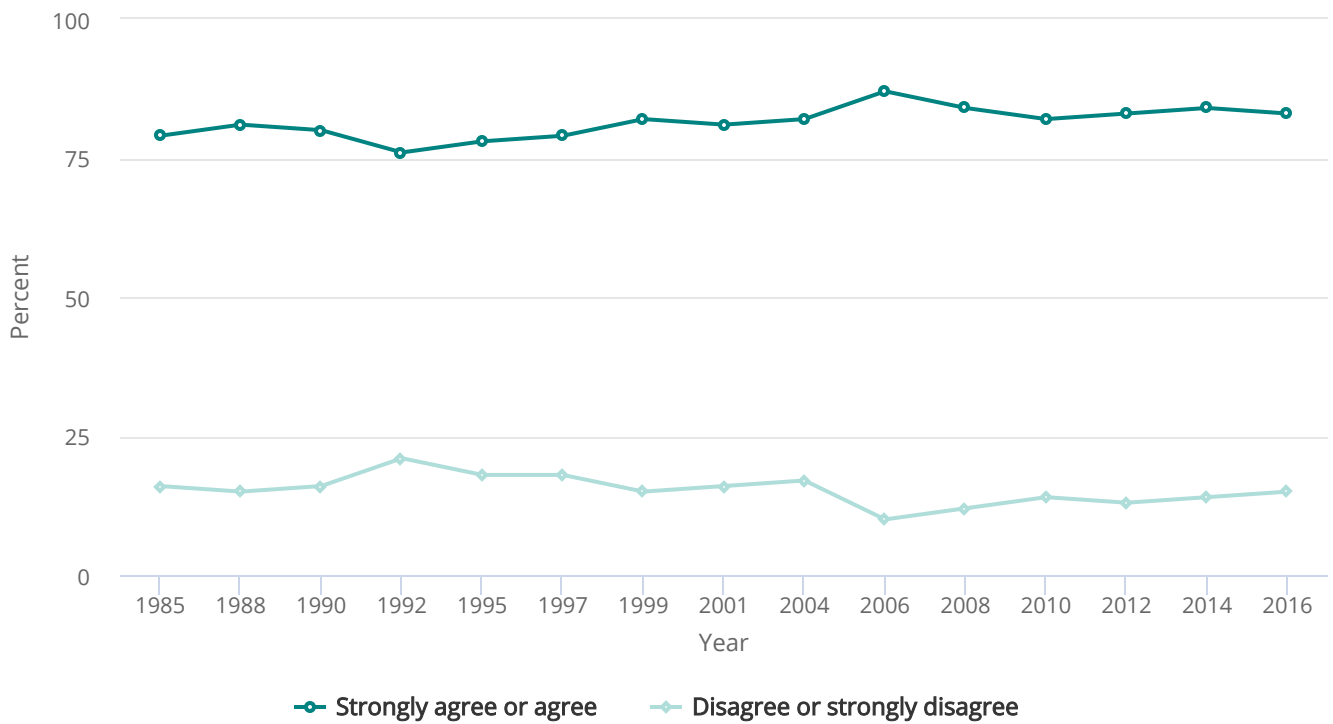


FIGURE 7-11

### Public opinion on whether government should fund basic scientific research: 1985–2016



**Note(s)**

Responses to the following: *Even if it brings no immediate benefits, scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*  
 Responses of "don't know" are not shown.

**Source(s)**

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (1985–2001); University of Michigan, Survey of Consumer Attitudes (2004); NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2006–16). See Appendix Tables 7-21 and 7-22.

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