Figure PPS-2

U.S. adults who agree that science makes our way of life change too fast, that science provides more opportunities for the next generation, and that the federal government should fund basic scientific research: Selected years, 1992–2018

Percent

Year

1992 (n = 1,995)
1995 (n = 2,000)
1997 (n = 2,000)
1999 (n = 1,802)
2001 (n = 1,574)
2004 (n = 2,025)
2006 (n = 1,864)
2008 (n = 2,021)
2010 (n = 1,434)
2012 (n = 2,056)
2014 (n = 2,130)
2016 (n = 1,960)
2018 (n = 1,775)

- Science makes our way of life change too fast
- Science provides more opportunities for the next generation
- Federal government should fund basic scientific research

n = number of survey responses.

Note(s):
See Table SPPS-2 through Table SPPS-4 for additional detail. See Table SPPS-5 through Table SPPS-7 for standard errors. Responses are to the following: Science makes our way of life change too fast. Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generation. Even if it brings no immediate benefits, scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government. Figure displays the percentage of respondents who "strongly agree" or "agree" with the aforementioned statements.

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 (1992–2001); University of Michigan, Survey of Consumer Attitudes (2004); NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2006–18).

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