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# Millennials in Adulthood

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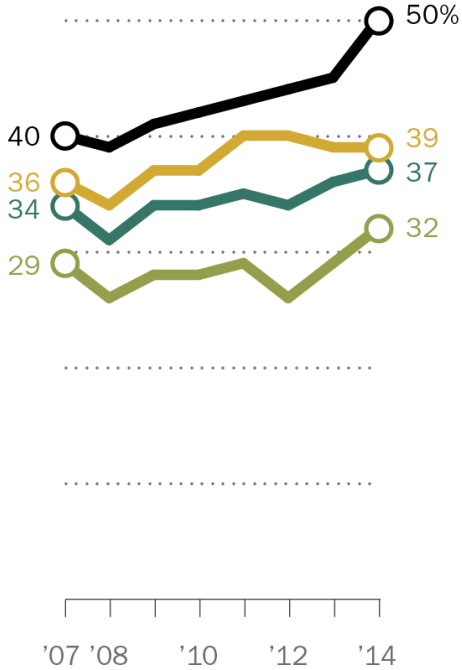
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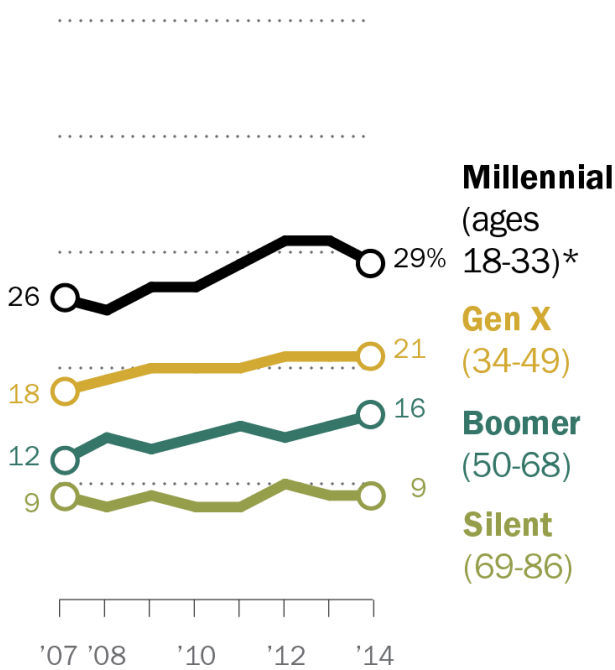
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# Millennials: Unmoored from Institutions

*Percent who consider themselves political independents*



*Percent of adults in each generation who are religiously unaffiliated*

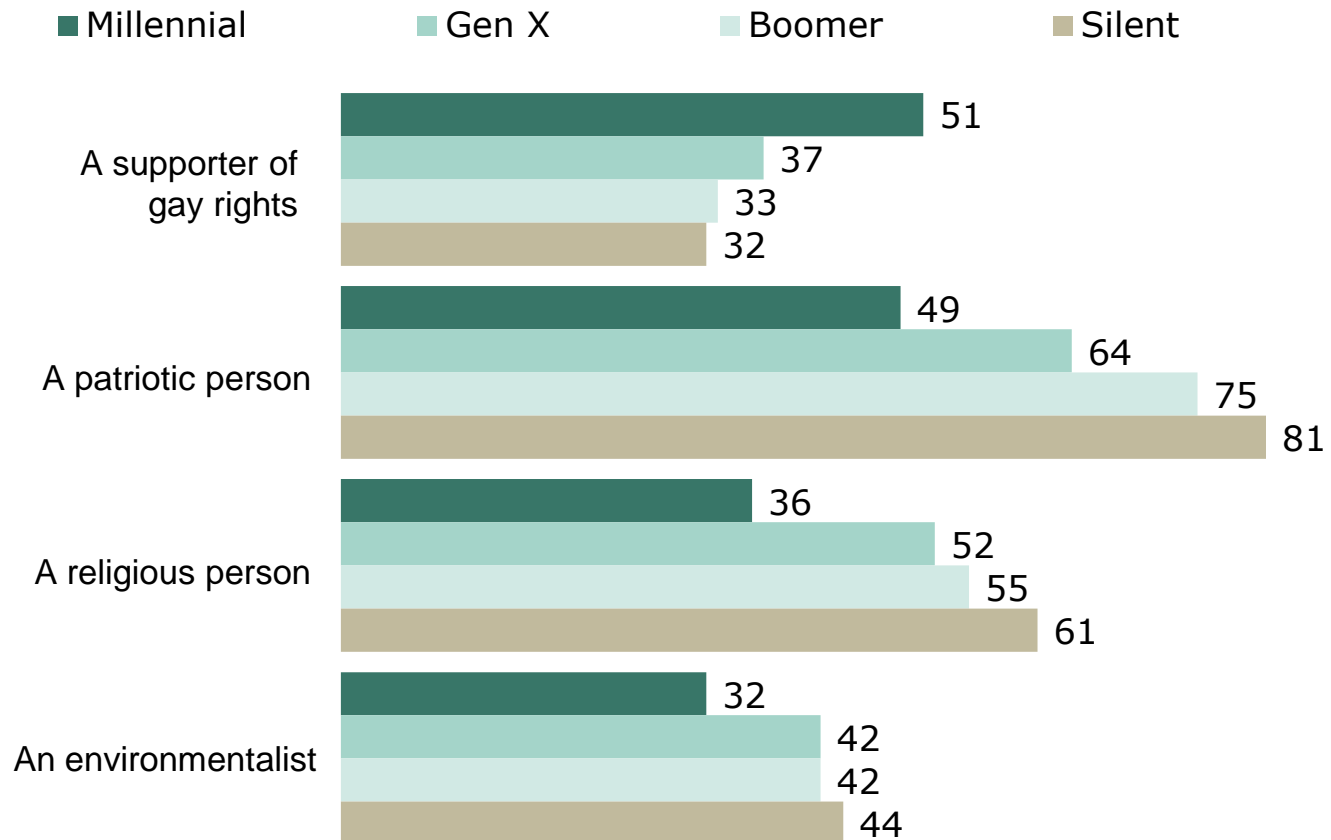


**Millennial**  
(ages 18-33)\*  
**Gen X**  
(34-49)  
**Boomer**  
(50-68)  
**Silent**  
(69-86)

\* Age ranges are for 2014  
Source: Data points represent totals based on all Pew Research surveys of the general public conducted in that calendar year.

# How the Generations See Themselves

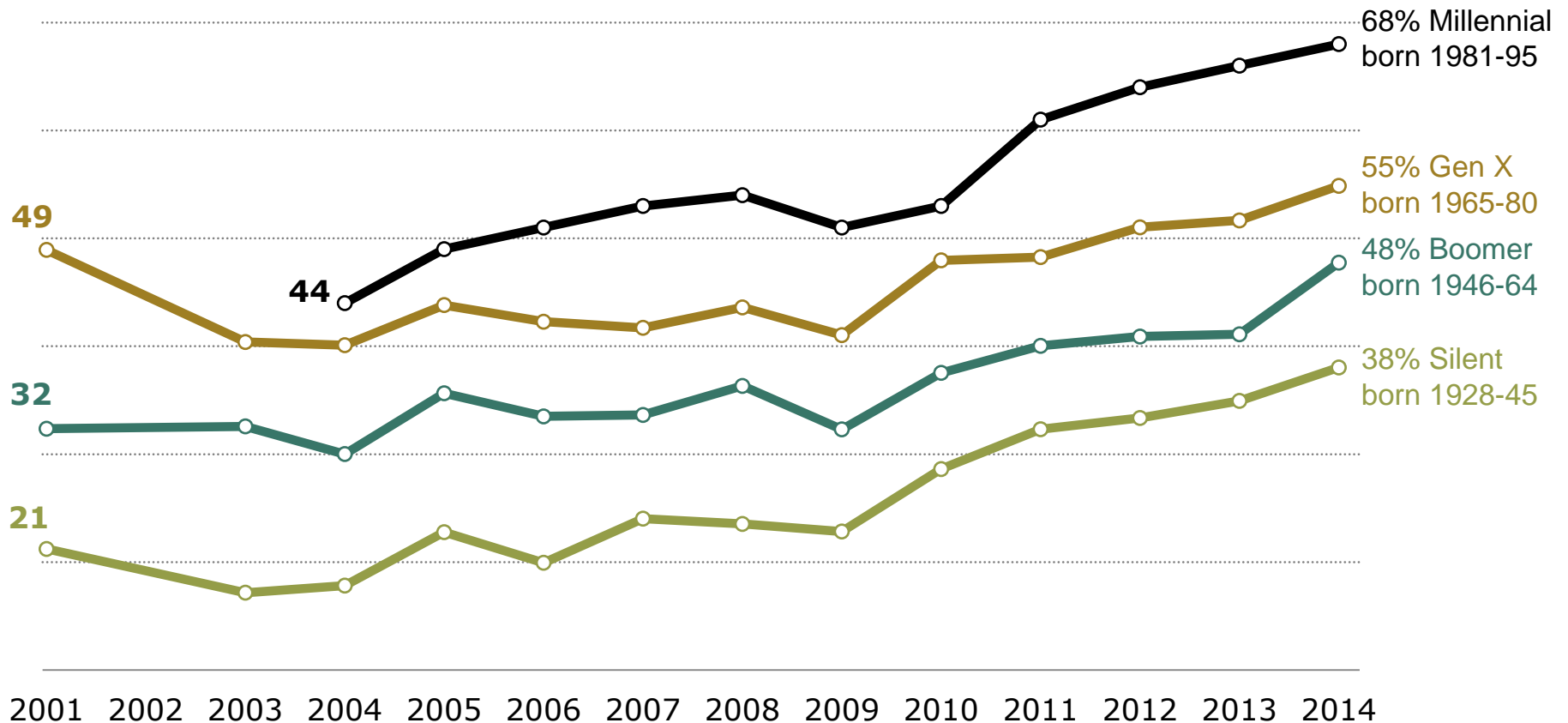
*% saying ... describes them very well*



Note: Percentages reflect those who rated each description 8-10 on a scale of 1-10 where "10" is a perfect description and "1" is totally wrong.  
Source: Pew Research survey, Feb. 14-23, 2014

# Growing Support for Same-Sex Marriage across Generations

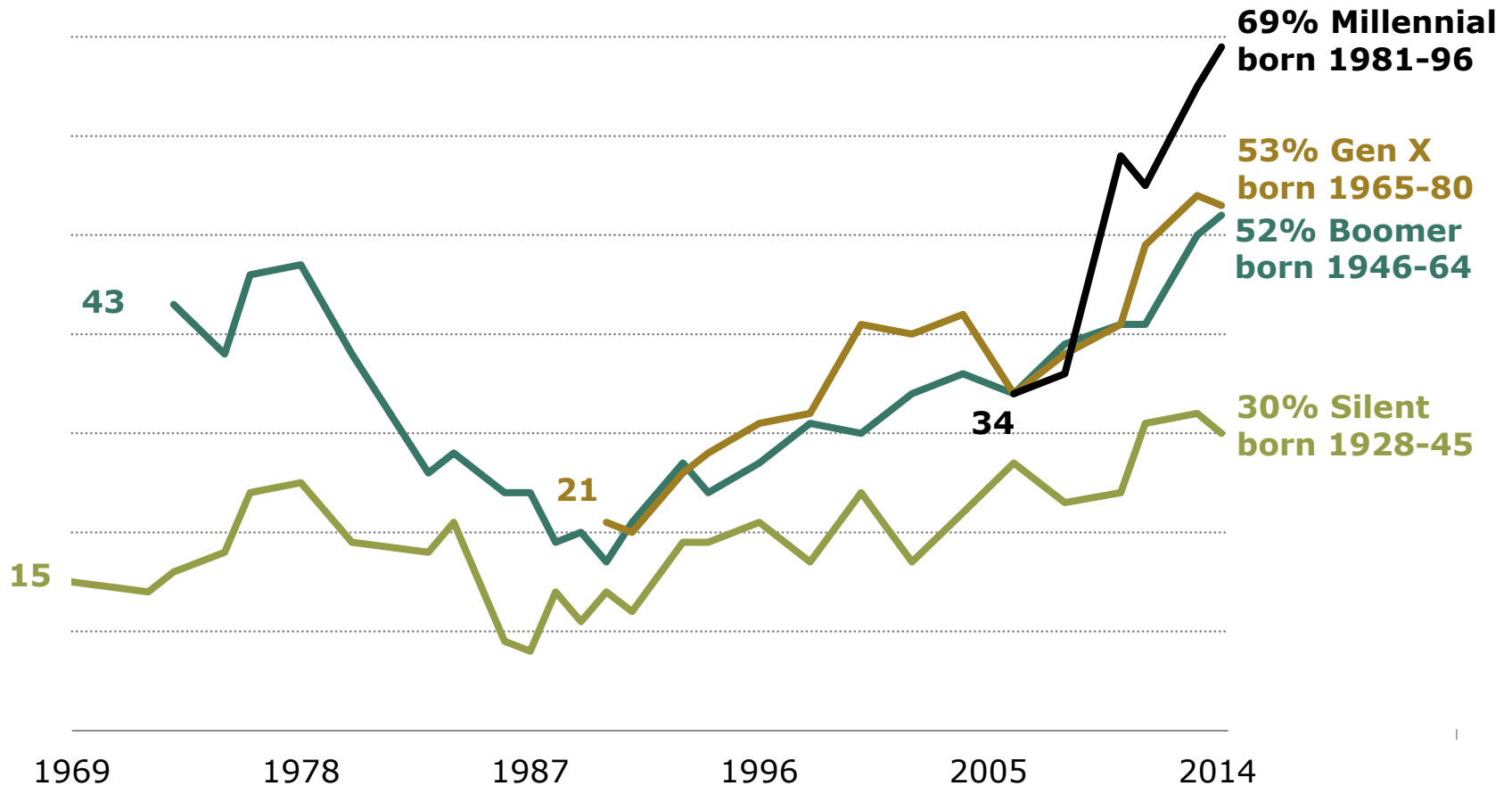
*% of each generation who favor allowing gays and lesbians to marry*



Source: Data points represent totals based on all Pew Research surveys of the general public conducted in that calendar year

# Growing Support for Marijuana Legalization

*% saying use of marijuana should be made legal*

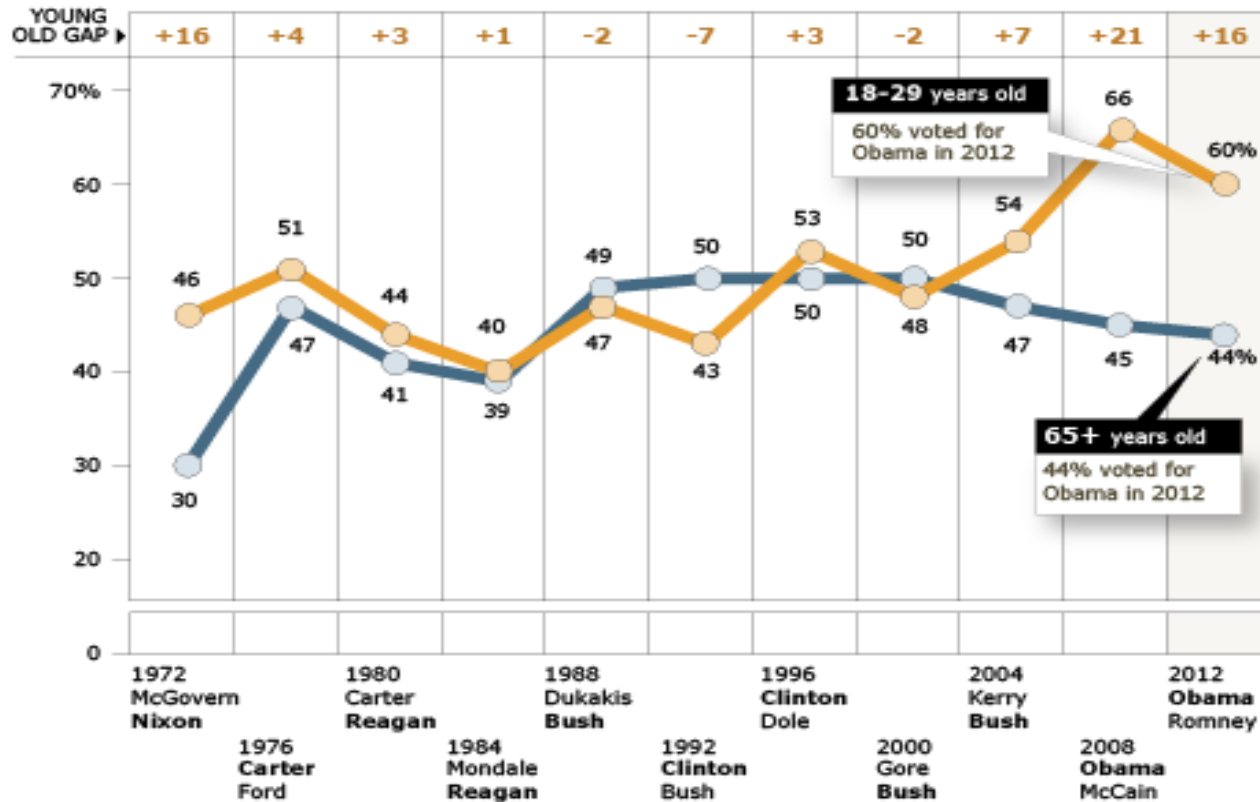


Note: Generational lines shown when significant sample is available.

Source: Pew Research survey, Feb. 12-26, 2014. 1973-2008 data from General Social Survey; 1969 and 1972 data from Gallup

# The Young/Old Voting Gap, 1972-2012

*% voting for Democratic candidate*

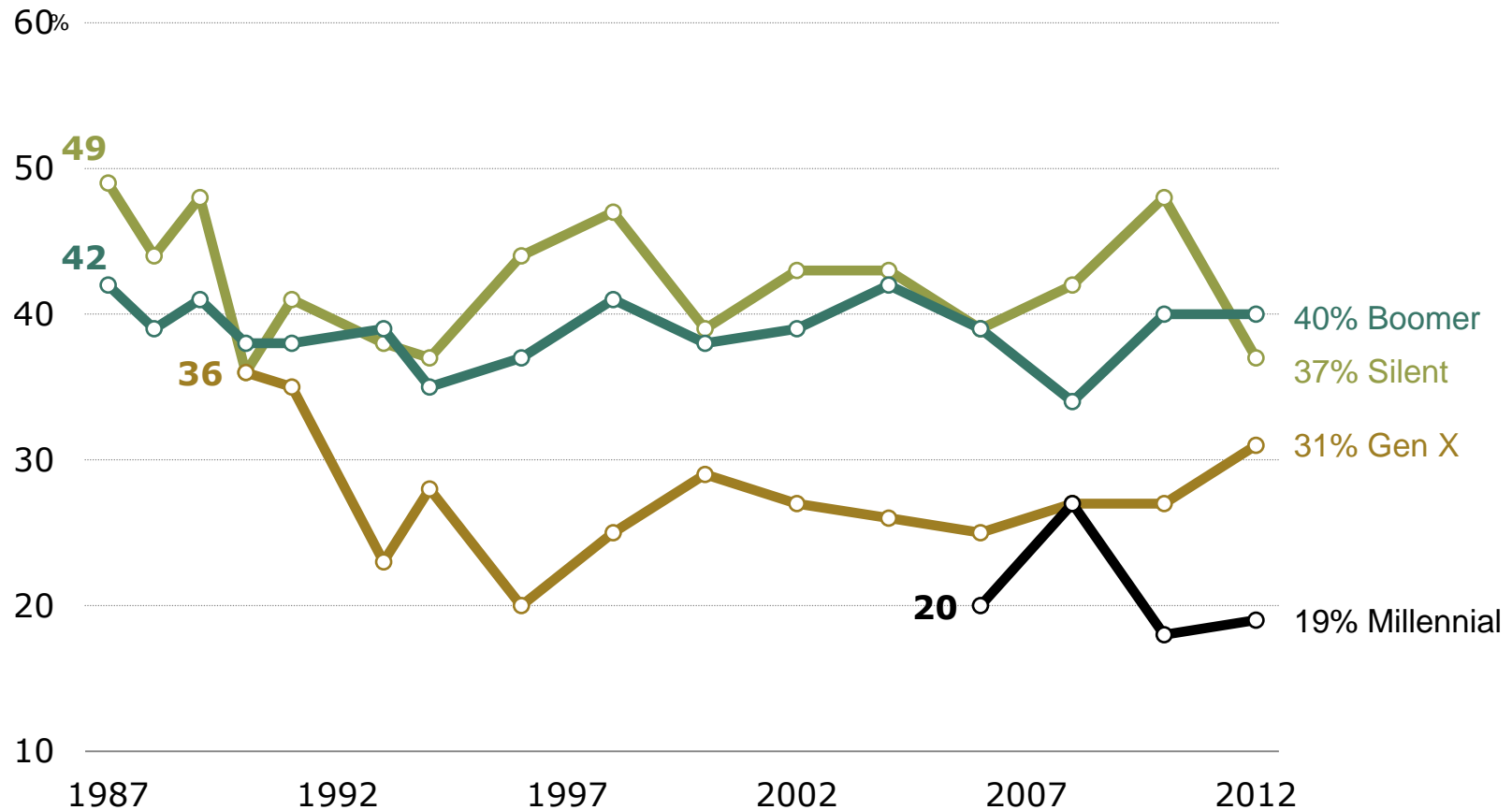


Note: From 1972 through 1988 oldest age category is 60 and older.

Source: Based on exit polls. 1972 and 1976: CBS. 1980-1988: CBS/New York Times. 1992: Voter Research & Surveys. 1996 and 2000: Voter News Service. 2004-2012: National Election Pool

# Millennials Less Trusting of Others

*% saying that, generally speaking, most people can be trusted*



Question wording: "Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?"

Source: General Social Survey data, 1987-2012