

Perceptions of lung cancer in the United States of America

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Introduction

Introduction

This report presents the findings from a quantitative survey amongst adults aged 18+ across the United States of America (USA), conducted by Ipsos MORI on behalf of the Global Lung Cancer Coalition.

Background and objectives

This project was commissioned to understand the following among adults:

- Perceptions of which cancers kill the greatest number of people in their country; and
- Attitudes towards lung cancer.

This report forms part of a number of reports from across fifteen different countries including: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain, Denmark, Switzerland, Slovenia, Sweden, the Netherlands, and the USA. The same questions were asked in each country to allow comparison between countries.

Methodology

In the USA, two questions were placed on the weekly Ipsos Omnibus. A nationally representative quota sample of 1,000 adults aged 18+ across the United States was interviewed from 4 February – 7 February 2010. Telephone interviews were conducted using CATI (Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing).

Data have been weighted to the known USA adult population profile.

Details of the methodology used across the fifteen countries can be found in the appendices.

Reporting

In the graphs and tables, the figures quoted are percentages. The size of the sample base from which the percentage is derived is indicated. Caution is advised when comparing responses between small sample sizes (i.e. fewer than 100).

Please note that percentage figures for the various sub-samples or groups will need to differ from each other by a certain number of percentage points for the difference to be statistically significant. This number will depend on the size of the samples being compared, and the percentage finding itself – as noted in the appendices to this report.

Where an asterisk (*) appears it indicates a percentage finding of less than half of one per cent, but greater than zero. Where percentages do not add up to 100% this can be due to a number of reasons, such as the exclusion of 'Don't know' or 'Other' responses, multiple responses, or computer rounding.

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Research findings

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Summary of findings

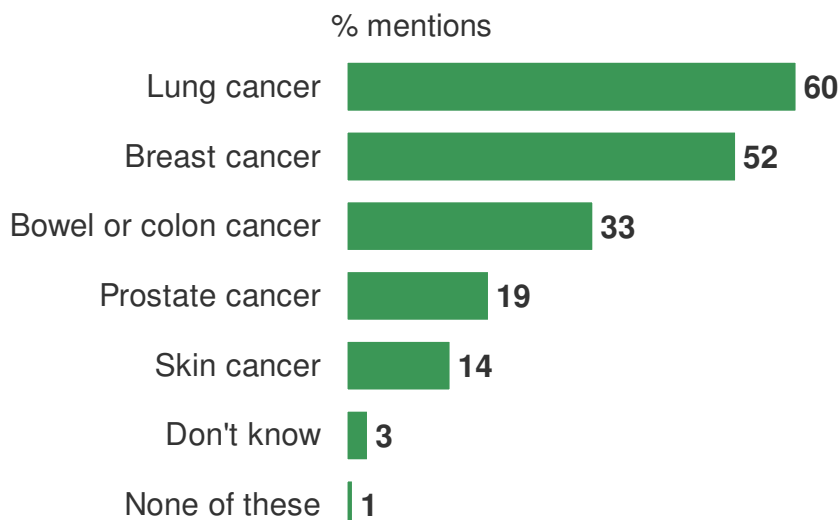
- In the United States of America, in line with most other countries where this survey took place, adults think the cancer that kills the most people in their country is lung cancer (60%).
- The majority (57%) say they have no less sympathy for people with lung cancer than people with other cancers. However, over a fifth (22%) say they do have less sympathy, given its link to smoking, which is about average compared to other countries surveyed.

Which cancer kills the greatest number?

In line with adults surveyed in most other countries, lung cancer is perceived as the cancer which kills the most people in the USA (60%). This is followed by breast cancer (52%) and bowel or colon cancer (33%) as the chart overleaf illustrates. People were asked to choose up to *two* cancers they think kill the greatest number in their country from a list of five.

Which cancer is perceived to be the biggest killer?

Which of the following cancers do you think kills the most people in your country? You may choose up to two.



Base: 1,000 US Adults, 4 – 7 Feb 2010
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Source: Ipsos MORI



The perception of lung cancer as the biggest killer is common across key sub-groups. However, the extent to which they see it as the biggest killer varies according to age; 66% of younger people (18-34 year olds) believe this to be the case, compared to 56% of older people aged 55+. Younger generations (18-34 year olds) are also more likely than older people to think that skin cancer kills the most people in USA (15% compared to 7% of people aged 65+). However, older people are more likely than younger people to think the biggest killer is bowel or colon cancer (39% aged 65+ compared to 25% of 18-34 year olds). This is perhaps due to the difference in the age groups who are most commonly *affected* by bowel or colon cancer.

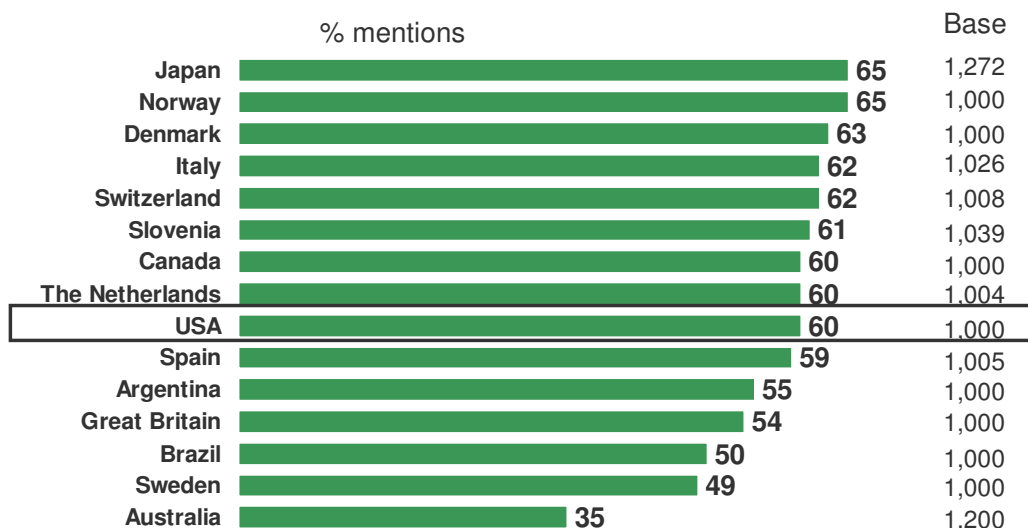
People were given the option to choose up to two cancers which they think kill the greatest number of people in their country. Looking at the responses to this question:

- 6% of adults chose lung cancer only;
- Over half (54%) chose lung cancer and one other type of cancer;
- 7% selected only one type of cancer which was not lung cancer; and
- Three in ten (29%) selected two cancers, neither of which included lung cancer.

Compared to other nations, the USA appears around the middle of the list of the fifteen countries surveyed, in line with the Netherlands and Canada. This is illustrated by the chart below.

Proportion who perceive lung cancer to be the biggest killer in their country

Which of the following cancers do you think kills the most people in your country? You may choose up to two.



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Attitudes towards lung cancer

In line with prevailing medical opinion¹, people were told:

“Lung cancer is mainly caused by smoking cigarettes and other tobacco products.”

They were then asked whether or not, bearing this in mind, they have less sympathy for people with lung cancer than other types of cancer.

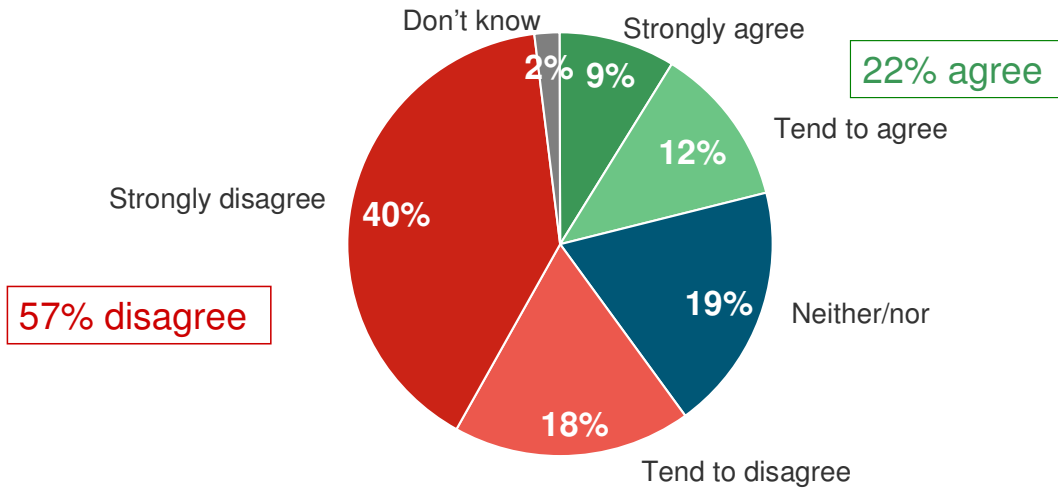
Within the USA, the majority (57%) of adults say they have no less sympathy towards those with lung cancer than towards those with other types of cancer, 40% *strongly*. However, over a fifth (22%) do admit to feeling less sympathy for people with lung cancer. This is illustrated by the chart overleaf.

¹ 90% of lung cancer deaths are caused by tobacco smoking according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) <http://www.who.int/tobacco/en/atlas9.pdf>

Sympathy for people with lung cancer

Lung cancer is mainly caused by smoking cigarettes and other tobacco products. Bearing this in mind, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement...

I have less sympathy for people with lung cancer than people with other types of cancer



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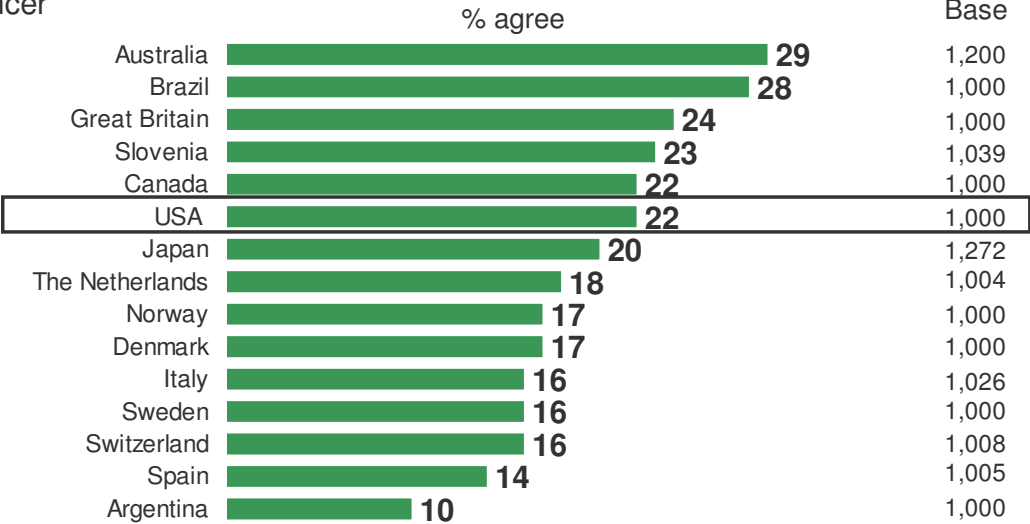
In the USA, men are less sympathetic than women towards people with lung cancer than other types of cancer (24% compared to 20% agree).

When compared to data from the other fourteen countries, adults across America are towards the top of the list below, showing that they are less sympathetic than adults in many of the other countries where the survey was conducted. This is shown by the chart below.

Sympathy across countries

Lung cancer is mainly caused by smoking cigarettes and other tobacco products. Bearing this in mind, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement...

I have less sympathy for people with lung cancer than people with other types of cancer



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Appendices

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Statistical reliability

The sampling tolerances that apply to the percentage results are given in the table below. This table shows the possible variation that might be anticipated because a sample, rather than the entire population, was interviewed. **As indicated below, sampling tolerances vary with the size of the sample and the size of the percentage result.** For example, on a question where 50% of the people in a sample of c.1,000 respond with a particular answer, the chances are 95 in 100 that this result would not vary by more than 3 percentage points, plus or minus, from a complete coverage of the entire population using the same procedures (i.e., between 47% and 53%).

Approximate sampling tolerances applicable to percentages at or near these levels					
	10% or 90%	20% or 80%	30% or 70%	40% or 60%	50%
Size of sample on which survey result is based					
1,000	2	3	3	3	3

Source: Ipsos MORI

Tolerances are also involved in the comparison of results from different parts of the sample. A difference, in other words, must be of at least a certain size to be considered statistically significant. The following table is a guide to the sampling tolerances applicable to comparisons.

Strictly speaking these tolerances are based on perfect random samples, and design effects such as clustering and weighting are likely to increase them. In practice, good quality quota sampling has been found to be as accurate as random samples with a similar design.

Approximate differences required for significant at or near these percentages									
	10% 90%	or	20% 80%	or	30% 70%	or	40% 60%	or	50%
Men vs. Women (479 vs. 521)	4		5		6		6		6
18-34 year olds vs. 55+ (142 vs. 485)	6		8		9		9		9

Source: Ipsos MORI

Methodologies across countries

For all countries listed below, questions were put onto the Ipsos Omnibus.

Data have been weighted to the known adult population profile of each country.

Country	Sample Size	Sample	Method of data collection	Fieldwork dates
Argentina	1,000	Adults aged 16-64	Telephone (CATI)	10 - 24 February 2010
Australia	1,200	Adults aged 18+	Telephone (CATI)	12 - 14 February 2010
Brazil	1,000	Adults aged 16+	Face-to-face (PAPI)	18 - 26 February 2010
Canada	1,000	Adults aged 18+	Telephone (CATI)	4 - 7 February 2010
GB (not including NI)	1,000	Adults aged 15+	Face-to-face (CAPI)	29 Jan - 4 Feb 2010
Italy	1,026	Adults aged 15+	Face-to-face (CAPI)	10 - 16 February 2010
Japan	1,272	Adults aged 20+	Face-to-face (PAPI)	5 - 14 February 2010
Norway	1,000	Adults aged 15+	Telephone (CATI)	2 - 8 February 2010
Spain	1,005	Adults aged 15+	Face-to-face (CAPI)	25 Jan - 5 Feb 2010
Denmark	1,000	Adults aged 15+	Telephone (CATI)	2 - 8 February 2010
Switzerland	1,008	Adults aged 15+	Telephone (CATI)	15 - 20 February 2010
Slovenia	1,039	Adults aged 15+	Face-to-face (PAPI)	27 Jan - 10 Feb 2010
Sweden	1,000	Adults aged 15+	Telephone (CATI)	2 - 8 February 2010
The Netherlands	1,004	Adults aged 15+	Telephone (CATI)	2 Feb -1 March 2010
USA	1,000	Adults aged 18+	Telephone (CATI)	4 - 7 February 2010

Questionnaire

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Q1. Which of the following cancers do you think kills the most people in your country? You may choose up to two.

IF TELEPHONE MARKET- READ OUT. ROTATE OPTIONS. MULTICODE UP TO TWO. ALLOW 'NONE' OR 'DON'T KNOW' RESPONSES – DO NOT READ THEM OUT AS OPTIONS THOUGH

IF FACE-TO-FACE MARKET – SHOWCARD. REVERSE OPTIONS MULTICODE UP TO TWO. ALLOW 'NONE' OR 'DON'T KNOW' RESPONSES BUT DO NOT INCLUDE THEM ON THE SHOWCARD

SHOWCARD [REVERSE]:

- Bowel or Colon cancer
- Breast cancer
- Lung cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Skin cancer

Q2. Lung cancer is mainly caused by smoking cigarettes and other tobacco products. Bearing this in mind, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement...

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY. ALLOW 'DON'T KNOW' - BUT DO NOT READ OUT AS OPTION

- I have less sympathy for people with lung cancer than people with other types of cancer

IF TELEPHONE – READ OUT [REVERSE OPTIONS]

IF F2F THEN SHOWCARD [REVERSE]

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree