

Credibility

Poll on Nixon, News Media

New York

A national public opinion poll shows the public trusts the news media more than it trusts President Nixon, CBS news reported last night.

The television network also said its poll indicates the public disagrees — by a margin of 57 per cent to 30 — with President Nixon's comment that TV news has produced the most "outrageous, vicious, distorted reporting" he has seen during his public life.

In the event of news reports accusing Nixon administration officials of wrongdoing, the CBS poll showed, 46 per cent of the American people feel they can believe the reports, compared with 30 per cent who feel they cannot believe "an Administration denial."

The poll's survey of the public's confidence in the administration, leaders of congress and the news media produced these responses ("high" and "low" credibility percentages include both "very high" and "fairly high" responses, etc.):

	High	Low
Network TV	63	26
The press	55	31
Congress	50	31
The President	38	51

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