Public Trust In the Media Called High

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (UPI) — CBS News said Tuesday that a national public opinion poll shows the public trusts the news media more than it trusts President Nixon.

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

A spokesman said the CBS poll showed 46 per cent of those interviewed feel they would believe press reports accusing presidential aides of wrongdoing, compared to 30 per cent who would be "more likely to believe" an administration denial.

The poll, conducted by the Opinion Research Corp., surveyed by telephone "a random sample of 1,218 people of voting age" from Nov. 15 to Nov. 18.