

Appendix table 7-8

## Public confidence in leadership of various institutions: 1973–2002

Institution	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1980	1982	1983	1984	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1993	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002
	Percent																					
Medicine.....	54	60	50	54	51	46	52	45	51	50	46	52	51	46	46	48	39	41	45	44	44	37
Scientific community .....	37	45	39	43	41	36	41	38	41	44	39	45	39	40	37	41	37	38	39	40	41	39
Military .....	32	40	35	39	36	29	28	31	29	36	31	34	34	32	33	60	42	37	37	36	39	55
U.S. Supreme Court .....	31	33	31	35	35	28	25	30	27	33	30	36	35	34	35	37	31	30	28	37	32	37
Banks and financial institutions.....	—	—	32	39	42	33	32	27	24	31	21	27	27	19	18	12	15	18	25	26	29	22
Major companies.....	29	31	19	22	27	22	27	23	24	30	24	30	25	24	25	20	21	25	23	26	28	18
Organized religion.....	35	44	24	30	40	31	35	32	28	31	25	29	20	22	23	25	23	24	25	27	28	19
Education .....	37	49	31	37	41	28	30	33	29	28	28	35	29	30	27	30	22	25	23	27	27	25
Executive Branch of Federal Government.....	29	14	13	13	28	12	12	19	13	18	21	18	16	20	23	26	12	11	10	14	13	27
Organized labor .....	15	18	10	12	15	11	15	12	8	8	8	10	10	9	11	11	8	10	11	11	13	12
Congress.....	23	17	13	14	19	13	9	13	10	12	16	16	15	17	15	18	7	8	8	11	12	13
Press .....	23	26	24	28	25	20	22	18	13	17	18	18	18	17	15	16	11	8	11	9	10	10
Television .....	18	23	18	19	17	14	16	14	12	13	15	12	14	14	14	14	12	9	10	10	10	10
Average <sup>a</sup> .....	30	33	26	29	31	24	26	26	24	27	25	28	26	25	25	29	22	22	23	24	25	25
	Number																					
Sample size.....	1,504	1,484	1,490	1,499	1,530	1,532	1,468	1,506	1,599	989	1,470	1,466	997	1,035	899	1,017	1,057	2,011	1,925	1,911	1,887	912

— not asked

<sup>a</sup>Does not include banks and financial institutions.

NOTES: Percents represent respondents expressing a "great deal of confidence" when asked the following question: *As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say that you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?* The survey was not conducted in 1979 and 1981 and was conducted every other year from 1994 through 2002; the question was not asked in 1985.

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