

Americans Support Protecting U.S. Intellectual Property and Innovation



To help curb the COVID-19 pandemic and expand access to life-saving vaccines, protecting the intellectual property (IP) that made such innovation possible is more important than ever. Americans agree that protecting IP is key to expanding global vaccine access and innovation, yet anti-IP advocates are still calling to waive international commitments to honor IP rights for COVID-19 vaccines through the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

Americans support expanding global access to vaccines.

85% of Americans believe it is a priority to ensure COVID-19 vaccines become widely available for all countries.

62% of Americans believing it is a "top priority."

Americans oppose the proposed TRIPS waiver.

According to a recent [Hill-Harris X poll](#), voters on both sides of the aisle oppose the proposed TRIPS waiver. Americans also voice concern about the dangerous implications of such a waiver. Voters are concerned about the following:



70% that other countries don't have the same standards and oversight as the U.S., which opens up potential for error and risks people's safety worldwide.¹



64% that waiving rights unfairly gives new technology to companies that have not proven they have the expertise or resources to make COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective.¹



65% that flooding the market with vaccine producers and vaccines will create confusion and heighten concerns about the possibility of counterfeit vaccines.¹

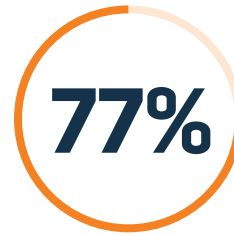


62% that waiving IP protections will increase competition from China by giving away U.S. trade secrets for mRNA technology.¹

Americans want strong intellectual property protections and more collaboration to expand global access to vaccines.



of Americans agree that the U.S. government should **protect IP and patent rights to prevent theft by other countries.**¹



of Americans support the Biden Administration's efforts to **donate 80 million vaccines to other countries.**¹



of Americans believe **vaccine makers are well on their way to supplying the world** and should be allowed time to do it.¹



of Americans agree **innovation in medicines and treatments is made possible by America's system of IP protections, including patents.**¹



More than half of all voters (59%) agree that **the U.S. should build upon successful U.S. manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines** to increase licensing agreements with foreign manufacturers, donate excess doses and increase global supply.¹ This includes:



65% of Democratic voters



55% of Republican voters

Americans support expanding global COVID-19 vaccine access, but implementing a TRIPS waiver that would remove international commitments to honor IP protections for U.S. vaccine manufacturers and introduce unnecessary public safety risks, is not the answer. Instead, Americans support finding a better way to expanding global access and supply - one that involves protecting strong intellectual property, building on the United States' innovation and manufacturing leadership, increasing collaboration and removing barriers.

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¹PhRMA/Morning Consult Poll June 25-28, 2021