

Table 2.14.2009

Reported confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2009

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	39%	41%	17%	1%	3%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	41	38	18	1	2
Female	35	44	16	1	4
<b>Race</b>					
White	39	43	15	1	2
Nonwhite	37	35	22	(b)	5
Black	35	38	24	0	4
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 29 years	35	43	18	(b)	4
30 to 49 years	41	41	16	(b)	1
50 to 64 years	38	42	16	2	2
50 years and older	37	40	17	2	4
65 years and older	36	38	18	2	6
<b>Education</b>					
College post graduate	53	37	8	1	2
College graduate	49	40	10	1	1
Some college	37	41	18	1	4
High school graduate or less	30	42	24	1	4
<b>Income</b>					
\$75,000 and over	51	39	10	(b)	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	41	42	15	1	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	37	40	17	2	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	29	45	22	1	4
Under \$20,000	27	43	27	1	3
<b>Region</b>					
East	40	38	19	1	3
Midwest	38	43	16	1	1
South	37	42	17	1	3
West	39	40	15	1	5
<b>Politics</b>					
Republican	35	44	18	1	2
Democrat	44	40	12	(b)	4
Independent	36	40	20	2	3
<b>Ideology</b>					
Conservative	31	45	22	2	2
Moderate	48	37	12	(b)	3
Liberal	38	45	14	1	2

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2009 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,011 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 14-17, 2009. 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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