

Table 2.13

Reported confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1997

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 ^a
National	50%	32%	14%	2%
Sex				
Male	54	27	15	2
Female	45	37	13	2
Race				
White	51	33	12	2
Black	39	27	29	3
Nonwhite ^b	42	30	25	2
Age				
18 to 29 years	50	32	15	2
30 to 49 years	51	34	14	1
50 to 64 years	48	32	12	3
50 years and older	48	30	14	2
65 years and older	48	28	15	2
Education				
College post graduate	64	31	6	0
College graduate	68	24	6	2
Some college	48	34	15	1
No college	42	34	17	3
Income				
\$50,000 and over	58	33	7	(c)
\$30,000 to \$49,999	48	34	15	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	47	31	17	3
Under \$20,000	43	33	16	2
Community				
Urban area	51	30	18	(c)
Suburban area	51	32	11	3
Rural area	43	37	14	2
Region				
East	54	30	12	2
Midwest	47	35	14	1
South	47	32	16	2
West	53	32	12	1
Politics				
Republican	52	35	11	1
Democrat	52	27	16	2
Independent	46	35	14	3

Note: 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 6.

^aResponse volunteered.

^bIncludes black respondents.

^cLess than 0.5%.

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