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Reported confidence in the Federal judicial branch including the U.S. Supreme Court

United States, 1972-1976 and 1997-2012

Question: "As you know, our federal government is made up of three branches: an executive branch, headed by the president; a judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court; and a legislative branch, made up of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. First, let me ask you how much trust and confidence you have at this time in the...judicial branch headed by the U.S. Supreme Court...a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?"

	Great deal	Fair amount	Not very much	None at all	Don't know/refused
1972	17%	49%	24%	7%	4%
1974	17	54	20	5	5
1976	16	47	26	6	4
1997	19	52	22	5	2
1998	27	51	16	4	2
1999	29	51	13	5	2
2000	23	52	18	6	1
2001	17	57	20	4	2
2002	17	58	18	5	2
2003	13	54	27	5	1
2004	14	51	27	6	2
2005	13	55	25	6	1
2006	15	54	21	7	3
2007	15	54	23	6	1
2008	14	55	23	6	3
2009	18	58	18	4	2
2010	14	52	28	5	2
2011	12	51	28	8	1
2012	14	53	27	4	2

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,017 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Sept. 6-9, 2012. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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