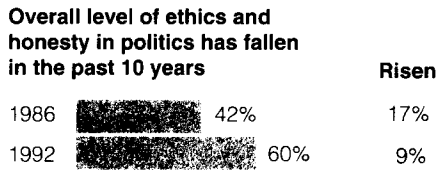


Dissatisfaction With Our Institutions

The dissatisfaction that we see today with government performance is probably comparable to the broad-based discontent that existed in the Progressive era, though we do not have polls to measure the earlier protest. The data below reveal the extent of the current critique.

Question: **Do you think the overall level of ethics and honesty in politics has risen, fallen, or stayed the same during the past 10 years?**



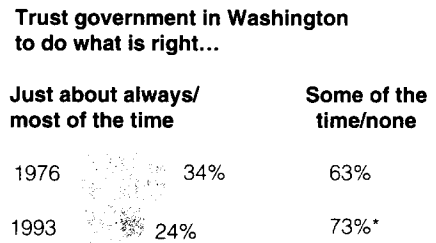
Source: Surveys by ABC News, latest that of April 8-9, 1992.

Question: **Would you say the government is pretty much run for a few big interests, or would you say that it is run for the benefit of all people?**



Note: In 1992, question read: "Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves..."
Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times*, latest that of March 26-29, 1992.

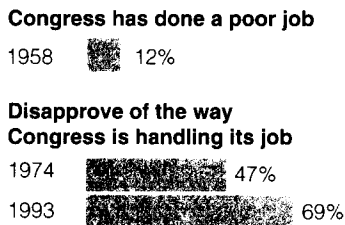
Question: **How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what's right—just about always, most of the time, only some time, or none of the time?**



Note: *"None of the time" was a volunteered response in 1993.
Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times*, latest that of January 12-14, 1993.

Question: **In general, do you think the present Congress in Washington has done a good job or a poor job to date? (1958)**

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job? (1974, 1993)**



Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of August 8-10, 1993.

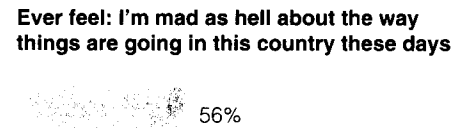
Question: **Is it because those problems (the government in Washington decides to solve) often are very difficult to solve, or it because the government is incompetent?**

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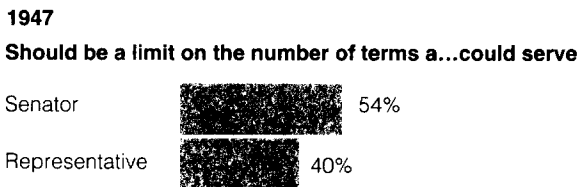
Note: Asked of those who have just a little or no confidence at all the government will solve problems (50%).
Source: Survey by ABC News, April 8-9, 1992.

Question: **I'm sure you've heard the phrase "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore." When you think about the way things are going in this country these days, do you ever feel that way?**



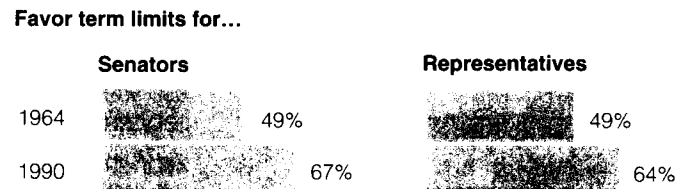
Source: Survey by CBS News, January 14-19, 1992.

Question: **A (U.S. senator/member of the U.S. House) now serves (six years/two years) in one term of office. Do you think there should be a limit on the number of terms which a (senator/representative) could serve?**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, January 17-22, 1947.

Question: **A law has been proposed which would limit a (member of the House/senator) to (six terms/two terms) or a total of twelve years in office. Would you favor or oppose such a law?**



Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of November 8-11, 1990.