

# Extension of Gauchat (2012)—Politicization of Science in the Public Sphere: A Study of Public Trust in the United States, 1974 to 2021 [Draft]

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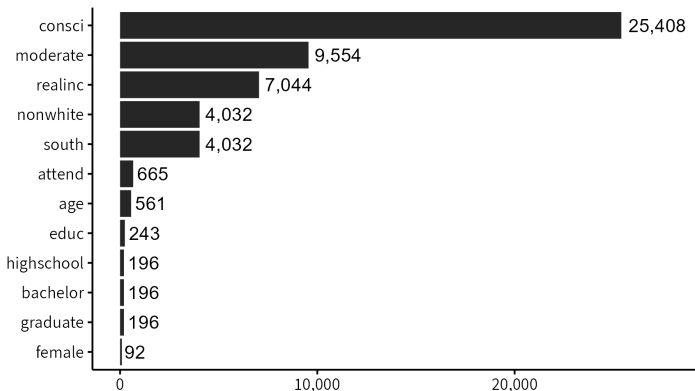
# Missing Values

# Missing Values Summary (1)

## Number of Missing Values

Plot only shows variables with missing values

(Total number of observations: 68,846 )

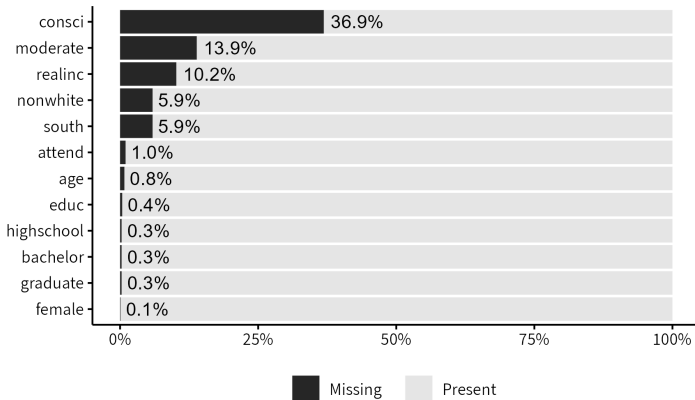


GSS 2021 (4,032 observations) did not include "race" and "region" variables.

# Missing Values Summary (2)

## Fraction of Missing Values

Plot only shows variables with missing values



GSS 2021 (4,032 observations) did not include "race" and "region" variables.

# Comparison of Data With(out) Missing Income Values

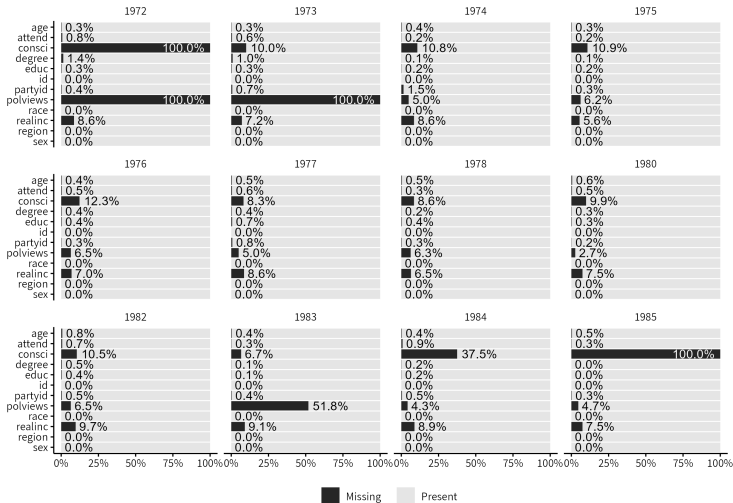
## Data Without Missing Values vs. Data with Missing Income Values

Plot only shows binary dummy variables



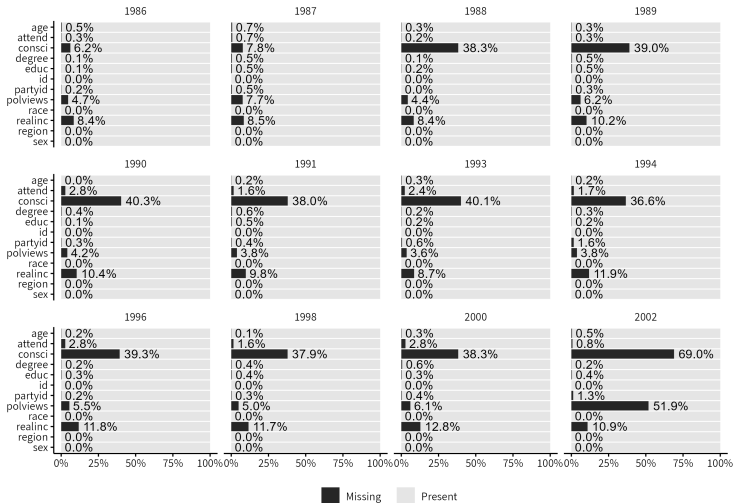
# Missing Values by Year (1)

Fraction of Missing Values (1)



# Missing Values by Year (2)

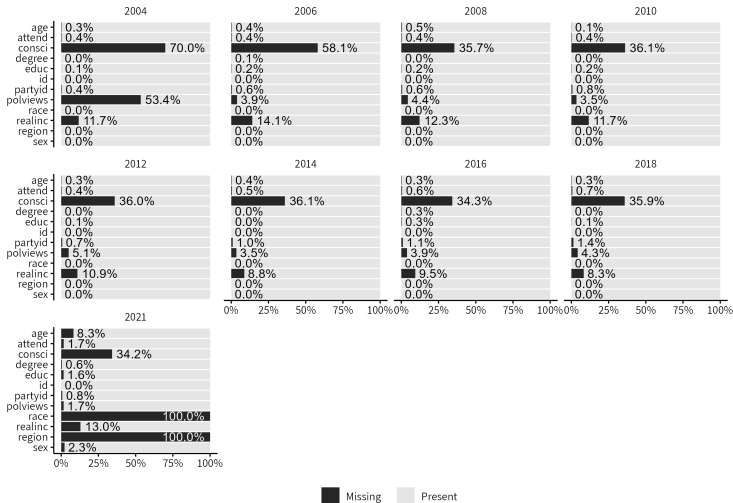
Fraction of Missing Values (2)





# Missing Values by Year (3)

Fraction of Missing Values (3)



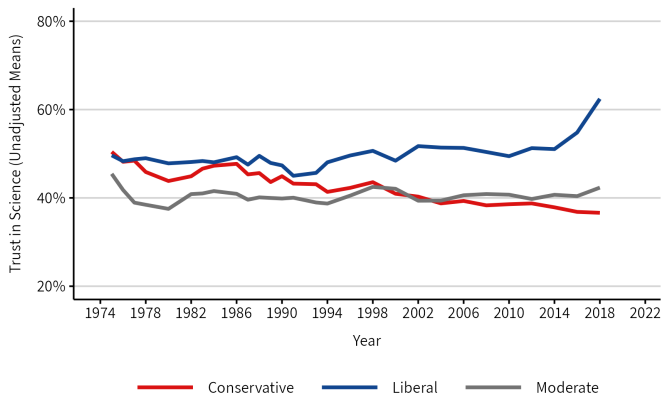
# Aggregate Statistics

# Confidence in Science by Political Ideology Over Time (1)

Cleaned Sample

## Public Trust in Science for Each Survey Year by Political Ideology

Three-period moving averages for each group to smooth the patterns overtime

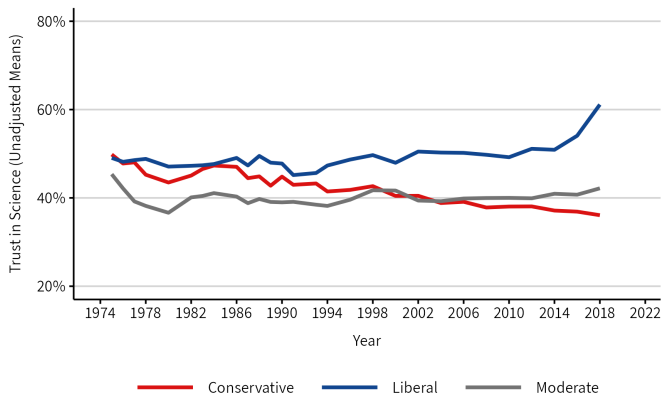


# Confidence in Science by Political Ideology Over Time (2)

Pre-Cleaned Sample Including Missing Values

## Public Trust in Science for Each Survey Year by Political Ideology

Three-period moving averages for each group to smooth the patterns overtime

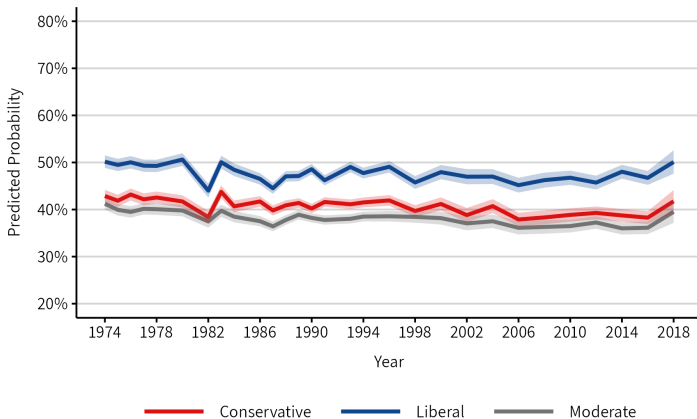


# Predictive Analysis

# Predicted Trust in Science, *Excluding* 2021 (1)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

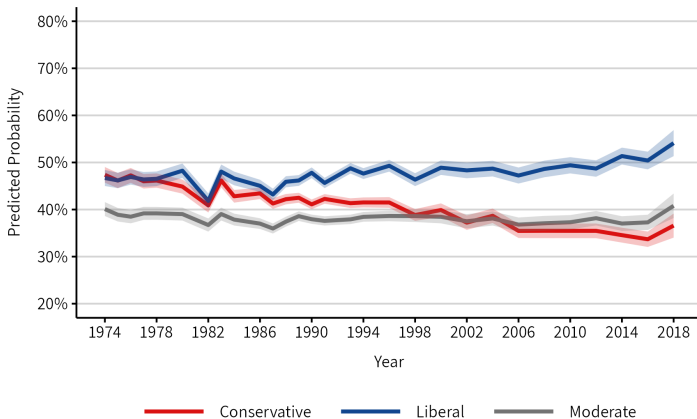
Model 1 (Excluding 2020/2021)



# Predicted Trust in Science, *Excluding* 2021 (2)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

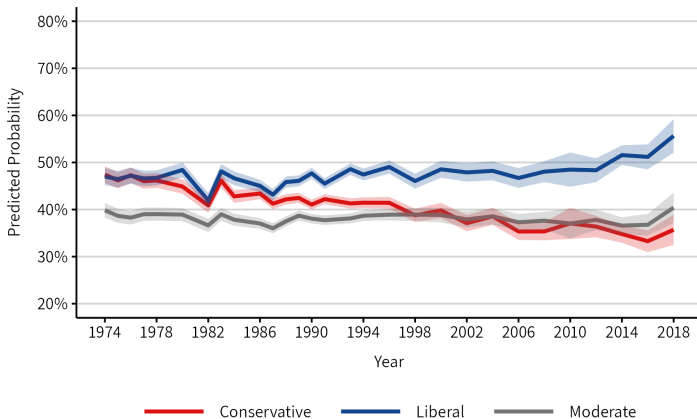
Model 2 (Excluding 2020/2021)



# Predicted Trust in Science, *Excluding* 2021 (3)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

Model 2 Variation (Excluding 2020/2021)

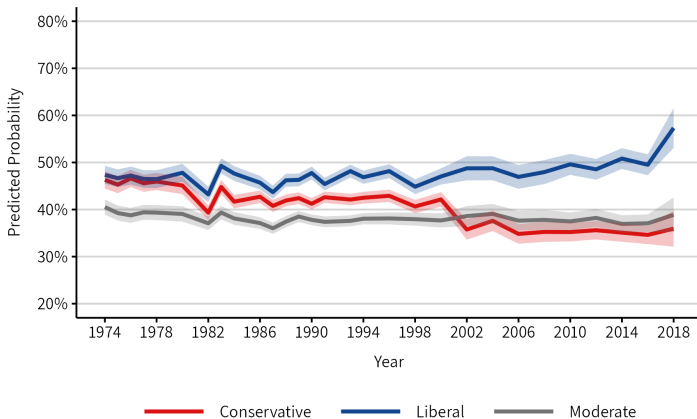




# Predicted Trust in Science, *Excluding* 2021 (4)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

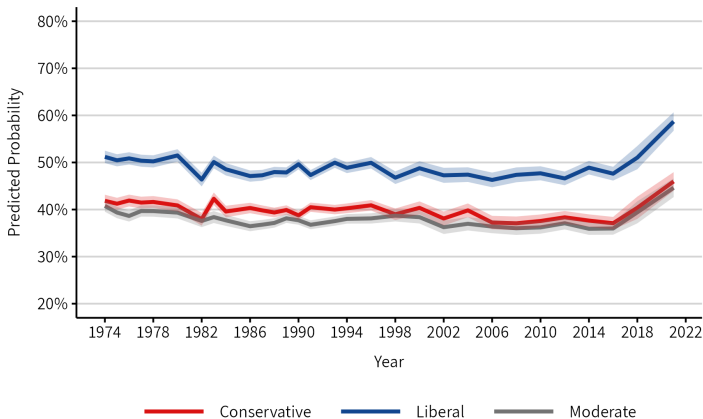
Model 3 (Excluding 2020/2021)



# Predicted Trust in Science, *Including* 2021 (1)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

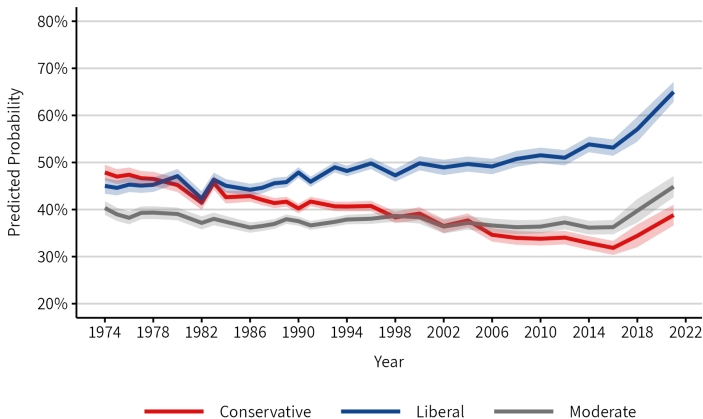
Model 4 (Including 2020/2021)



# Predicted Trust in Science, *Including* 2021 (2)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

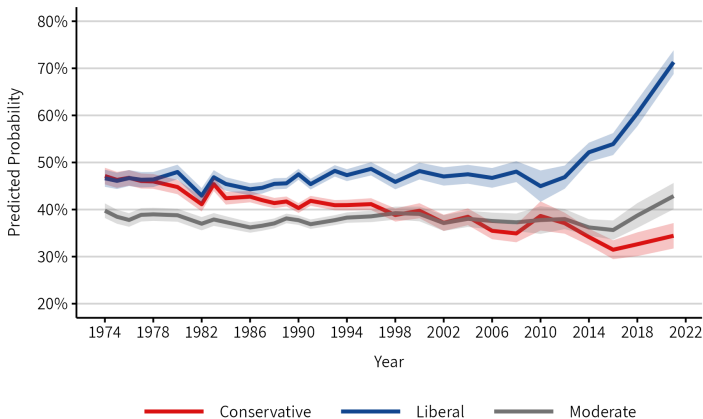
Model 5 (Including 2020/2021)



# Predicted Trust in Science, *Including* 2021 (3)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

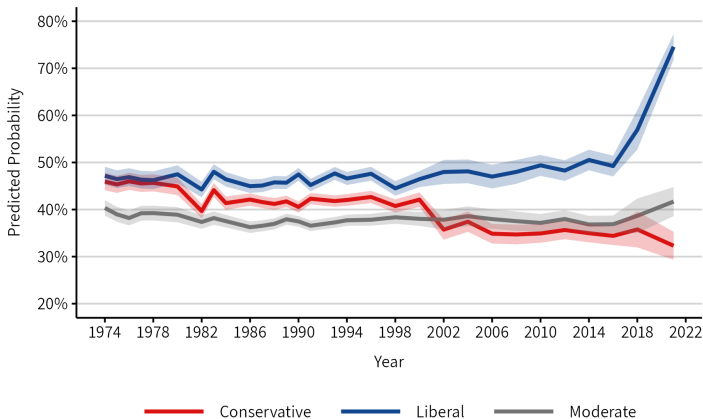
Model 5 Variation (Including 2020/2021)



# Predicted Trust in Science, *Including* 2021 (4)

## Predicted Probability of Sharing "a great deal" of Confidence in Science

Model 6 (Including 2020/2021)



# Appendix

Please find the data sets, scripts, and other supporting files and documents in the project's GitHub repository at <https://github.com/clemensheithecker/bachelor-thesis>.

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