

TABLE 8.1

Confidence in Institutions

I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one—a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?

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	GREAT DEAL %	QUITE A LOT %	SOME %	VERY LITTLE %	NONE %	NO OPINION %	GREAT DEAL & QUITE A LOT %
The Military	43	32	18	5	1	1	75
Small Business	30	33	29	6	–	–	63
The Police	26	30	28	15	1	–	56
Church/Organized Religion	25	19	29	22	4	1	44
The Medical System	20	21	34	23	3	–	41
U.S. Supreme Court	15	22	38	20	2	3	37
The President	17	20	27	32	4	1	37
Public Schools	11	18	40	28	2	1	29
Newspapers	10	15	41	29	3	2	25
Banks	9	12	42	33	2	1	21
Television News	11	10	39	34	4	1	21
Organized Labor	11	10	37	34	4	4	21
Big Business	9	12	40	34	4	2	21
HMOs	8	11	44	29	3	6	19
U.S. Congress	6	7	34	47	5	1	13