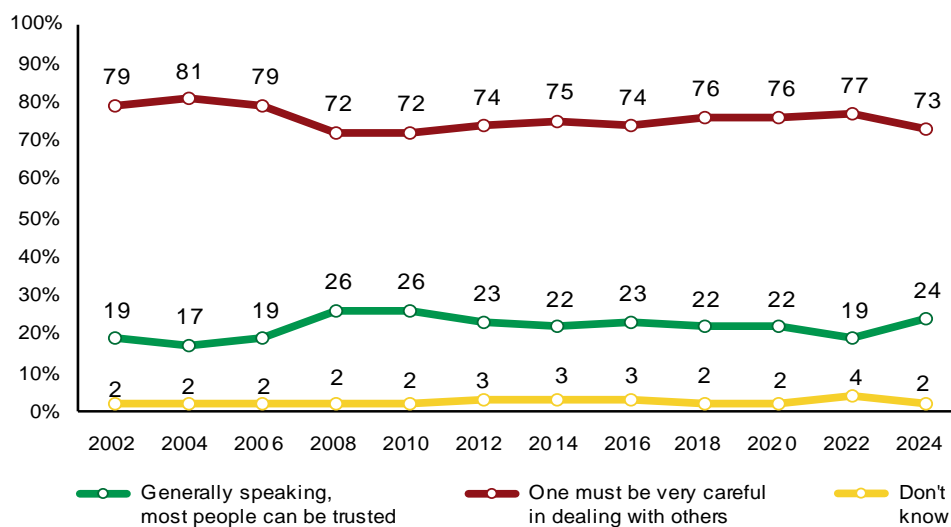


Social trust

For years, the majority of Poles has expressed the view that caution must be exercised in relationships with other people. In this year's survey, this view was voiced by almost three-quarters of respondents (73%). Only less than a quarter (24%) believe that most people can be trusted.

Which of the two views regarding social life in Poland is closer to your opinion?



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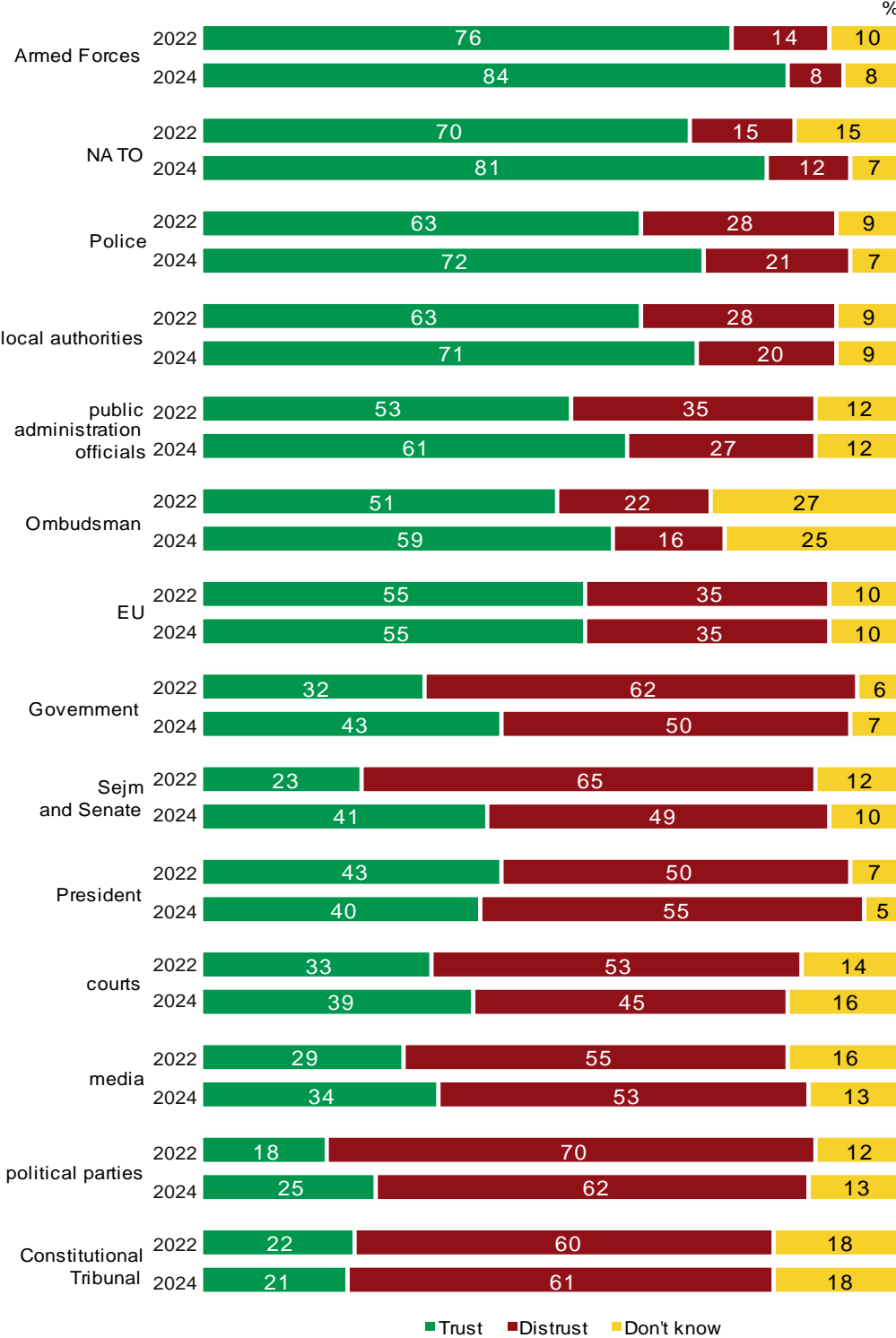
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The prevailing attitude towards the remaining institutions and organizations listed in the survey is distrust. This includes central government bodies, both executive and legislative. Approximately two-fifths of respondents express trust in the government and parliament, while approximately half declare lack of trust. The attitude towards the president is quite similar. Two-fifths of respondents have confidence in the president, and more than half declare distrust. Lack of confidence also prevails in the attitude towards the courts and the media. As usual, political parties are low in the social trust ranking, as every fourth respondent currently trusts them, and over three-fifths declare distrust. This year, for the first time in CBOS research, the last place on the list of institutions and organizations enjoying citizens' trust is occupied by the Constitutional Tribunal, and not by political parties, as before. Only slightly over one-fifth of Poles trust this institution, one of the most important for democratic order and the rule of law, and the majority do not trust it.

Compared to 2022, when we recorded a clear decline in trust towards all institutions included in the study, we are currently observing mainly positive changes in their public perception. The greatest increase in trust has been in case of the Sejm and Senate, the current government (compared to the second government of Prime Minister Morawiecki),

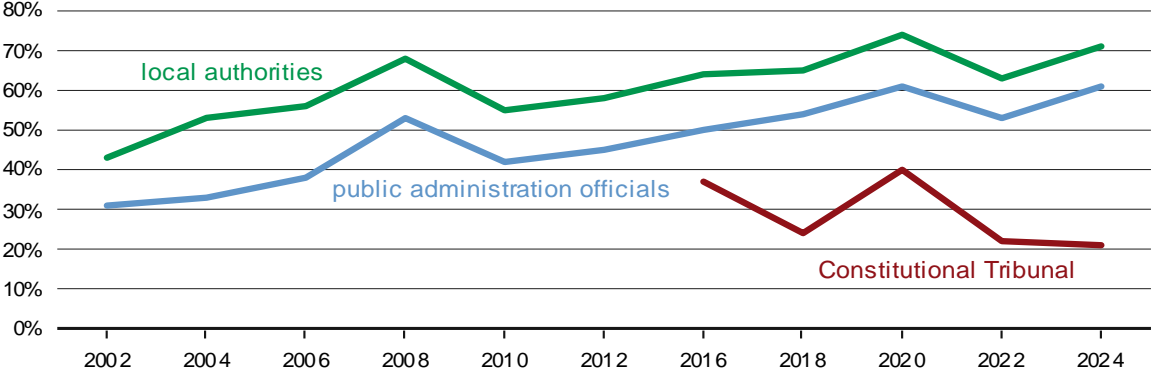
local authorities, as well as the army, NATO, the Ombudsman, courts and the political parties.

In general, do you trust the following institutions?



From a longer time perspective, there has been a noteworthy increase in the credibility of local authorities and public administration officials and the loss of authority of the Constitutional Tribunal.

Trust in:



Percentage of respondents declaring trust.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Social Trust", April 2024. Fieldwork dates for the sample: February 2024, N=994. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.