

Appendix table 7-3

Primary source of information about specific scientific issues, by respondent characteristic: 2006

(Percent)

Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book/other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend/colleague	Other	Don't know
All adults (n = 1,864)	6	6	53	9	19	1	—	1	1	2	2
Sex											
Male (n = 804)	6	7	53	7	20	1	—	1	1	2	2
Female (n = 1,060).....	7	5	53	10	18	1	—	2	1	1	2
Formal education											
<High school (n = 227)	4	—	29	14	37	2	0	4	1	2	6
High school graduate (n = 1,115)	7	6	52	9	21	1	—	1	1	2	2
Baccalaureate (n = 346).....	5	8	65	6	10	2	0	2	1	—	1
Graduate/professional degree (n = 176)	10	11	64	9	3	0	0	0	1	2	0
Science/mathematics education ^a											
Low (n = 1,042)	7	5	44	10	26	1	—	1	1	2	3
Middle (n = 359)	6	7	60	8	12	2	—	2	1	1	1
High (n = 408).....	4	8	70	7	6	1	—	—	1	2	0
Family income (quartile)											
Top (n = 311)	7	8	61	8	11	2	0	1	1	2	0
Second (n = 420)	6	6	62	5	16	1	0	1	1	1	1
Third (n = 419).....	4	5	51	15	19	—	—	2	1	1	0
Bottom (n = 462).....	9	5	34	11	32	2	—	1	2	3	2
Age (years)											
18–24 (n = 157).....	2	2	72	7	8	0	—	4	2	2	1
25–34 (n = 341).....	3	5	65	5	16	3	—	—	1	1	2
35–44 (n = 382).....	7	8	55	5	19	1	—	1	0	2	2
45–54 (n = 386).....	7	5	56	8	20	1	0	1	1	1	1
55–64 (n = 272).....	6	7	45	14	22	—	—	2	1	2	2
65+ (n = 321)	13	8	23	16	28	2	0	2	1	3	5
Minor children at home											
Yes (n = 588).....	5	7	58	5	17	1	—	2	1	2	2
No (n = 1,276).....	7	5	50	11	20	1	0	1	1	2	2

— = ≤0.5% responded

^aLow = ≤5 high school and college science/math courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥9 courses.

NOTES: Responses to: *If you wanted to learn about scientific issues such as global warming or biotechnology, where would you get information?* Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2006).