

Table SPSS-2

Public assessment of whether science and technology result in more opportunities for the next generation: Selected years, 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 or agree	77	82	81	81	84	84	85	90	89	91	87	89	91	92
Strongly disagree or disagree	19	16	15	16	14	13	13	9	8	7	10	9	8	7
Don't know	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	1	1

n = number of survey responses.**Note(s):**

Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding. See Table SPSS-5 for standard errors. Table displays data for years when the question was proffered. Responses are to the following: *Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generation. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?*

Source(s):

Data are sourced from multiple surveys that used either identical or similar survey items. National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, 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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