

Table 2.14.2005

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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

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                     | 41%                    | 38%  | 18%         | 1%                |
| <b>Sex</b>                   |                        |      |             |                   |
| Male                         | 45                     | 32   | 21          | 1                 |
| Female                       | 39                     | 44   | 15          | 1                 |
| <b>Race</b>                  |                        |      |             |                   |
| White                        | 42                     | 39   | 17          | 1                 |
| Nonwhite                     | 40                     | 34   | 19          | 3                 |
| Black                        | 34                     | 43   | 23          | 0                 |
| <b>Age</b>                   |                        |      |             |                   |
| 18 to 29 years               | 42                     | 37   | 16          | 3                 |
| 30 to 49 years               | 46                     | 36   | 16          | 1                 |
| 50 to 64 years               | 36                     | 43   | 19          | 1                 |
| 50 years and older           | 36                     | 41   | 20          | 1                 |
| 65 years and older           | 36                     | 40   | 20          | 2                 |
| <b>Education</b>             |                        |      |             |                   |
| College post graduate        | 59                     | 30   | 11          | (b)               |
| College graduate             | 49                     | 38   | 11          | 1                 |
| Some college                 | 37                     | 41   | 19          | 2                 |
| High school graduate or less | 36                     | 39   | 22          | 1                 |
| <b>Income</b>                |                        |      |             |                   |
| \$100,000 and over           | 57                     | 30   | 12          | 1                 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999         | 44                     | 42   | 14          | 0                 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999         | 36                     | 42   | 18          | 3                 |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999         | 39                     | 43   | 16          | 1                 |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999         | 43                     | 35   | 19          | 2                 |
| Under \$20,000               | 34                     | 38   | 25          | 1                 |
| <b>Community</b>             |                        |      |             |                   |
| Urban area                   | 40                     | 38   | 19          | 1                 |
| Suburban area                | 42                     | 39   | 16          | 2                 |
| Rural area                   | 41                     | 38   | 20          | 1                 |
| <b>Region</b>                |                        |      |             |                   |
| East                         | 38                     | 44   | 13          | 2                 |
| Midwest                      | 40                     | 41   | 18          | (b)               |
| South                        | 42                     | 33   | 23          | 1                 |
| West                         | 45                     | 38   | 15          | 1                 |
| <b>Politics</b>              |                        |      |             |                   |
| Republican                   | 47                     | 39   | 14          | (b)               |
| Democrat                     | 42                     | 38   | 17          | 1                 |
| Independent                  | 36                     | 39   | 22          | 1                 |

Note: See Note, table 2.10.2005. 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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