

Appendix table 7-5

Public assessment of astrology, by respondent characteristic: 1979–2001

Characteristic	1979	1981	1985	1988	1990	1992	1995	1997	1999	2001
	Percent									
All adults										
Very scientific	7	10	8	6	6	6	7	7	7	9
Sort of scientific	34	35	31	31	29	29	28	29	29	31
Not at all scientific	50	51	57	60	60	62	60	59	59	56
Do not know	9	4	4	3	5	3	5	5	5	4
Male										
Very scientific.....	7	9	7	5	5	6	7	7	7	9
Sort of scientific	30	29	29	25	23	25	24	27	25	27
Not at all scientific.....	54	58	60	67	67	67	65	63	63	60
Do not know.....	9	4	4	3	5	2	4	3	5	3
Female										
Very scientific.....	8	10	9	7	6	7	7	7	7	8
Sort of scientific	37	41	32	37	35	32	32	31	32	36
Not at all scientific.....	46	44	55	53	55	58	55	55	56	52
Do not know.....	9	5	4	3	4	3	6	7	5	4
Less than high school graduate										
Very scientific.....	11	13	14	11	7	12	11	11	13	14
Sort of scientific	34	37	38	35	31	33	28	37	34	35
Not at all scientific.....	39	40	43	50	50	49	48	42	41	45
Do not know.....	16	10	5	4	12	6	13	10	12	6
High school graduate										
Very scientific.....	7	10	8	6	6	6	8	7	7	9
Sort of scientific	37	38	29	32	32	31	30	30	30	35
Not at all scientific.....	50	50	60	59	60	61	59	59	60	52
Do not know.....	6	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	4
Baccalaureate or higher										
Very scientific.....	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	4
Sort of scientific	20	25	25	23	18	17	22	19	19	21
Not at all scientific.....	71	69	70	74	77	78	74	76	76	74
Do not know.....	7	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2
Attentive to science and technology^a										
Very scientific.....	8	9	7	3	6	15	8	7	12	4
Sort of scientific	28	34	27	29	21	23	24	29	23	25
Not at all scientific.....	60	54	62	66	72	58	65	62	64	68
Do not know.....	4	3	4	2	1	4	3	2	1	2
	Number									
Sample size										
All adults	1,635	1,631	2,005	2,041	2,033	1,004	2,006	2,000	1,882	1,574
Male	773	775	950	958	964	486	953	930	900	751
Female.....	862	856	1,054	1,084	1,070	533	1,053	1,070	982	823
Less than high school graduate.....	465	404	507	530	495	215	418	420	403	116
High school graduate	932	941	1,147	1,158	1,202	623	1,196	1,188	1,111	834
Baccalaureate or higher	238	282	349	353	336	203	392	392	368	614
Attentive to science and technology ..	154	208	235	233	229	105	195	288	216	195

^aVery interested in science and technology issues, very well informed about science and technology, and a regular reader of a daily newspaper or relevant national magazine.

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

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology, various years.