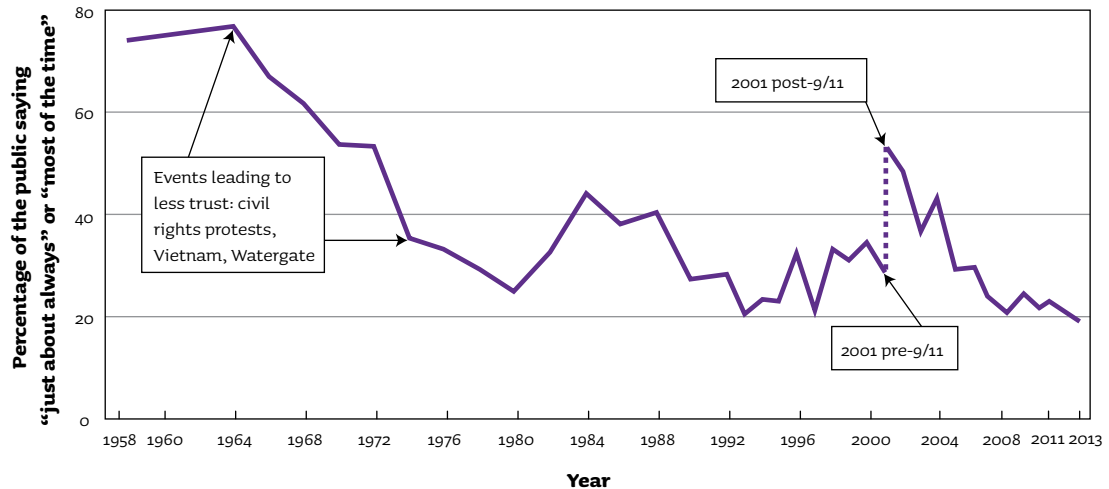


FIGURE 11.2 TRUST IN GOVERNMENT, 1958-2013

Question: How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right?—Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?



Public levels of trust in government response to major political events

Sources: National Election Studies, 1958–2000; various polls from the Roper Center, 1994–2004. Yearly averages calculated by the authors with separate averages for 2001 (before and after September 11). Data from 2005 are gathered from seventy-one national polls accessed from the Roper Center. These include polls from CBS News/*New York Times*, CNN/*Opinion Research/USA Today*, NBC/*Wall Street Journal*, Pew Research Center, Quinnipiac University Polls, Kaiser/NPR, and AP/Gfk Polls.