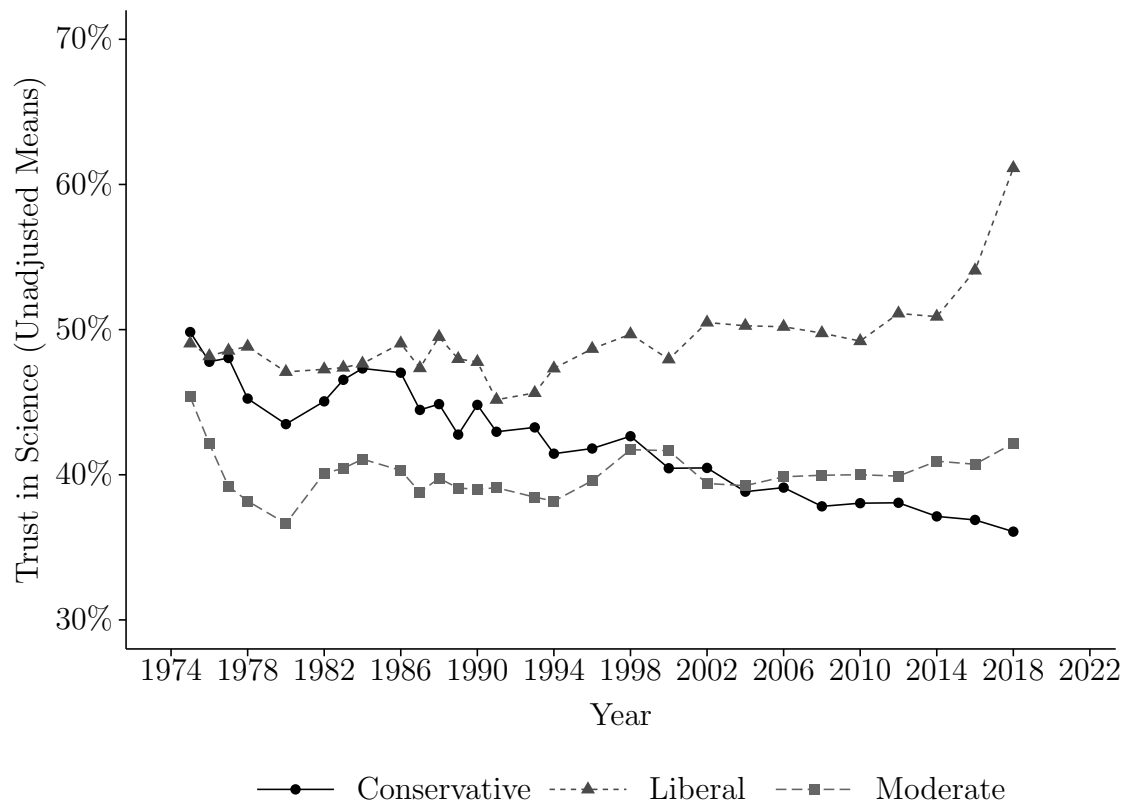


**Table 1.** Descriptive Statistics, General Social Survey 1974 to 2021 ( $N = 35940$ )

Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Confidence in Science	0.44		0.00	1.00
Female	0.54		0.00	1.00
Non-White	0.18		0.00	1.00
Education (yrs)	13.21	3.04	0.00	20.00
High School	0.51		0.00	1.00
Bachelor	0.17		0.00	1.00
Graduate	0.08		0.00	1.00
South	0.34		0.00	1.00
Church Attendance	0.31	0.46	0.00	1.00
Family Income	32993.22	30220.73	218.00	162607.00
Age	45.14	16.77	18.00	88.00
Independent	0.36		0.00	1.00
Republican	0.25		0.00	1.00
Moderate	0.38		0.00	1.00
Conservative	0.14		0.00	1.00
Post-Reagan (1981-2021)	0.80		0.00	1.00
Bush (2001-2008)	0.12		0.00	1.00
Post-Trump (2017-2021)	0.10		0.00	1.00
COVID-19	0.06		0.00	1.00
Cohort	1950.63	20.76	1886.00	2003.00

**Figure 1.** Unadjusted Means of Public Trust in Science for Each Survey Year by Political Ideology



Note: Figure shows three-year moving averages for each group, which smooth the patterns