Appendix

Fig. 1 was created using data available via Gallup, both through Gallup Analytics and additional Gallup data tables. Gallup provides yearly information on trust for all three branches and the Supreme Court starting in 1997 and ending in 2025.

	Federal Branches	**Supreme Court**
Gallup Analytics[101]	*Data Source:* Social Series *Geographies:* United States *Metrics:* Governance *Question:*Trust -- Legislative branch; Trust -- Executive branch; Trust -- Judicial branch; Trust -- Legislative branch *Demographics:* Aggregate *Time:* Time Range (2025-2001)	*Data Source:* Social Series *Geographies:* United States *Metrics:* Confidence in Institutions *Question:* U.S. Supreme Court *Demographics*: Aggregate *Time:* Time Range (2025-1997)
Additional Gallup Data Views Needed	For the federal branches, Gallup Analytics only went back to 2001, so data is supplemented with additional data tables available via Gallup News for 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.[102]	
Question Respondents Answered	How much trust and confidence do you have at this time in [the executive branch headed by the president // The judicial branch headed by the U.S. Supreme Court // The legislative branch, consisting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives] -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?[103]	Now I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one -- a great deal, quite a lot, some or very little? The Supreme Court[104]

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[101] *Gallup Analytics*, GALLUP, https://analyticscampus-gallup-com.us1.proxy.openathens.net/Tables/.
[102] Jones, *supra* note 4.
[103] *Id.*
[104] *Supreme Court*, GALLUP, https://news.gallup.com/poll/4732/SupremeCourt.aspx.

Using the methods above, resulted in the below raw data, which was reflected in *Fig. 1*.

Year	Executive	Legislative	Judicial Branch	Supreme Court
2025	41	32	49	27
2024	40	34	48	30
2023	41	32	49	27
2022	43	38	47	25
2021	44	37	54	36
2020	43	33	67	40
2019	45	38	69	38
2018	42	40	68	37
2017	45	35	68	40
2016	51	35	61	36
2015	45	32	53	32
2014	43	28	61	30
2013	51	34	62	34
2012	56	34	67	37
2011	47	31	63	37
2010	49	36	66	36
2009	61	45	76	39
2008	42	47	69	32
2007	43	50	69	34
2006	46	56	69	40
2005	52	62	68	41
2004	58	60	65	46
2003	60	63	67	47
2002	72	67	75	50
2001	63	65	74	50
2000	65	68	75	47
1999	64	57	80	49
1998	63	61	78	50
1997	62	54	71	50