

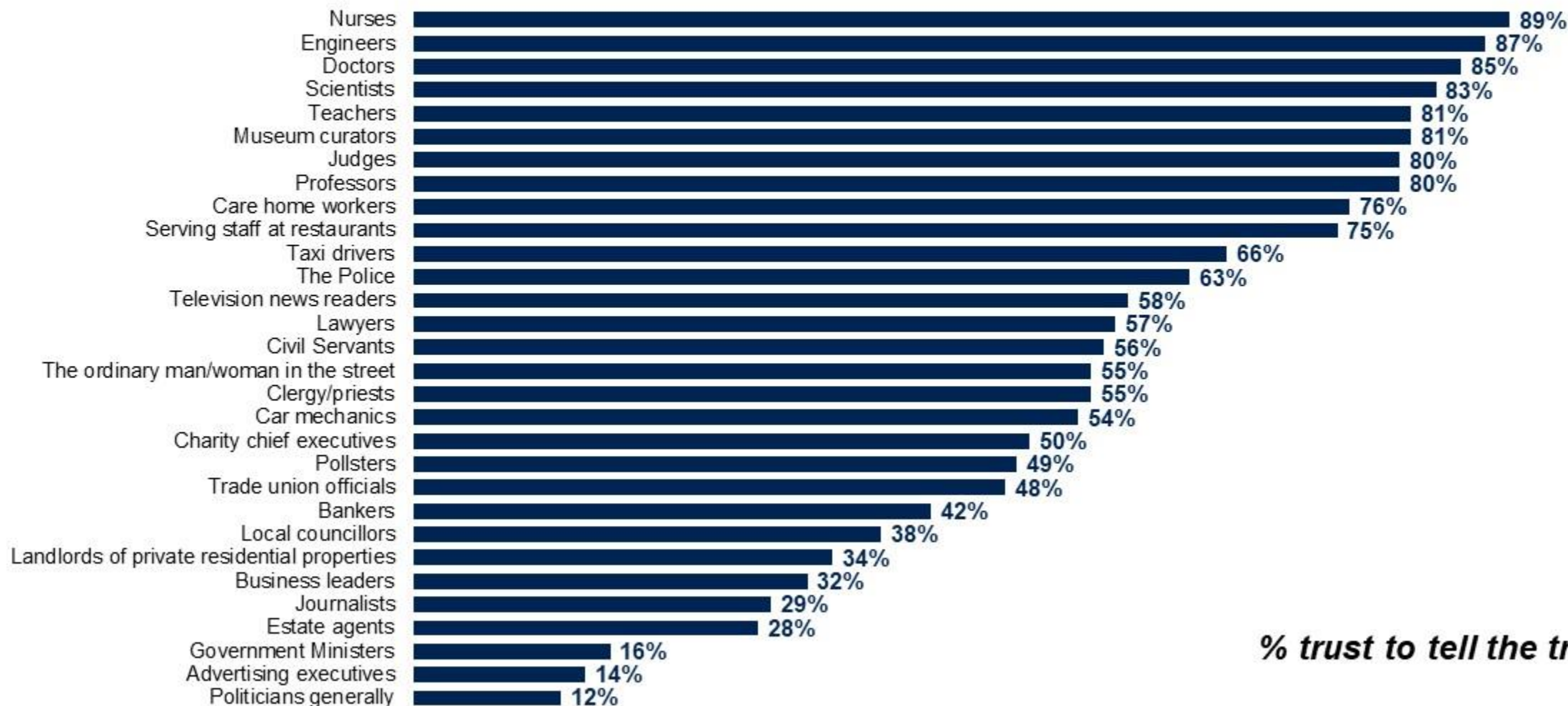
PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

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Carrying Authority

Veracity Index 2022 – 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: 1,005 and 1,004 British adults aged 16+, interviewed by telephone 19 – 26 October and 26 October – 1 November

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Formal Authority:

Government, teachers, managers, doctors, CEO's.

Informal Authority

Parents, scientists, journalists, experts in various fields.

Personal Authority

Influencers, pop stars, actors, sports people.

Colossians 1:15-17 NKJV

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Colossians 2:9-10; Hebrews 1:3a&b Colossians 1:13 NIV

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“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves”

- 1. Who are we listening to?**
- 2. Are we acknowledging that God's word has the final authority in our lives?**
- 3. Do we recognise that when Paul writes these things in His letters His main focus is revealing to us not only who Jesus is, but also who we are?**

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Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-6 NIV

“¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient”

“⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus”

Jesus taught with authority - Matthew 7:29

Jesus had the authority to forgive sin – Matt 9:8

**Jesus had the authority to lay down His life and take it up again
John 10:18**

**Jesus will in the end completely destroy every demonic
authority – 1 Corinthians 15:24**

Romans 13:1 NIV

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

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