

## Appendix table 7-23

**Perceived impartiality of various groups when making policy recommendations about public issues, by respondent characteristic: 2006**

(Mean impartiality score)

Characteristic	Global warming			Stem cell research			Federal income taxes			Genetically modified foods		
	Environmental scientists (n = 883)	Business leaders (n = 889)	Elected officials (n = 879)	Medical researchers (n = 883)	Religious leaders (n = 873)	Elected officials (n = 882)	Economists (n = 875)	Business leaders (n = 889)	Elected officials (n = 897)	Medical researchers (n = 888)	Business leaders (n = 883)	Elected officials (n = 884)
All adults .....	3.93	2.13	2.47	3.71	2.62	2.47	3.51	2.22	2.56	3.81	2.08	2.52
Sex												
Male .....	3.82	2.05	2.45	3.65	2.55	2.47	3.43	2.30	2.62	3.86	2.10	2.58
Female .....	4.01	2.19	2.49	3.76	2.68	2.47	3.56	2.16	2.50	3.77	2.07	2.48
Formal education												
<High school .....	3.94	2.46	2.78	3.80	2.69	2.56	3.05	2.35	2.73	3.46	2.45	2.62
High school graduate .....	3.86	2.12	2.42	3.67	2.71	2.42	3.36	2.17	2.53	3.79	2.08	2.50
Baccalaureate .....	4.03	2.09	2.58	3.79	2.60	2.66	3.97	2.29	2.72	4.00	1.95	2.61
Graduate/professional .....	4.12	1.83	2.19	3.66	1.97	2.33	3.89	2.23	2.22	3.97	1.93	2.38
Science/mathematics education <sup>a</sup>												
Low .....	3.91	2.27	2.55	3.76	2.76	2.41	3.22	2.20	2.57	3.68	2.15	2.55
Middle .....	3.90	1.95	2.42	3.79	2.61	2.53	3.72	2.39	2.60	3.95	2.11	2.53
High .....	4.07	1.99	2.41	3.57	2.30	2.56	3.98	2.15	2.45	4.02	1.87	2.44
Family income (quartile)												
Top .....	4.03	1.95	2.34	3.70	2.45	2.51	3.77	2.27	2.58	4.03	2.09	2.60
Second .....	3.90	2.18	2.42	3.63	2.47	2.41	3.46	2.16	2.59	3.82	2.08	2.50
Third .....	4.01	2.30	2.66	3.68	2.58	2.47	3.36	2.25	2.57	3.74	2.06	2.54
Bottom .....	3.88	2.13	2.51	3.84	2.85	2.53	3.45	2.32	2.52	3.56	2.12	2.51
Age (years)												
18–24 .....	4.06	2.15	2.86	3.73	2.76	2.62	3.94	2.05	3.05	4.27	1.90	2.85
25–34 .....	4.03	2.01	2.71	3.74	2.48	2.69	3.36	2.15	2.86	3.75	2.07	2.75
35–44 .....	4.00	2.08	2.38	3.79	2.70	2.60	3.51	2.18	2.43	3.82	2.08	2.52
45–54 .....	4.01	2.14	2.41	3.70	2.51	2.29	3.63	2.10	2.23	3.88	2.02	2.32
55–64 .....	3.66	2.01	2.05	3.54	2.43	2.11	3.46	2.42	2.42	3.73	2.10	2.33
65+ .....	3.74	2.43	2.54	3.74	2.91	2.57	3.24	2.51	2.55	3.55	2.31	2.46
Minor children at home												
Yes .....	4.02	1.97	2.36	3.77	2.73	2.45	3.56	2.27	2.66	4.00	2.13	2.61
No .....	3.88	2.20	2.53	3.68	2.56	2.49	3.48	2.20	2.50	3.71	2.05	2.47
Factual knowledge of science <sup>b</sup> (quartile)												
Top .....	3.95	1.83	2.33	3.58	2.21	2.36	3.94	2.18	2.47	4.07	1.91	2.46
Second .....	3.98	1.94	2.18	3.78	2.57	2.37	3.51	2.16	2.60	3.82	2.10	2.68
Third .....	4.01	2.42	2.78	3.81	2.78	2.61	3.37	2.27	2.61	3.78	1.99	2.29
Bottom .....	3.74	2.37	2.61	3.68	3.00	2.57	3.11	2.30	2.53	3.52	2.39	2.67

<sup>a</sup>Low = ≤5 high school and college science/math courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥9 courses.<sup>b</sup>See notes to appendix table 7-4 for explanation of "factual knowledge of science scale 1."

NOTES: Responses to: *When making policy recommendations about [public issue], to what extent do you think the following groups would support what is best for the country as a whole versus what serves their own narrow interests?* See chapter endnote 25 for full question wording. Mean impartiality score based on 5-point scale, where 5 = best for the country and 1 = own narrow interests. Questions on global warming and stem cell research asked of 928 survey respondents; questions on federal income taxes and genetically modified foods asked of 936 survey respondents. Number (n) of respondents varies by group within issue because mean impartiality score excludes responses of "don't know."

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