

Table 2.94

**High school seniors reporting positive attitudes toward the performance of selected institutions**

United States, 1984-96

Question: "Now we'd like you to make some ratings of how good or bad a job you feel each of the following organizations is doing for the country as a whole. . . . How good or bad a job is being done for the country as a whole by. . .?"

(Percent responding "good" or "very good")

	Class of 1984 (N=3,287)	Class of 1985 (N=3,294)	Class of 1986 (N=3,159)	Class of 1987 (N=3,357)	Class of 1988 (N=3,378)	Class of 1989 (N=2,852)	Class of 1990 (N=2,600)	Class of 1991 (N=2,582)	Class of 1992 (N=2,684)	Class of 1993 (N=2,773)	Class of 1994 (N=2,642)	Class of 1995 (N=2,658)	Class of 1996 (N=2,455)
Large corporations	45.4%	44.9%	47.6%	46.9%	47.4%	45.1%	38.4%	36.3%	31.8%	31.5%	34.6%	37.9%	36.3%
Major labor unions	31.6	32.6	32.6	31.8	32.7	35.5	31.7	31.3	28.9	27.2	29.2	28.0	30.8
The Nation's colleges and universities	79.1	76.1	78.6	78.8	76.8	73.7	73.8	70.2	67.2	61.1	67.7	66.6	70.5
The Nation's public schools	43.8	43.3	46.8	46.2	44.2	37.9	36.1	33.6	32.5	29.0	27.2	31.8	30.6
Churches and religious organizations	56.3	55.1	54.8	48.4	47.4	47.3	47.0	49.2	50.3	46.9	50.3	50.2	49.0
The national news media (TV, magazines, news services)	56.6	58.8	65.5	58.8	58.3	55.3	54.7	51.1	47.9	40.5	37.9	33.1	34.5
The President and his administration	43.9	45.9	54.4	35.2	35.3	36.4	41.8	56.8	23.8	24.9	22.1	19.7	24.0
Congress--that is, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives	31.6	35.1	42.3	36.9	33.4	31.6	32.9	38.3	15.9	16.6	18.8	20.6	18.1
The U.S. Supreme Court	43.1	42.1	46.3	45.7	42.1	42.7	40.9	44.1	35.7	31.0	31.0	29.8	30.4
All the courts and the justice system in general	28.7	28.7	34.4	33.7	31.6	31.7	27.8	31.2	23.4	21.1	19.3	20.6	21.2
The police and other law enforcement agencies	36.9	37.3	40.5	39.5	37.4	33.6	34.3	28.0	26.9	27.1	29.3	28.7	27.6
The U.S. military	61.0	60.2	66.4	62.2	60.9	60.1	58.8	80.6	62.2	57.0	54.3	54.8	55.6

Note: See Note, table 2.92. Response categories were "very poor," "poor," "fair," "good," "very good," and "no opinion." Readers interested in responses to this question for 1975 through 1983 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

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