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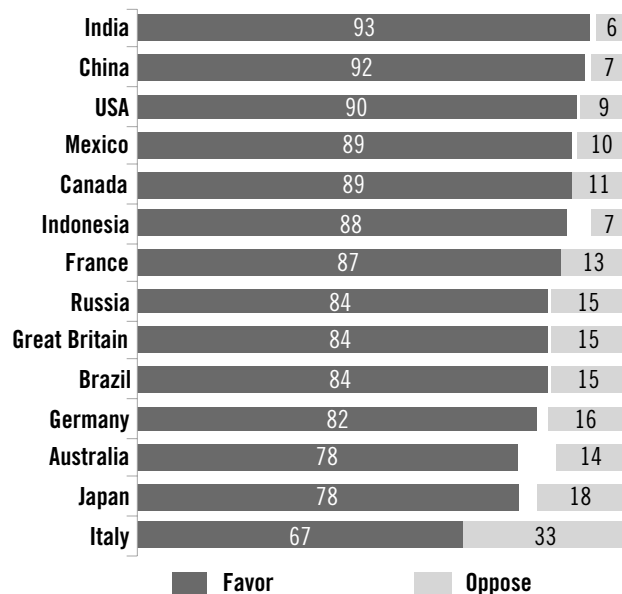
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Biotech for Medicines and Cloning: Yes or No?

Biotechnology is playing an ever-increasing role in providing new medicines and treatments for human diseases. Society is now being faced with the more difficult question of cloning animals to produce new medicines for humans. Environics International, a Toronto-based public opinion research firm specializing in global issues and corporate strategy, asked about 25,000 people across 30 countries who were aware of biotechnology, whether they favored or opposed using biotechnology in various applications. Results show that certain pharmaceutical uses of biotechnology will not be without significant opposition.

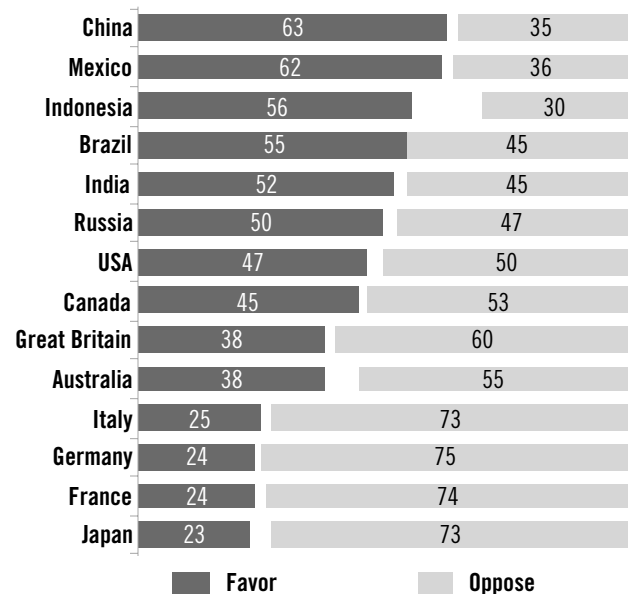
Q: Please tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose applying biotechnology to develop medicines and treatments for human diseases.

Selected countries of 30 surveyed...



Q: What if animals had to be cloned in order to produce new biotechnology medicines for human diseases? Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this use of biotechnology?

Selected countries of 30 surveyed...



Source: The 2000 International Environmental Monitor survey.

Note: National results from this May 2000 survey are accurate to within ± 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.