

Public discourse

**America's least-trusted institutions
— Congress, television news
and big business, says Gallup —
are remorselessly heard-from.**

**The most trusted are the military (a closed
box to most citizens) and small business
(too poor to advertise at scale).**

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**The feeling of your pain,
the stakeholder-flattery:
ingratiation has been the way of public
and private elites during the exact era
that trust in them has dropped.**

**Janan Ganesh,
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