



APPENDIX TABLE 7-28 

Public confidence in institutional leaders, by type of institution: 1973–2016

(Percent)

Year (number)	Military	Scientific community	Medicine	Education	U.S. Supreme Court	Organized religion	Major companies	Banks and financial institutions	Organized labor	Executive branch of the federal government	Television	Press	Congress	Mean ^a
2016 (<i>n</i> = 1,956)	53	40	36	26	26	20	18	14	13	13	10	8	6	22.3
2014 (<i>n</i> = 2,130)	49	41	37	23	20	17	16	13	11	10	9	7	5	20.3
2012 (<i>n</i> = 3,258)	53	41	40	25	27	19	16	11	12	14	9	8	6	22.4
2010 (<i>n</i> = 3,278)	52	40	41	26	30	18	12	10	11	16	11	9	10	23.0
2008 (<i>n</i> = 2,390)	48	38	40	28	29	20	16	20	11	10	9	8	10	22.3
2006 (<i>n</i> = 1,989)	47	41	40	28	33	24	18	30	12	16	9	10	12	24.1
2004 (<i>n</i> = 876)	58	42	38	28	31	23	19	29	13	22	10	9	15	25.5
2002 (<i>n</i> = 912)	56	37	37	26	36	19	17	22	12	27	9	10	14	25.0
2000 (<i>n</i> = 1,896)	40	41	44	27	32	28	28	29	13	14	10	10	13	25.0



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1998 (<i>n</i> = 1,911)	36	40	45	27	31	27	26	26	11	13	10	9	10	23.8
1996 (<i>n</i> = 1,925)	39	40	45	23	28	25	24	24	11	10	11	11	7	22.8
1994 (<i>n</i> = 2,011)	37	39	42	26	31	25	26	18	11	11	10	10	8	23.0
1993 (<i>n</i> = 1,057)	41	37	40	22	30	23	21	14	8	11	12	11	7	21.8
1991 (<i>n</i> = 1,017)	61	40	48	30	37	25	20	12	11	27	15	16	18	28.8
1990 (<i>n</i> = 899)	33	38	45	27	34	23	26	17	11	24	14	14	16	25.3
1989 (<i>n</i> = 1,035)	33	41	47	30	35	22	25	19	9	20	14	17	18	25.8
1988 (<i>n</i> = 997)	35	39	52	30	35	21	25	27	11	16	14	19	16	26.0
1987 (<i>n</i> = 1,819)	35	41	51	36	35	30	28	27	12	17	12	19	16	27.5
1986 (<i>n</i> = 1,470)	31	39	47	28	30	25	25	21	9	21	15	19	16	25.4
1984 (<i>n</i> = 989)	36	44	51	28	33	30	30	30	8	19	13	17	13	26.9



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1983 (n = 1,599)	30	42	52	28	27	29	24	23	8	14	12	13	10	24.1
1982 (n = 1,860)	29	35	45	35	30	33	21	26	13	17	15	18	13	25.3
1980 (n = 1,468)	28	41	53	30	24	35	27	32	15	12	15	22	9	26.0
1978 (n = 1,532)	30	36	46	28	29	31	21	32	11	12	14	20	13	24.1
1977 (n = 1,530)	36	41	53	40	36	40	27	42	15	27	18	25	19	31.4
1976 (n = 1,499)	40	42	54	37	34	30	21	39	12	13	18	28	13	28.6
1975 (n = 1,490)	35	37	51	31	30	24	19	31	10	13	18	24	13	25.4
1974 (n = 1,484)	39	45	61	49	33	45	31	NA	19	14	23	25	17	33.4
1973 (n = 1,504)	32	37	54	37	31	34	29	NA	15	29	18	23	23	30.1

NA = not available; question was not asked.

^a Excludes banks and financial institutions.

Note(s)



Respondents expressing "great deal of confidence" when asked *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?* Sample size is not exact for all institutions. Table includes all years for which data were collected. Data in institution columns are rounded and may not work out to average shown in Mean column.

Source(s)

NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (1973–2016).

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