CLAIM Americans no longer trust each other. **REBUTTAL** Research demonstrates that "humans are hardwired to trust." **QUALIFIER** Reasearch only "hints" at this possibility. DATA DATA One of the most popular TV shows in the A 2008 Gallop poll "showed that The general Social Survey points to trust in the government was at a low past decade was premised on distrust. declines in trust from 1976 to 2008. as it was during the Watergate era." WARRANT **WARRANT** WARRANT Watergate serves as an example of An 11-point decline in overall trust Television shows mirror one of the worst periodsof trust in points to a negative environment. real-world sentiments. American government. **BACKING** The past decades have seen many scandals that caused a loss of trust in

many of America's major institutions.

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