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**Reported confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008

Question: "I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one--a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little: the U.S. Supreme Court?"

	Great deal/quite a lot	Some	Very little	None <sup>a</sup>
National	32%	44%	17%	1%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	39	38	19	1
Female	26	50	16	1
<b>Race</b>				
White	33	44	18	1
Nonwhite	30	46	16	1
Black	27	43	20	1
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	30	49	14	0
30 to 49 years	33	46	15	1
50 to 64 years	33	40	21	2
50 years and older	30	42	20	2
65 years and older	27	44	19	1
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	40	45	11	(b)
College graduate	37	46	15	0
Some college	36	45	14	1
High school graduate or less	23	43	23	2
<b>Income</b>				
\$75,000 and over	41	42	15	(b)
\$50,000 to \$74,999	36	51	11	(b)
\$30,000 to \$49,999	34	42	19	(b)
\$20,000 to \$29,999	12	55	22	2
Under \$20,000	27	37	22	4
<b>Region</b>				
East	28	48	18	1
Midwest	33	46	14	1
South	31	44	18	2
West	35	40	20	(b)
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	44	41	12	0
Democrat	25	46	20	1
Independent	29	45	19	2
<b>Ideology</b>				
Conservative	37	41	17	(b)
Moderate	32	48	14	1
Liberal	21	50	22	2

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2008 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 822 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 9-12, 2008. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup> Response volunteered.

<sup>b</sup> Less than 0.5%.

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