

TABLE S7-4

Public assessment of whether science and technology result in more opportunities for the next generation: 1985–2018

(Percent)

| Assessment | 1985 (n = 1,986) | 1992 (n = 1,995) | 1995 (n = 2,006) | 1997 (n = 2,000) | 1999 (n = 1,882) | 2001 (n = 1,574) | 2004 (n = 2,025) | 2006 (n = 1,864) | 2008 (n = 2,021) | 2010 (n = 1,434) | 2012 (n = 2,256) | 2014 (n = 2,130) | 2016 (n = 1,390) | 2018 (n = 1,175) |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Strongly agree | 5 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 12 | 21 | 24 | 41 | 37 | 35 | 26 | 33 | 39 | 38 |
| Agree | 71 | 66 | 71 | 68 | 72 | 64 | 62 | 49 | 53 | 56 | 61 | 56 | 52 | 54 |
| Disagree | 18 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| Strongly disagree | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Don't know | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Note(s)

Responses are to the following: *Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generation.* Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Source(s)

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (1985–2001); University of Michigan, Survey of Consumer Attitudes (2004); NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2006–18).

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