

# Ipsos MORI Veracity Index 2021

*Trust in professions  
survey*

# Technical note

*This year's Veracity Index has been conducted using a telephone survey. Typically the index uses face-to-face fieldwork but the 2020 and 2021 data has been collected over the phone due to the pandemic.*

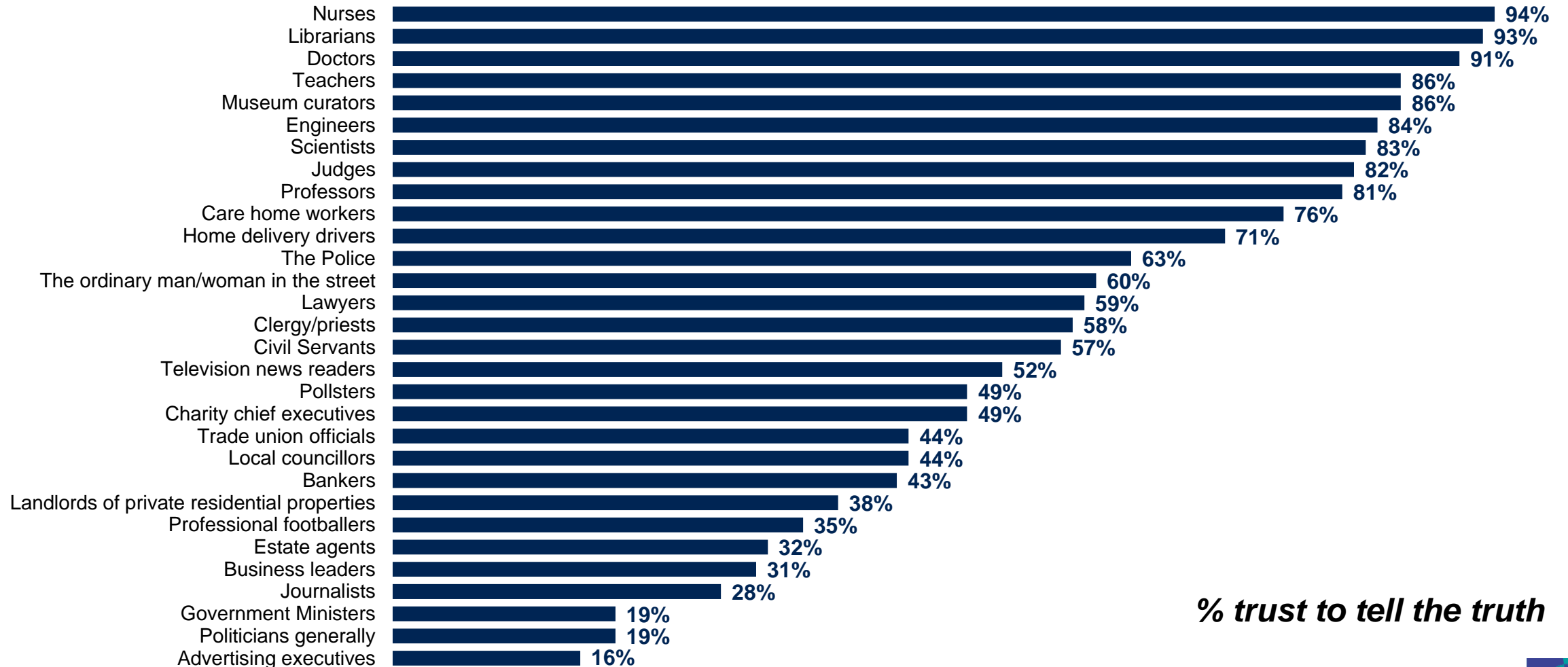
*Mode effects should be kept in mind when comparing the results with previous years' data, especially when differences are close to the margin of error.*

*This year's survey was carried out over two waves of a telephone omnibus survey: one with 1,007 British adults aged 18+ between 29 October and 4 November and the second with 1,009 British adults aged 18+ between 5 and 10 November 2021.*

*Data are weighted to the population profile. Where percentages do not sum to 100 this may be due to computer rounding.*

# Veracity Index 2021 – all professions

“Now I will read you a list of different types of people. For each would you tell me if you generally trust them to tell the truth, or not?”



**% trust to tell the truth**

Base: 1,007 and 1,009 British adults aged 18+, interviewed by telephone 29 Oct – 4 Nov and 5 – 10 November 2021

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# The five most trusted professions, 2021

*% trust to tell the truth:*

*2020  
score:*



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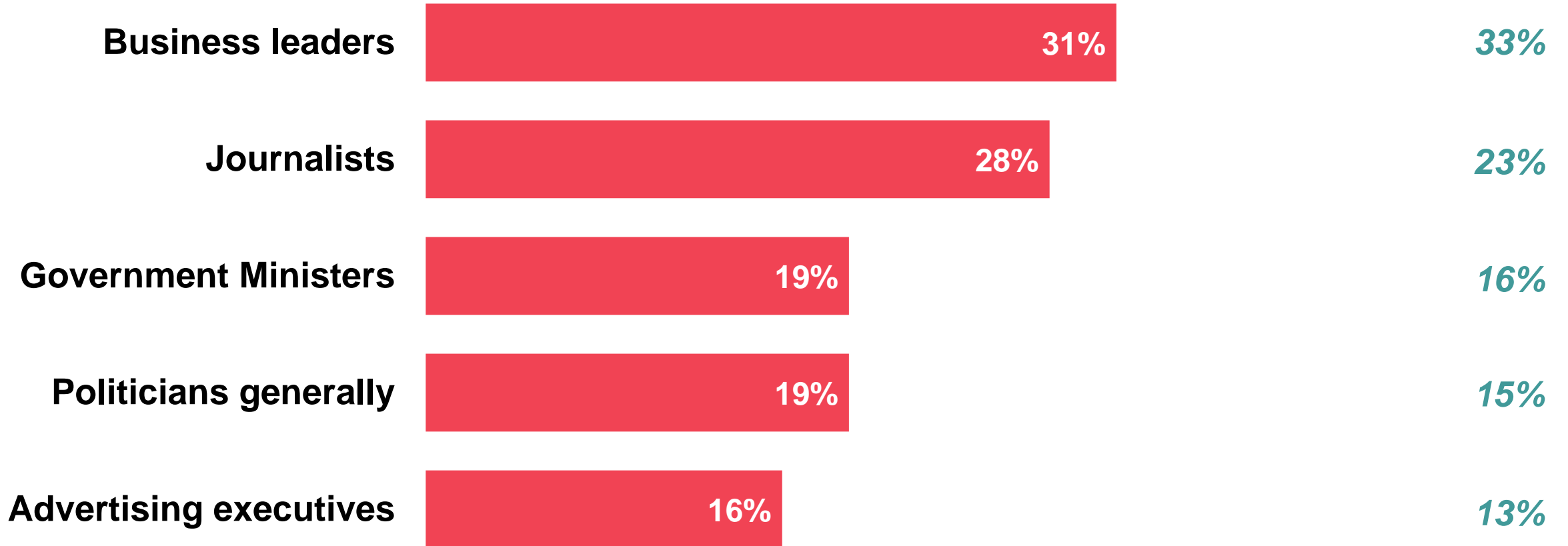
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# The five least trusted professions, 2021

*% trust to tell the truth:*

*2020  
score:*



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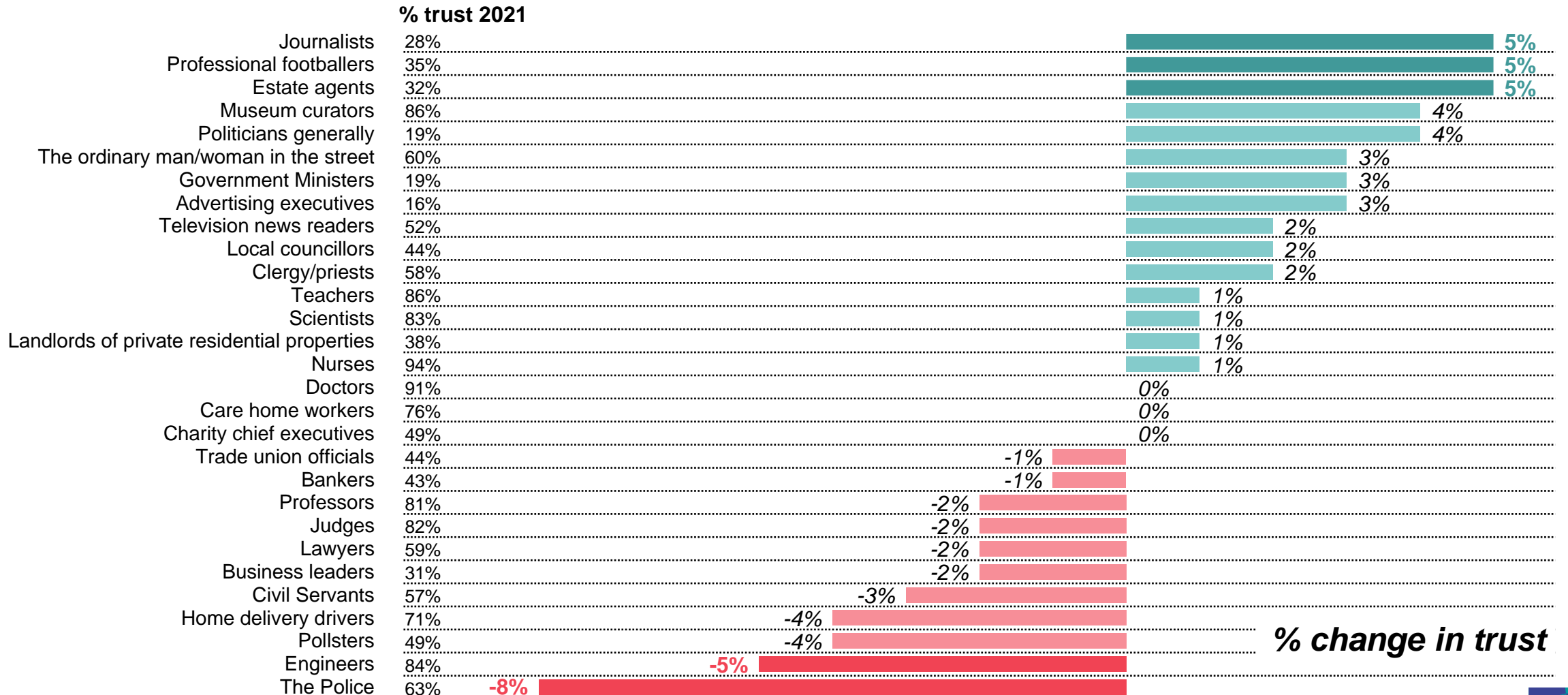
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# Veracity Index 2021 – change in trust, 2020-2021

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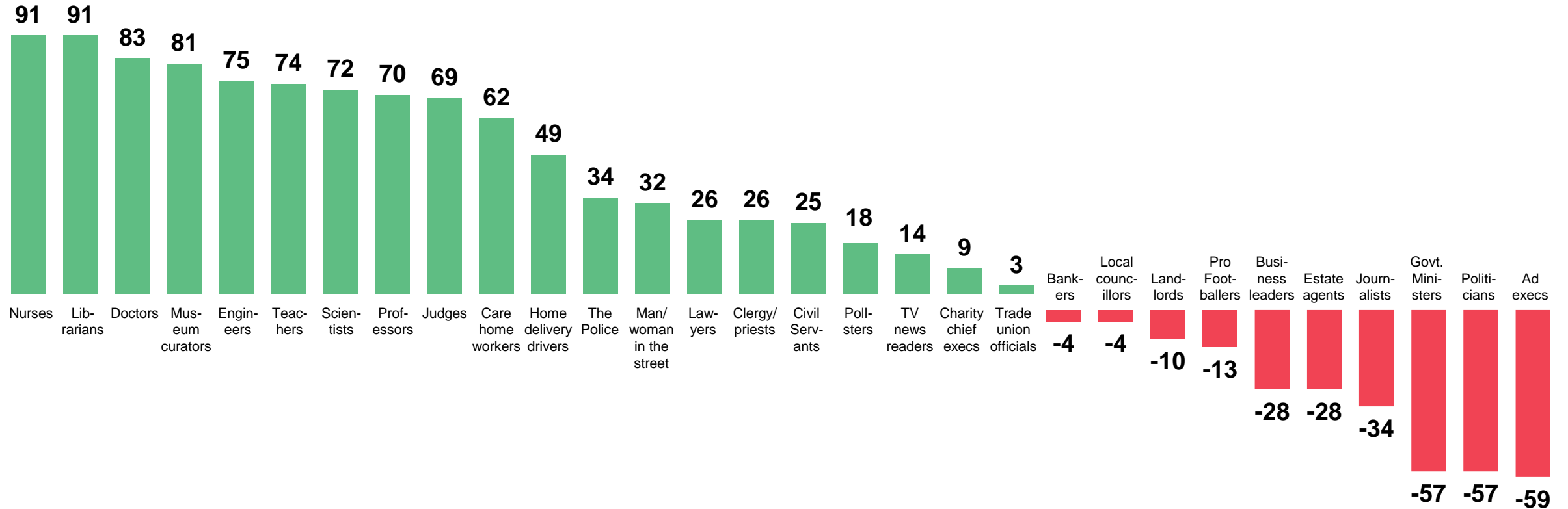
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# Net trust in professions 2021

Net trust = % trust to tell the truth - % do not trust to tell the truth

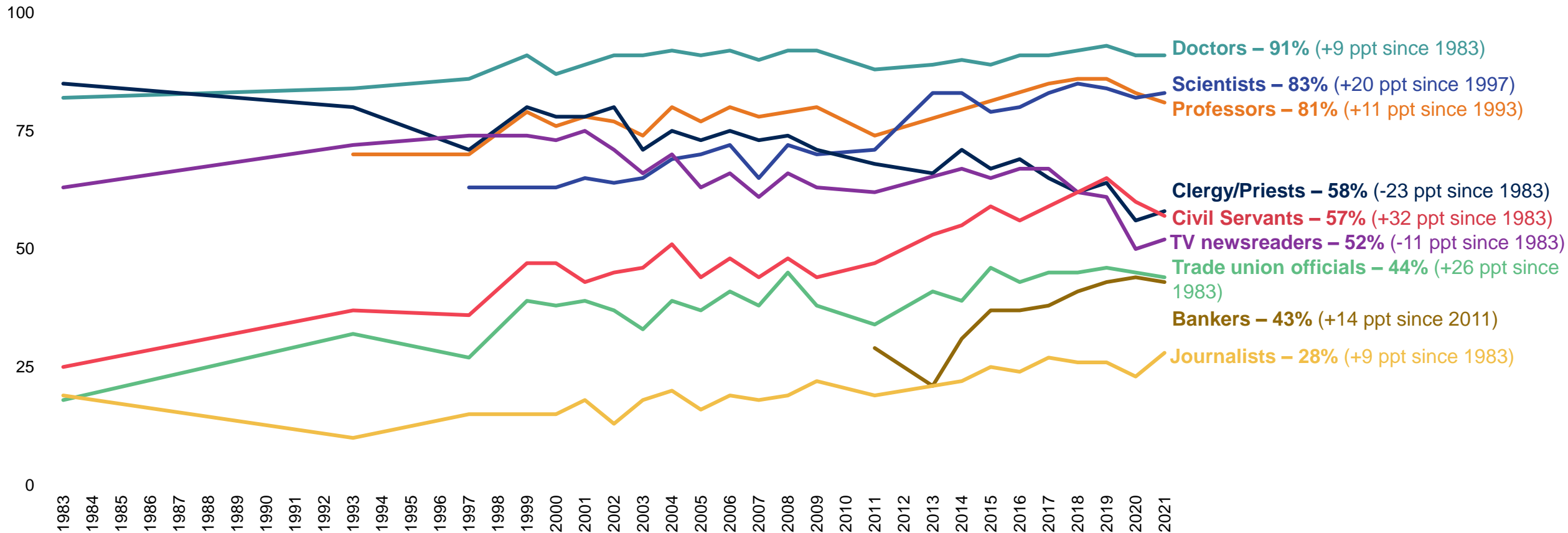


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# Key movers in public trust over time

*% trust to tell the truth:*



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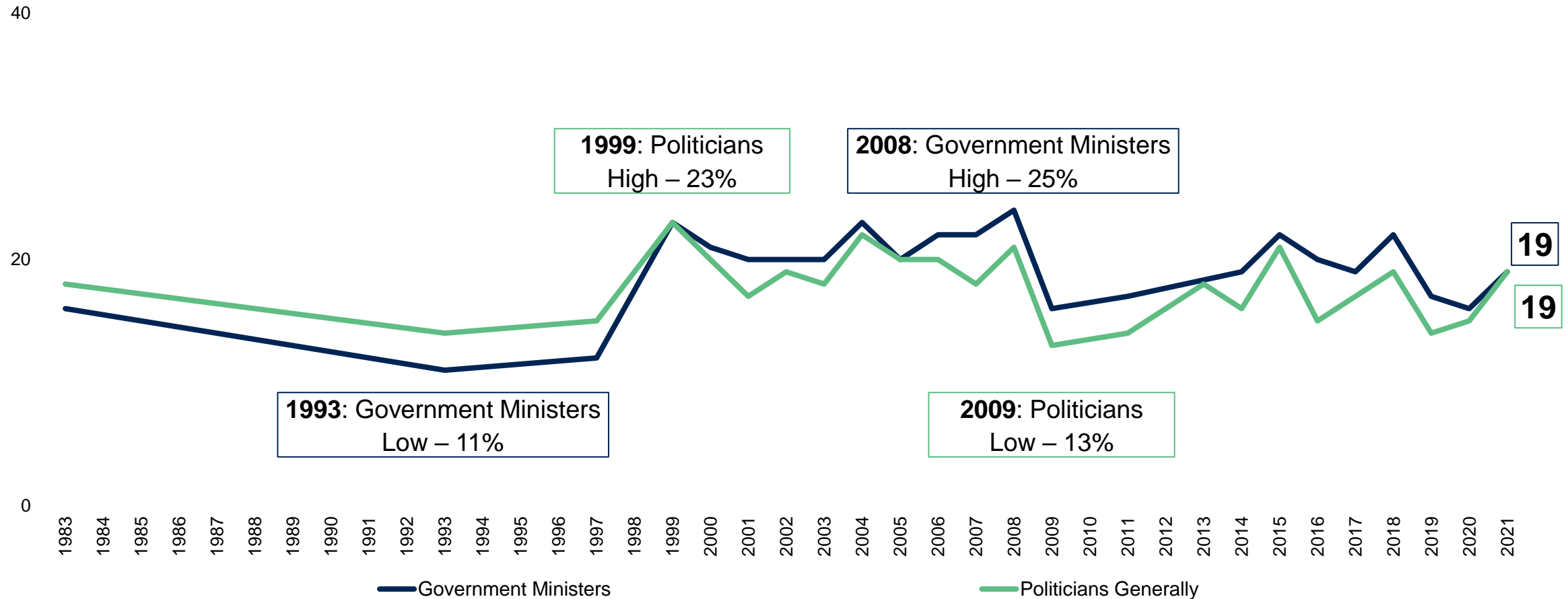
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# Trust in Politicians: Highs and Lows

*% trust to tell the truth:*



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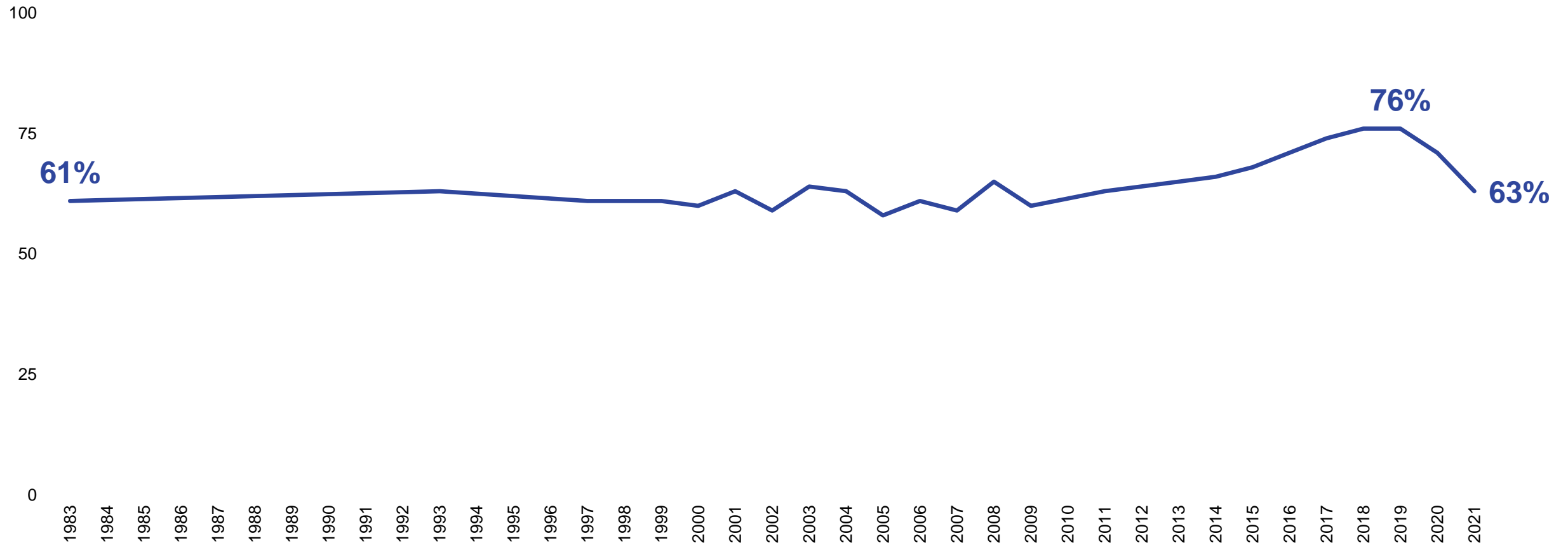
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# Trust in the police over time

*% trust the police to tell the truth:*



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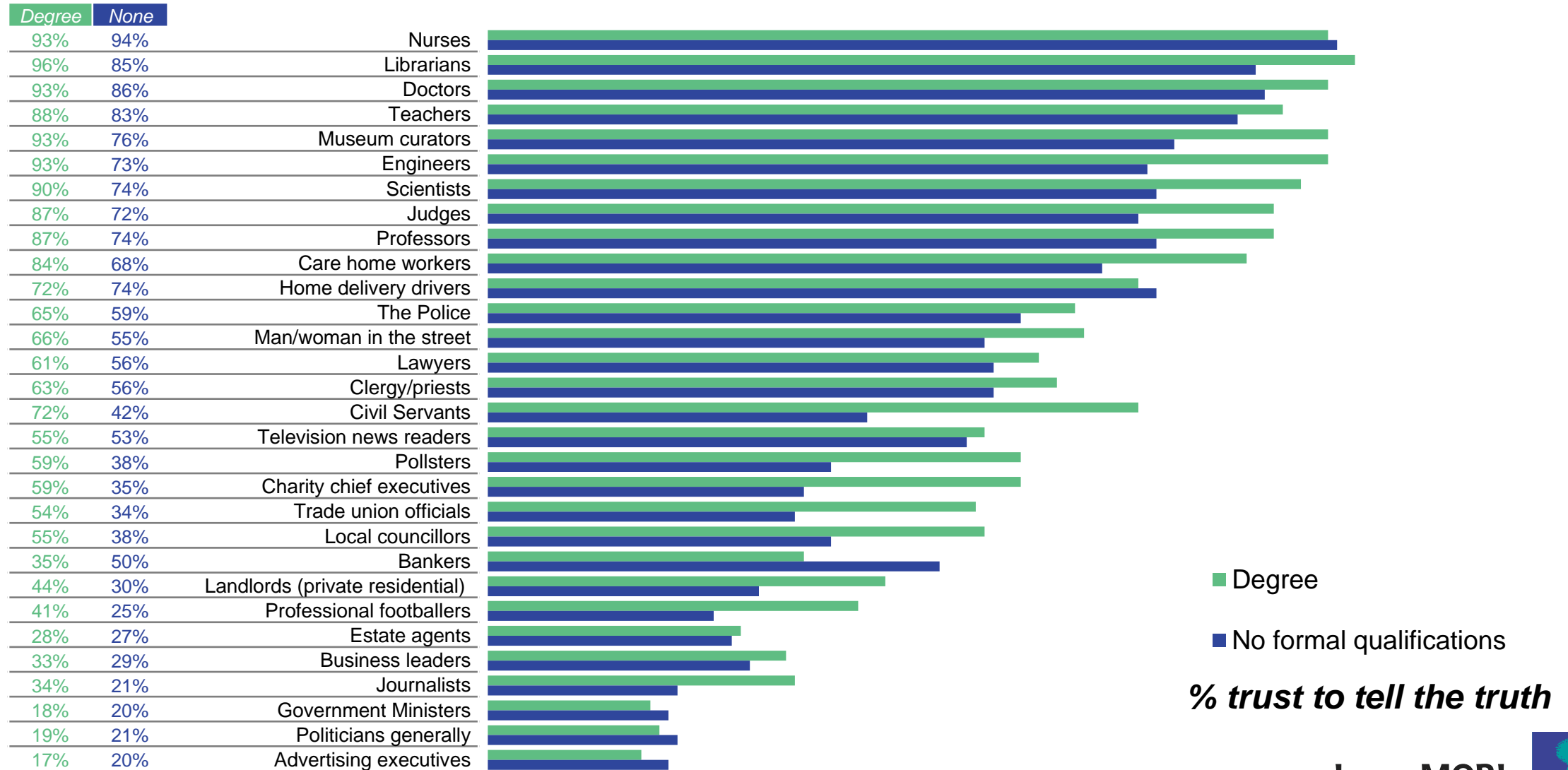
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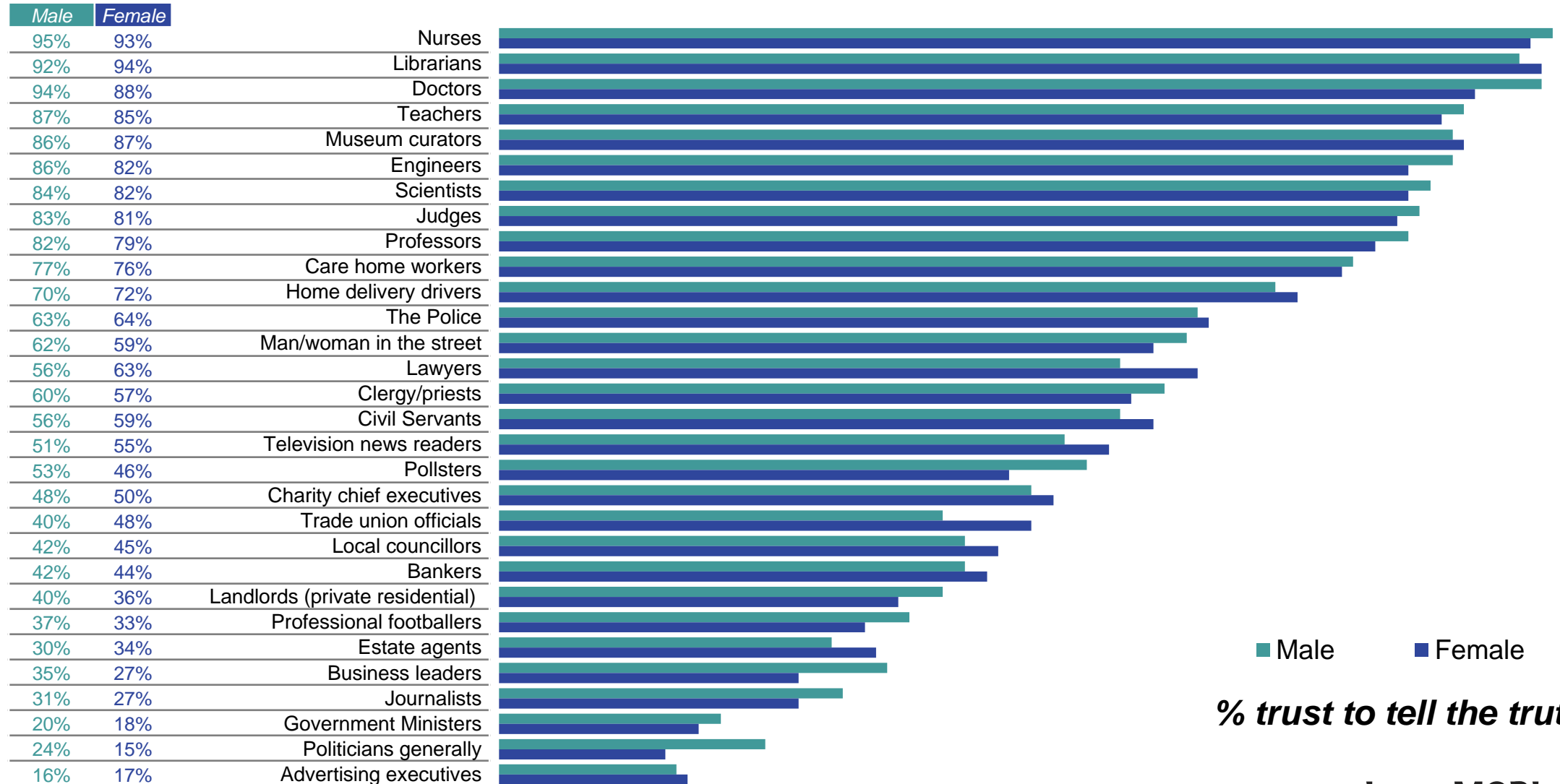
# Trust in professions by educational attainment

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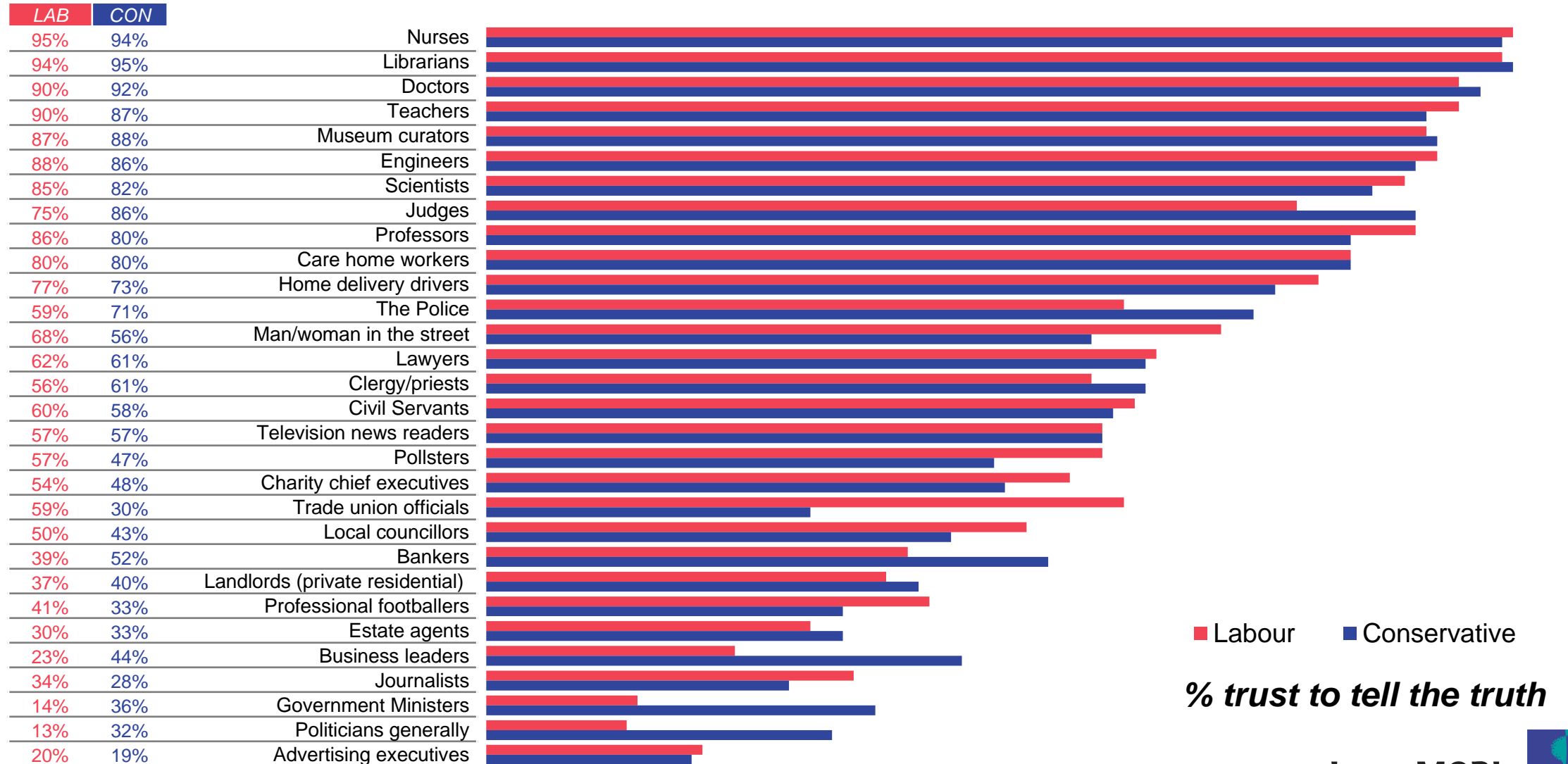
# Trust in professions by gender

“Now I will read you a list of different types of people. For each would you tell me if you generally trust them to tell the truth, or not?”



# Trust in professions by party preference

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