aug. 5-7; margin of error +/- 2.8 pct. pts. 2013 data from CNBC AAES survey of June 2013.

Challenging Fall for Campuses

- FAFSA chaos and delays
 - Impact on enrollments
 - October deadline for next FAFSA
- Title IX implementation (due August 1st)
- GE and FVT reporting due
- DOL overtime rules
- Possible protests and campus unrest



Political Response on Campus Unrest

Congress

- Hearings...and hearings...and hearings
- “Whole House” approach
- Ongoing investigations
- Foreign influence concerns

Administration

- Investigations
- Guidance
- Expanded resources
- Multi-agency effort

Other major issues to watch this year:

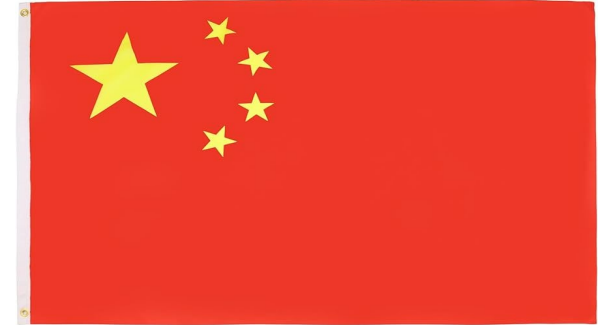
- FY 2025 appropriations
- Research Policy- “countries of concern”, etc...
- Continuing interest in endowments

Research Policy

Congressional Activity:
Countries of Concern,
F&A and Endowments, and
Potential restrictions on federal research funding

Countries of Concern

- **BIOSECURE Act H.R.7085, now H.R. 8333, S. 3558**
- Four provisions in House NDAA, H.R. 8070
- ENFORCE Act H.R. 8315, and Invent Here, Make it Here, S. 1956



F&A and Endowments

- Encampments or Endowments Act, Sen. Vance (R-OH)
- No Subsidies for Wealthy Universities Act, S. 4247, H.R. 8224, Sen. Lee (R-UT) and Rep. Cline R-VA)

Potential Restrictions on Federal Research Funding

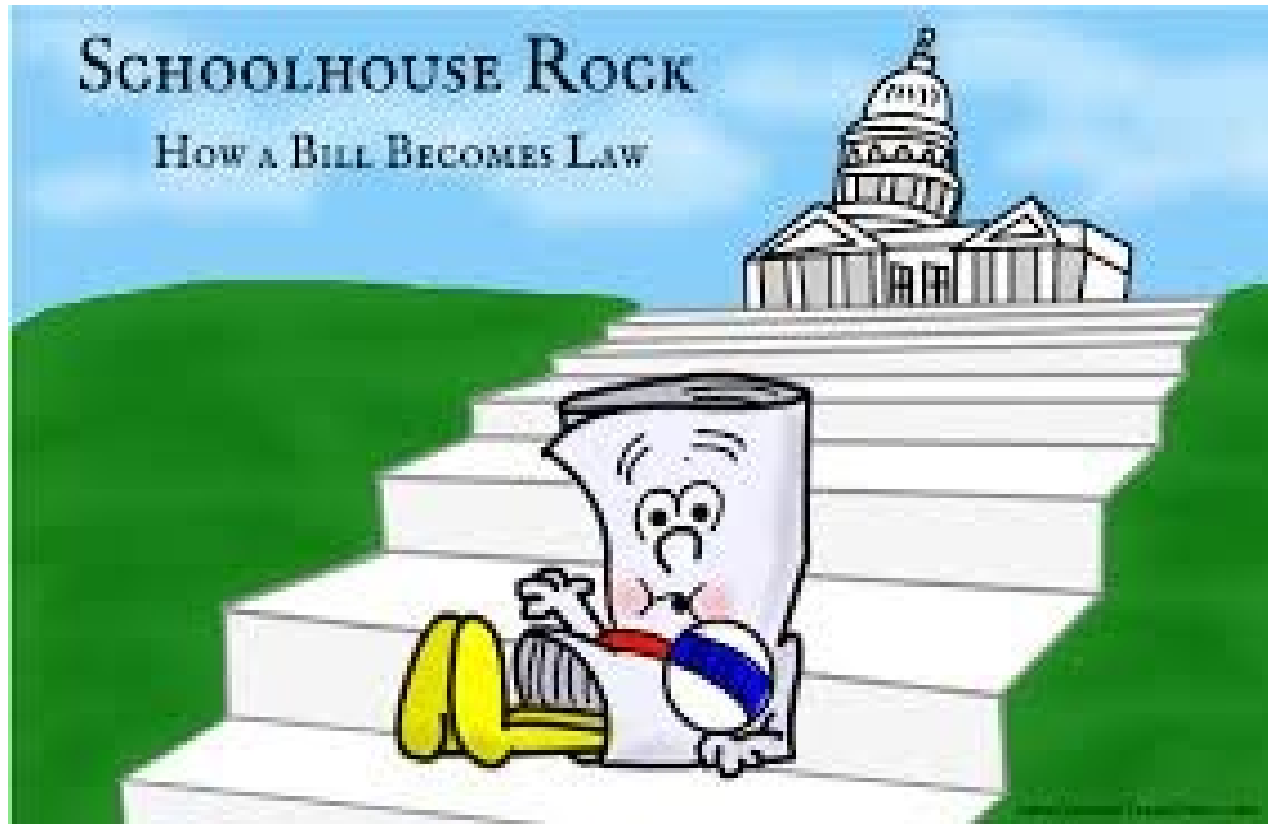
- House Committees



- National Institutes of Health



Possible Pathways

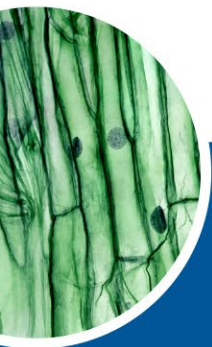




Federal R&D Funding

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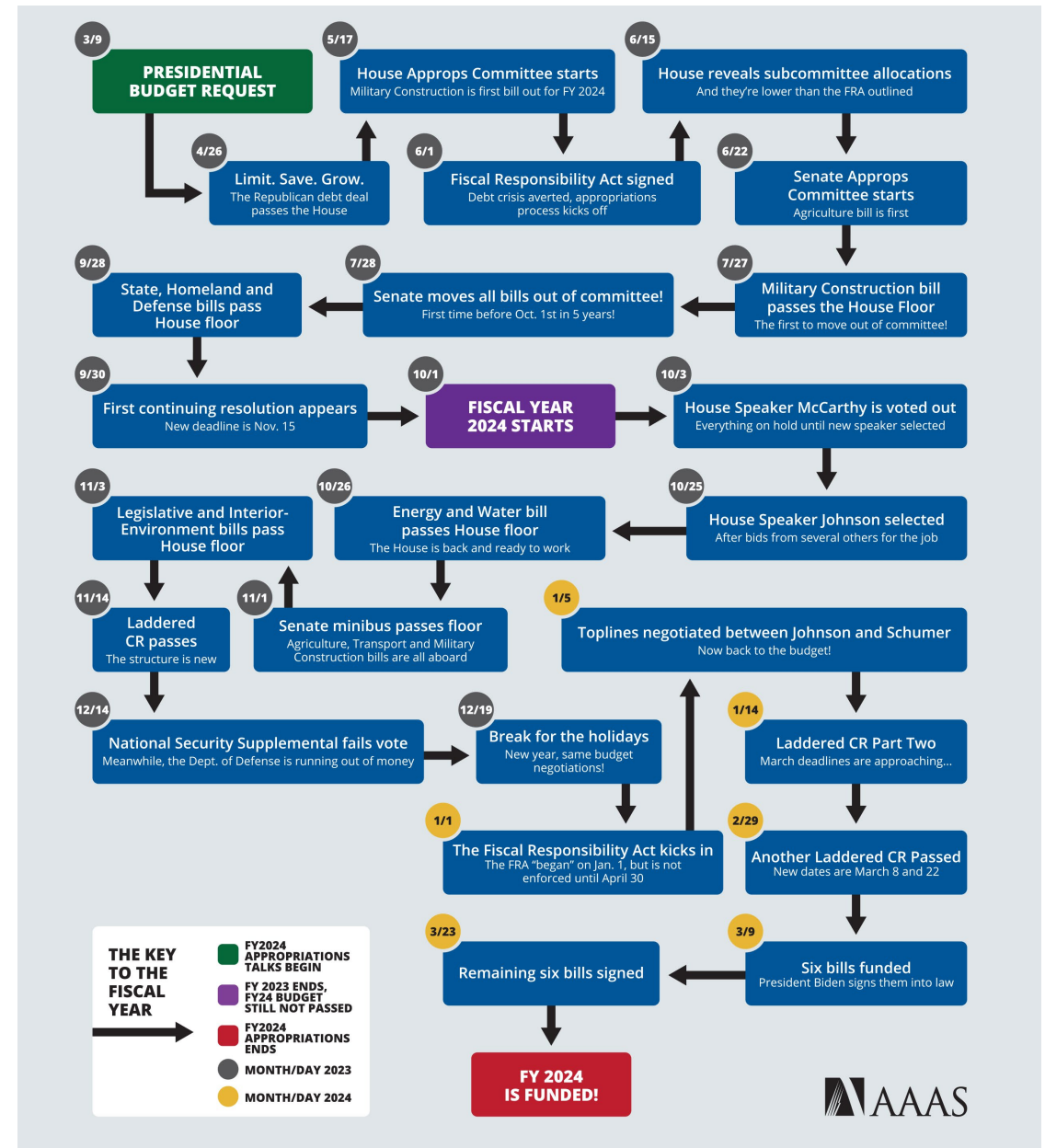
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The FY 2024 Budget "Process" at a Glance

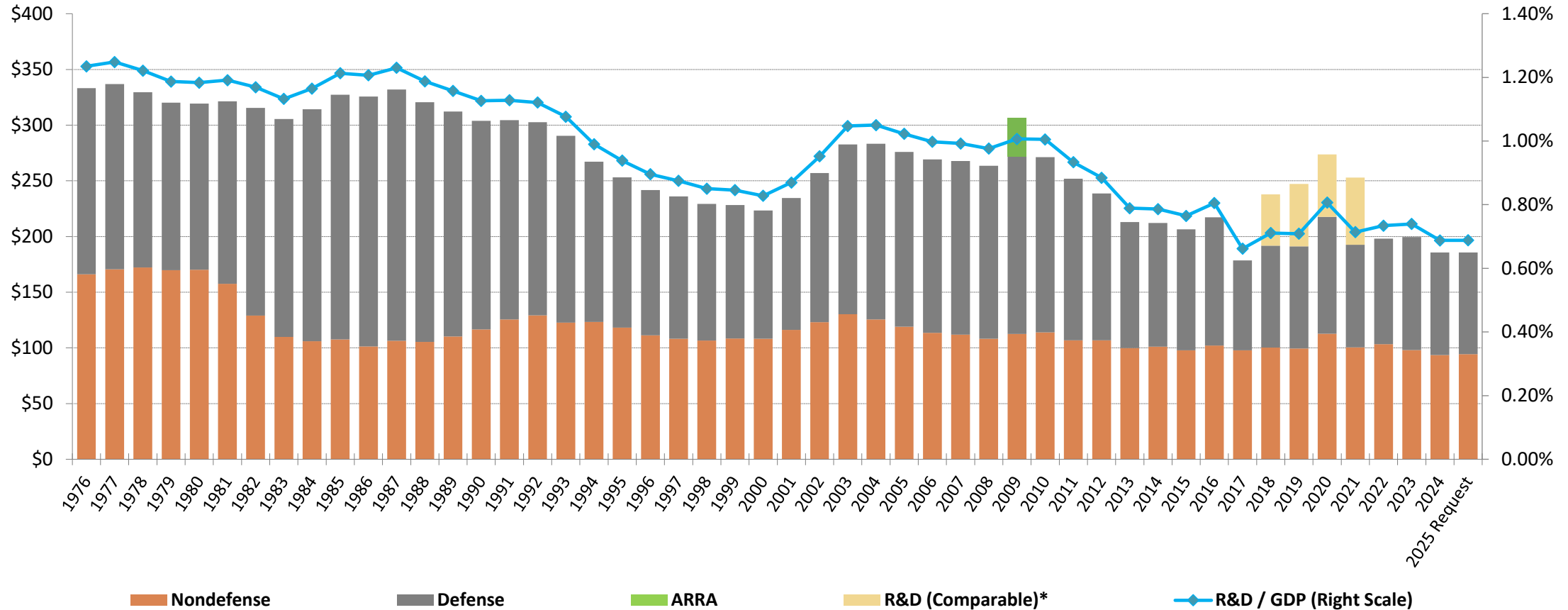
| Estimated R&D in FY 2024 Appropriations (budget authority in millions of dollars) | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2024 | FY23-24 Change | |
| | Estimated | Request | Final | Amount | Percent |
| Basic Research | 47,210 | 48,345 | 44,300 | -2,910 | -6.2% |
| Applied Research | 49,925 | 52,476 | 48,840 | -1,085 | -2.2% |
| Development | 94,782 | 100,762 | 98,563 | 3,781 | 4.0% |
| R&D Facilities | 7,850 | 7,591 | 4,295 | -3,555 | -45.3% |
| Total R&D | 199,766 | 209,174 | 195,629 | -4,137 | -2.1% |
| Defense R&D* | 99,004 | 102,280 | 104,968 | 5,964 | 6.0% |
| Nondefense R&D | 100,762 | 106,894 | 90,662 | -10,101 | -10.0% |

<https://www.aaas.org/news/final-fy-2024-budget>



How does this compare?

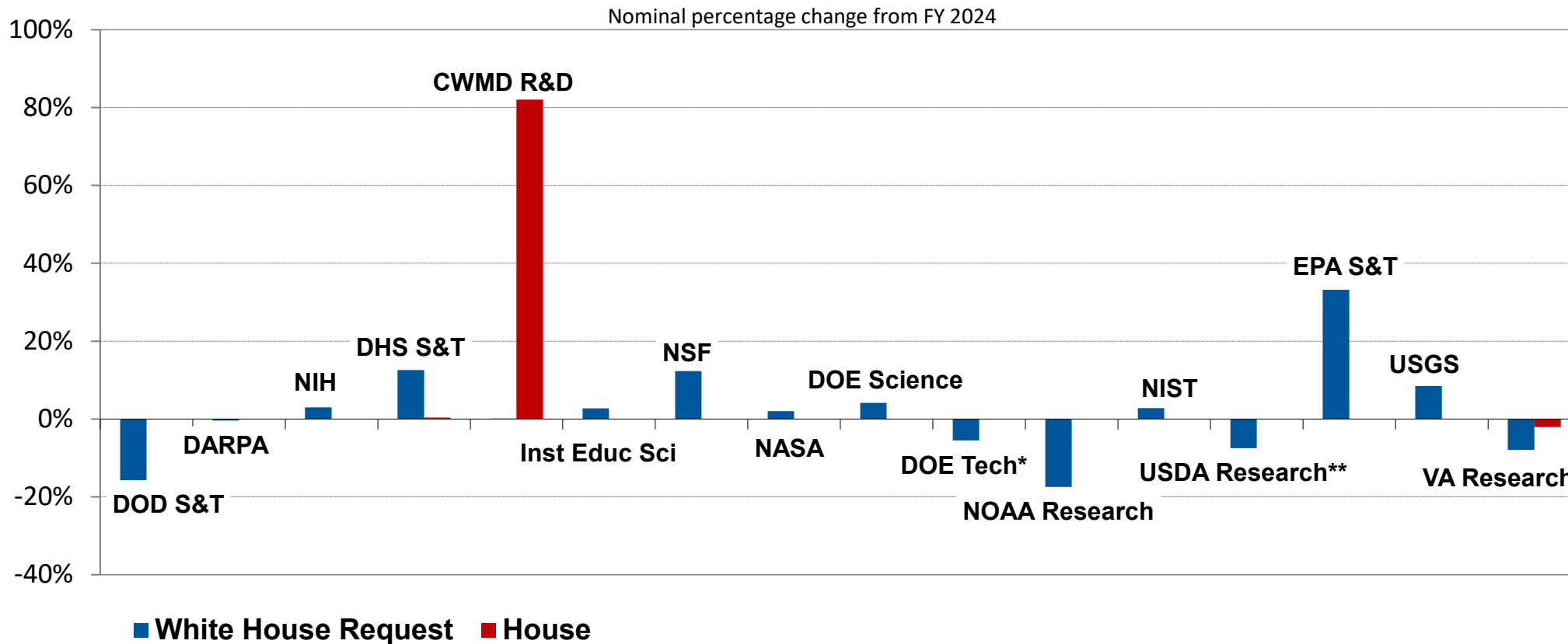
Federal R&D Budget Authority
Billions of constant 2023 dollars



*In FY 2017-2020 late-stage development, testing, evaluation, and support, mostly in DOD, was no longer counted as R&D. The "comparable" series adds this funding back in for illustrative purposes. Based on OMB, agency, CBO, and appropriations data | AAAS 2024

A first look at FY 2025

Select Science & Technology Programs in FY 2025 Appropriations



*Includes renewables and efficiency, nuclear, fossil, grid, cybersecurity, ARPA-E, demonstration.

**Includes ARS, NIFA, ERS, NASS, Forest Service Research. | AAAS 2024

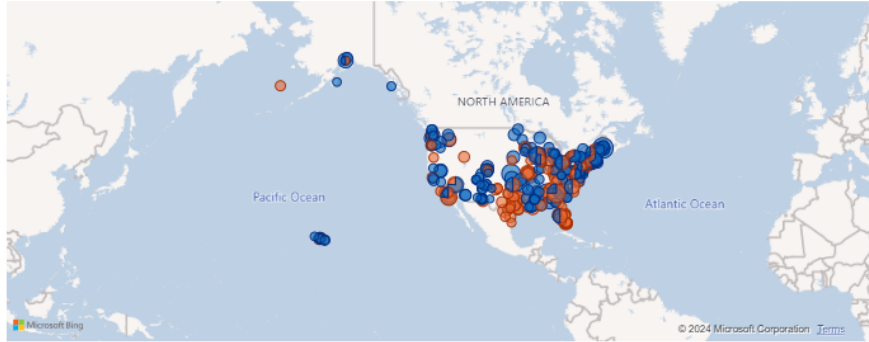
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Keep up to date on the details

STEM-Focused Earmark Requests for FY 2024

Points are sized according to requested value

Chamber ● House ● Senate



Member Lastname
 All

District
 All

Subcommittee
 All

Chamber
 All

Project Type
 All

| Member Name | District | Project Title (Recipient) | Requested Amount | Chamber Accepted? | Chamber Amount | Omnibus Accepted? | Omnibus Amount |
|-------------|----------|---|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Aderholt | AL-04 | Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama, Etowah County, 4th Congressional District (Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama – Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama Fund) | \$2,400,000 | Y | \$2,400,000 | Y | \$2,400,000 |
| Aderholt | AL-04 | Equipment for Advanced Technology Center in Hanceville, AL (Texas A&M University Commerce at Dallas) | \$1,500,000 | Y | \$1,500,000 | Y | \$1,500,000 |
| Aguilar | CA-33 | Tech and Workforce Hub Project | \$963,000 | Y | \$963,000 | Y | \$963,000 |
| Aguilar | CA-33 | Tech and Workforce Hub Project (California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB)) | \$1,000,000 | N | | N | |
| Allred | TX32 | Center for Secure and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence (The University of Texas at Dallas) | \$1,500,000 | Y | \$963,000 | Y | \$963,000 |
| Allred | TX-32 | Integrated Research and Extension Program for a Sustainable and Profitable Urban Agriculture (Canaan Naturally Connected) | \$1,480,000 | Y | \$500,000 | Y | \$1,000,000 |
| Allred | TX-32 | Research and Innovation High Performance Computing Center (The University of Texas at Dallas) | \$7,500,000 | Y | \$963,000 | Y | \$963,000 |

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National Science Foundation / NASA Appropriations

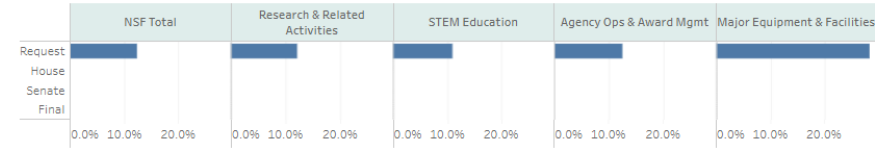
(recommended percentage change from FY 2024 CR. Mouse over for more info.)

SPENDING BILL: Commerce, Justice, Science

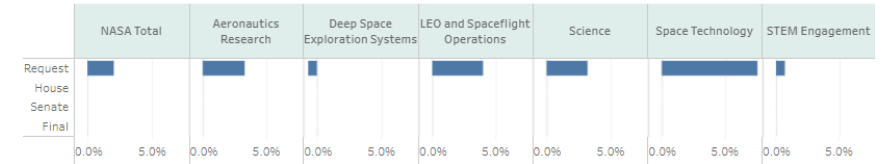
STATUS: Presidential Budget Request Released

Last Update: March 11, 2024

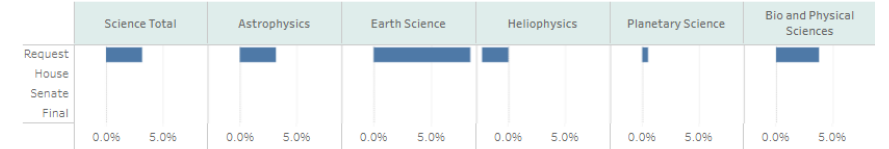
National Science Foundation



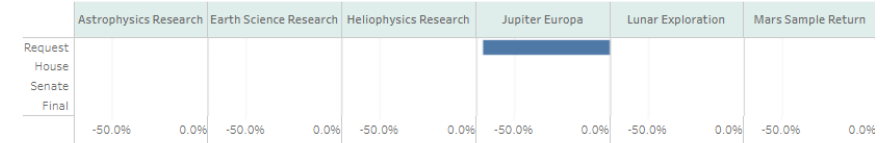
National Aeronautics and Space Administration



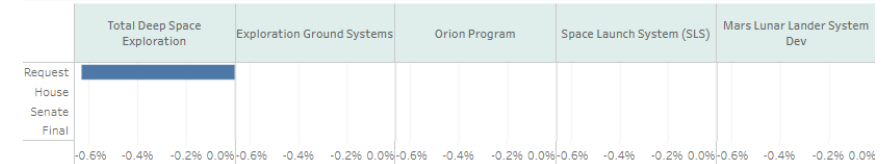
Science Mission Directorate



Select Science Missions



Deep Space Exploration Programs



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