

Table 2.14.2012

Reported confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2012

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	37%	38%	20%	2%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	39	36	20	2
Female	35	40	20	1
<b>Race</b>				
White	35	40	20	2
Nonwhite	42	32	21	2
Black	26	35	32	4
Hispanic	56	29	12	0
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	49	28	20	2
30 to 49 years	32	42	19	3
50 to 64 years	36	44	19	1
65 years and older	34	33	27	1
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	41	43	14	(b)
College graduate	38	44	14	3
Some college	33	36	26	2
High school graduate or less	37	35	22	1
<b>Income</b>				
\$75,000 and over	41	43	13	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	38	41	20	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	36	32	28	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	24	47	25	2
Under \$20,000	45	24	20	3
<b>Region</b>				
East	45	33	17	1
Midwest	30	42	22	2
South	36	36	22	3
West	36	42	20	1
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	49	34	14	1
Democrat	35	38	25	(b)
Independent	30	41	22	3
<b>Ideology</b>				
Conservative	39	37	19	2
Moderate	40	37	19	1
Liberal	30	45	24	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 1,004 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 7-10, 2012. 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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