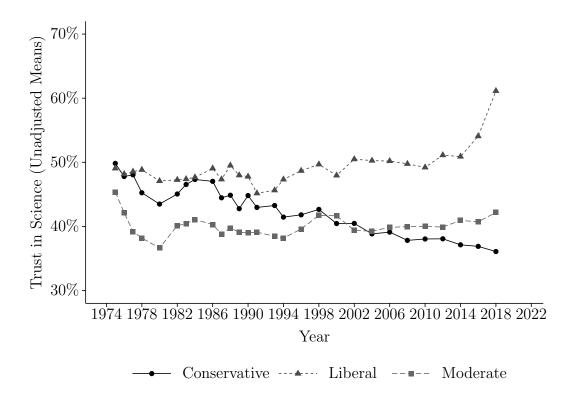
Table 1. Descriptive Statistics, General Social Survey 1974 to 2021 (N=35940)

| 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