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

(Standard error)

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	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9
Strongly disagree or disagree	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8
Don't know	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4

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

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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