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- Understand the basics of research.
- Fact-checking media stories.
- Do some research in pairs.
- Try the workshop format get feedback
  - design something better.

### GM even safer than conventional food, says environment secretary

Swansea measles epidemic: Record MMR jabs for two-year-olds

Tuberculosis threat requires mass cull of cattle, not badgers, study reveals

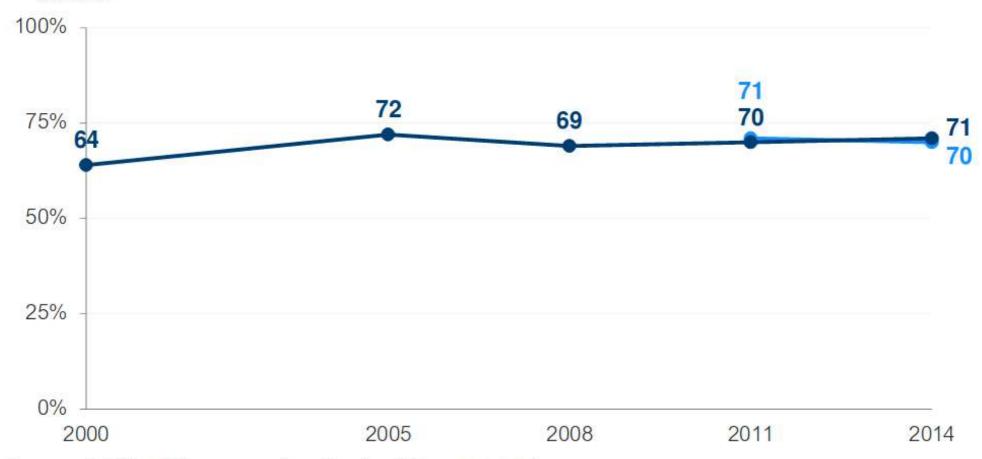
By EMILY SCHULTHEIS | CBS NEWS | December 11, 2016, 4:11 PM

# Contradicting settled science, Donald Trump says "nobody really knows" on climate change

NEWS / HEALTH

High enzyme levels make men more vulnerable to COVID-19: Report

- % agree that the media sensationalises science
- % agree that there is so much conflicting information about science it is difficult to know what to believe



Bases: c.1,800+ adults per wave (see Chapter 1 for more details)

## To make use of scientific research, you need to know:

That it exists

How to find it

How to read and interpret it

## THIS IS WHY YOU ARE HERE! You know:

That it exists

How to find it

How to read and interpret it

#### Book illustrator

Parish Councillor

Cornwall Council employee – climate education

Library staff x 2

Community Interest Company – food and farming

Professional gardener

Community Energy organiser

### Things to remember

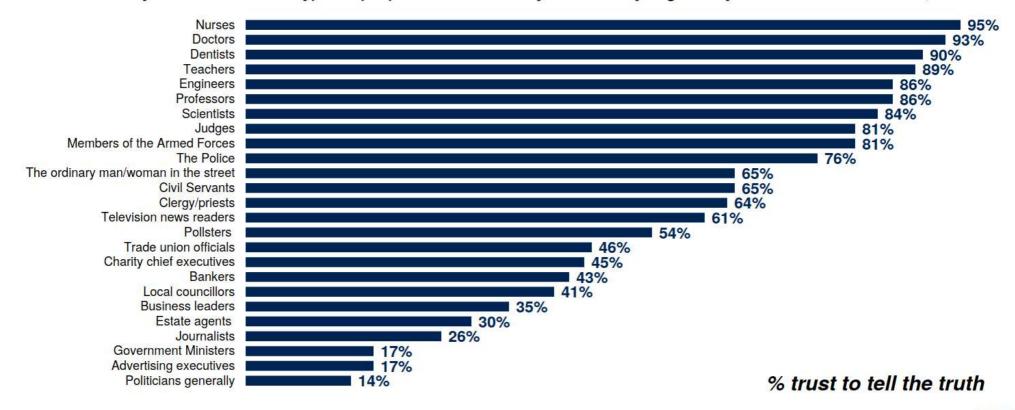
The languages and views may be of different cultures, but it is not hard to bridge - be humble and listen.

Science sometimes encroaches on culturally entrenched core values.

There are good reasons why people might not trust science/scientists – don't shy away from these!

#### **Veracity Index 2019 – 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?"



Base: 1,020 British adults aged 15+, interviewed face-to-face 18 - 27 October 2019



### 64% of voters are now more likely to listen to expert advice from scientists and researchers

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It is important that COVID-19 data is openly available for people to check 97%

All Covid-19 related research and data should be made open for anyone to use freely 67%

Now more likely to listen expert advice from qualified scientists and researchers 64%

A government data strategy would have helped in the fight against COVID-19 63%

Restricting the public's right to information is a necessary emergency measure 29%

Guardian graphic | Source: Survation poll for the Open Knowledge Foundation. Base: 1,006 Respondents, 1 May 2020

We all know that science has a huge amount to offer – our job is to open that up for people...