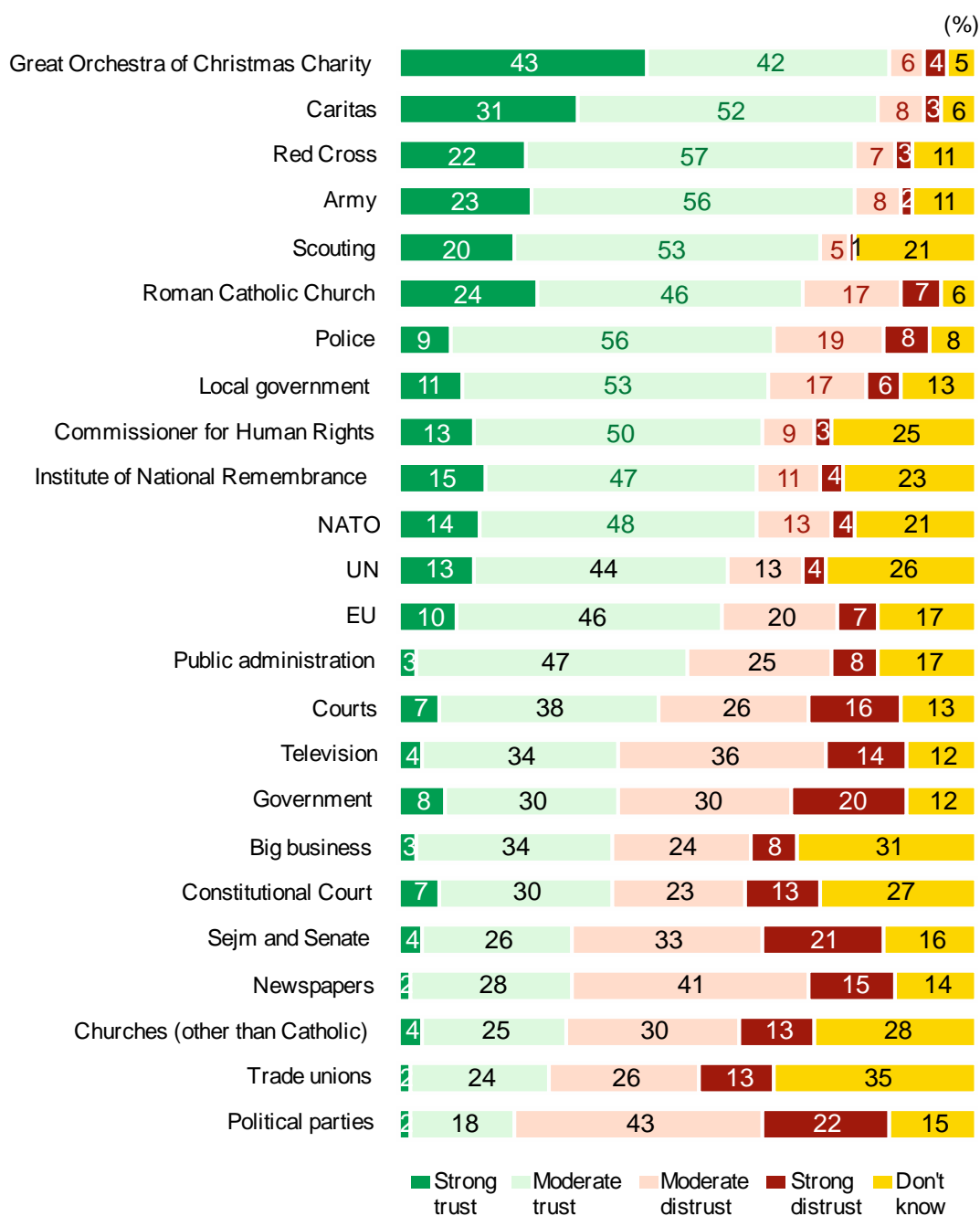


Trust in the public sphere

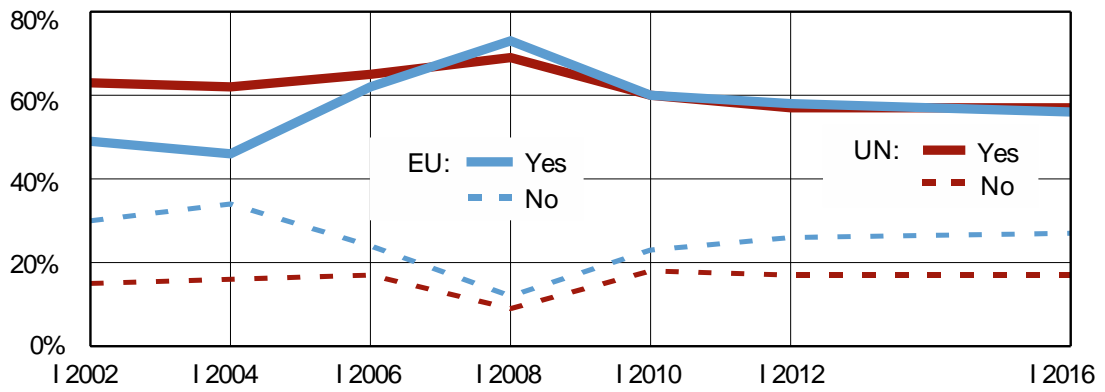
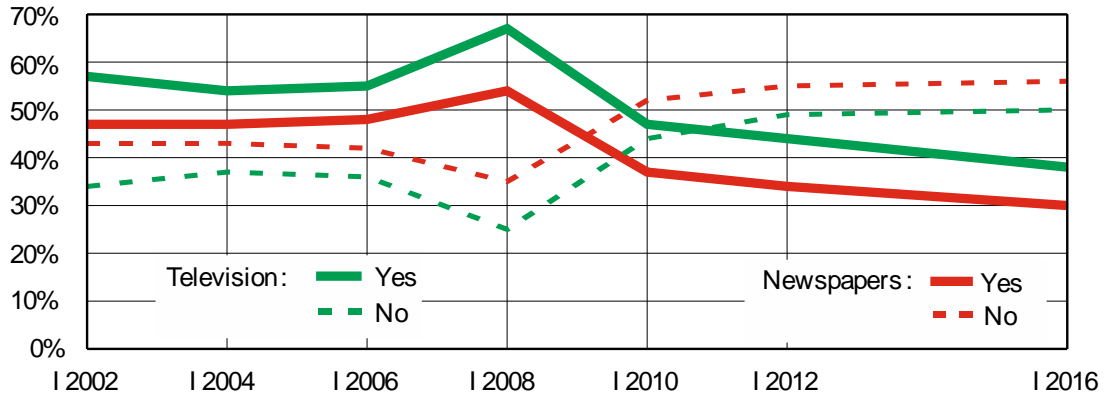
Charities such as the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, Caritas and the Red Cross enjoy the highest trust. Other trusted institutions are: the Army, scouts and the Roman Catholic Church. Over three-fifths of respondents have confidence in the police, local government, the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) and the Institute of National Remembrance. A comparable proportion of respondents express their trust in international institutions in which Poland is a member, such as NATO, UN and EU. Half of respondents trust the public administration, and a slightly smaller percentage have confidence in courts of law. The other institutions are trusted less. Almost two-fifths of respondents have trust in government, television and the Constitutional Court. Even smaller proportion trust newspapers, Sejm, Senate, Churches (other than Catholic) and trade unions. Political parties receive the lowest scores: only a fifth of respondents put some trust in them. Apart from political parties, distrusted by two-thirds of respondents, relatively high negative ratings are given to: newspapers, Sejm, Senate, government and television.

Trust in institutions



Compared with 2012, the institutions which gained in public trust are: Institute of National Remembrance (7-point increase), local government (6-point rise), the Army, NATO, and public administration (5 points each). There was also a slight increase in trust in Caritas, scouting, Commissioner for Human Rights (3 points each) and big enterprises (2 points). On the other hand, there was a decrease in trust in mass media: since 2012 trust in TV dropped by 6 percentage points while newspapers lost 4 points. The most trusted institution, the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, lost 4 points.

Do you trust ...



"Don't know" omitted

Moreover, the decline of trust in media (both TV and newspapers) is visible in an eight-year perspective. The level currently recorded is the lowest ever. In the same period there was also a decrease in ratings of international organizations, such as EU or UN, trusted by over half of respondents. Trust in EU is now the lowest since Poland's accession.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Social Trust", February 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: January 2016, N=1063. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.