

Appendix table 7-14
Public assessment of astrology, by respondent characteristic: Selected years, 1979–2004
 (Percent)

Characteristic	1979 (n = 1,635)	1981 (n = 1,631)	1985 (n = 2,005)	1988 (n = 2,041)	1990 (n = 2,033)	1992 (n = 1,004)	1995 (n = 2,006)	1997 (n = 2,000)	1999 (n = 1,882)	2001 (n = 1,574)	2004 (n = 2,010)
All adults											
Very scientific.....	7	10	8	6	6	6	7	7	7	9	6
Sort of scientific.....	34	35	31	31	29	29	28	29	29	31	26
Not at all scientific.....	50	51	57	60	60	62	60	59	59	56	66
Do not know.....	9	4	4	3	5	3	5	5	5	4	2
Male											
Very scientific.....	7	9	7	5	5	6	7	7	7	9	5
Sort of scientific.....	30	29	29	25	23	25	24	27	25	27	21
Not at all scientific.....	54	58	60	67	67	67	65	63	63	60	72
Do not know.....	9	4	4	3	5	2	4	3	5	3	1
Female											
Very scientific.....	8	10	9	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	6
Sort of scientific.....	37	41	32	37	35	32	32	31	32	36	31
Not at all scientific.....	46	44	55	53	55	58	55	55	56	52	62
Do not know.....	9	5	4	3	4	3	6	7	5	4	1.7
Formal Education											
<High school											
Very scientific.....	11	13	14	11	7	12	11	11	13	14	10
Sort of scientific.....	34	37	38	35	31	33	28	37	34	35	39
Not at all scientific.....	39	40	43	50	50	49	48	42	41	45	51
Do not know.....	16	10	5	4	12	6	13	10	12	6	1
High school graduate											
Very scientific.....	7	10	8	6	6	6	8	7	7	9	7
Sort of scientific.....	37	38	29	32	32	31	30	30	30	35	29
Not at all scientific.....	50	50	60	59	60	61	59	59	60	52	62
Do not know.....	6	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	4	2
Baccalaureate or higher											
Very scientific.....	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	4	1
Sort of scientific.....	20	25	25	23	18	17	22	19	19	21	17
Not at all scientific.....	71	69	70	74	77	78	74	76	76	74	81
Do not know.....	7	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	1
Family income (quartile)											
Top											
Very scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Sort of scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18
Not at all scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	82
Do not know.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Second											
Very scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5
Sort of scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25
Not at all scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	68
Do not know.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Third											
Very scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7
Sort of scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	29
Not at all scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	62
Do not know.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Bottom											
Very scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8
Sort of scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	35
Not at all scientific.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	57
Do not know.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1

NA = not available

NOTES: Responses to: *Would you say that astrology is very scientific, sort of scientific, or not at all scientific?* Some respondents did not provide information about highest level of education.

SOURCES: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (various years); and University of Michigan, Survey of Consumer Attitudes (2004).