

TRUST ME!



CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE



Most common scams targeting seniors:

1. This is John from Soc. Sec. calling...
2. Grandpa, I am stuck in a foreign...
3. Hi, this is Sue from the Red Cross...



PARENTS & KIDS

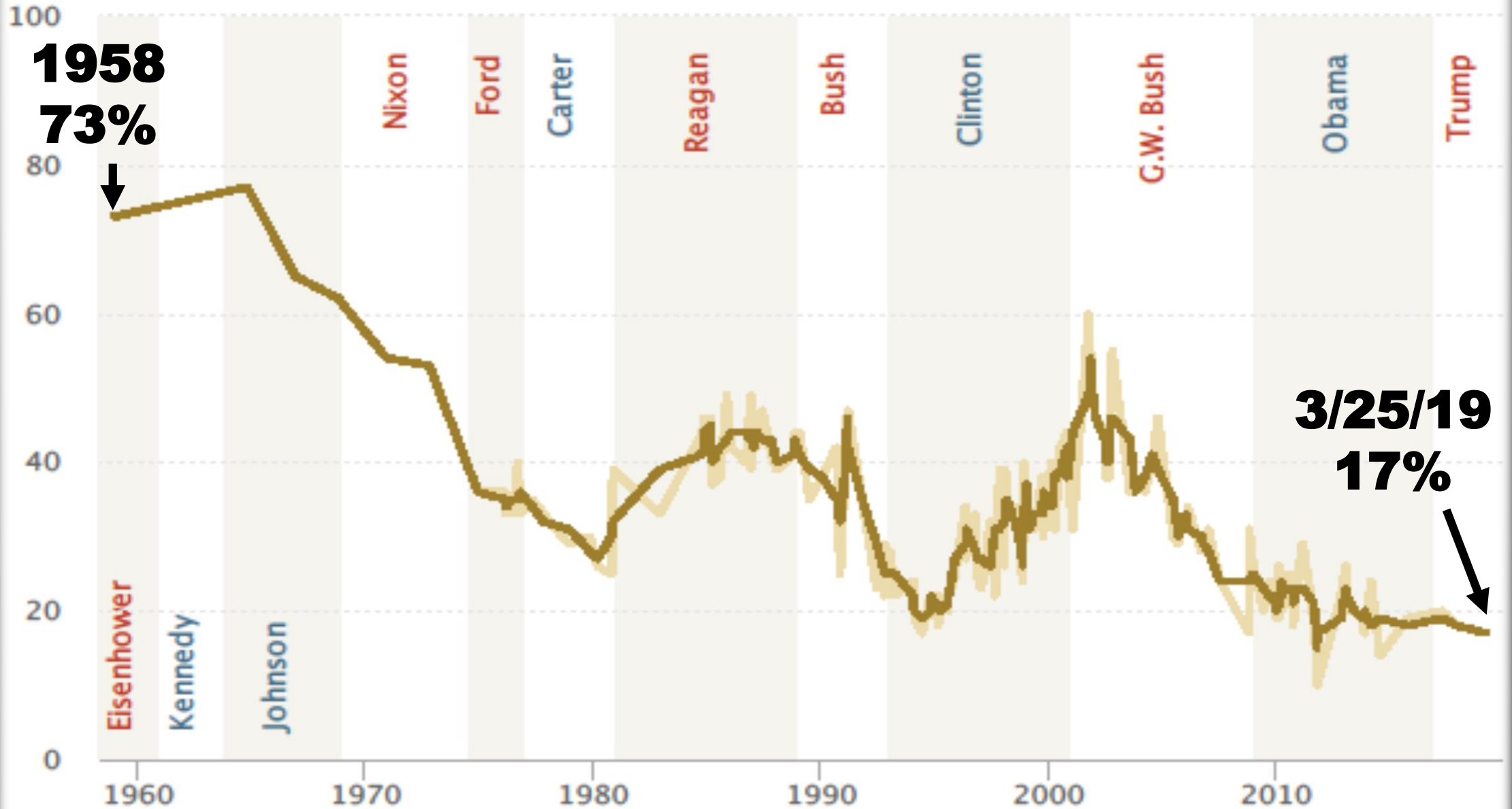


GOVERNMENT



Public trust in government near historic lows

% who trust the govt in Washington always or most of the time



“Voting is not a right. It is a method used to determine which politician was most able to brainwash you.”



CLERGY – PASTORS



How would you rate the honesty and ethical standards of ...

Very high

Average

Very low

Pastor 42%

41%

13%

Lawyer 18%

53%

28%



Americans' Ratings of Honesty and Ethical Standards of Clergy

■ % Very high/High



²⁸Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, . . . ²⁹I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;



³⁰ *and from among your own selves*
men will arise, speaking perverse
things, to draw away the disciples
after them. ³¹Therefore be on
the alert, . . . Acts 20:28-31



⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Heb. 13:7



Outcome = the sum total of
one's accomplishments
in life.



“Imitate their faith”
Heb. 10:13



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Follow our example.

Imitate me.

Follow my example.

2 Thess. 3:7

1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1

Phil 3:17



¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. Heb 13:7



Any leader? 1 Tim. 3:2-3



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- Above reproach
- One wife
- Serious
- Self-controlled
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Not a drunkard
- Gentle, not quarrelsome



- Able to teach



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⁹He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Titus 1:9



Truth is still truth when
its popularity ratings
plummet



Why should you trust your leaders?

1. Private lives match public words
2. We do it for joy, eagerly, not for money. 1 Peter 5:2-3
3. We take our teaching seriously. Judged more strictly. James 3:1
4. We must give account. Heb. 13:7
5. We don't decide things alone.



Why should you trust your leaders?

6. Because we love you.

¹⁹For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰Indeed, you are our glory and joy. 1 Thess. 2:19-20



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“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth”

3 John 4



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BLIND TRUST?



¹⁸Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things. ¹⁹And I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner. Heb 13:18-19

