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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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>	Don't know/refused
National	37%	41%	18%	2%	2%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	39	39	17	3	2
Female	34	43	18	1	3
<b>Race</b>					
White	36	44	15	2	2
Nonwhite	40	33	22	1	4
Black	36	33	27	(b)	4
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 29 years	44	41	12	2	2
30 to 49 years	36	38	22	2	3
50 to 64 years	36	47	14	2	2
65 years and older	35	37	23	1	3
<b>Education</b>					
College post graduate	45	40	14	1	(b)
College graduate	44	45	11	1	(b)
Some college	36	45	14	3	2
High school graduate or less	33	37	23	2	5
<b>Income</b>					
\$75,000 and over	36	45	15	3	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	39	43	15	2	0
\$30,000 to \$49,999	39	39	16	2	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	37	40	18	1	4
Under \$20,000	27	40	32	0	1
<b>Region</b>					
East	36	42	17	2	3
Midwest	44	35	17	3	2
South	33	40	21	2	3
West	37	48	15	(b)	1
<b>Politics</b>					
Republican	38	38	17	3	4
Democrat	44	39	15	1	1
Independent	33	45	19	1	2
<b>Ideology</b>					
Conservative	36	38	19	3	3
Moderate	38	46	14	(b)	1
Liberal	37	39	20	2	2

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,020 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 9-12, 2011. 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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