

Trust to the Government and Information Provision

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Where Does Trust in Government Come From?

1. Experience

- a. Daily direct
- b. Daily indirect (mediated by the media and by propaganda)
- c. Major events (a friend in need ...) – New Deal and patriotism

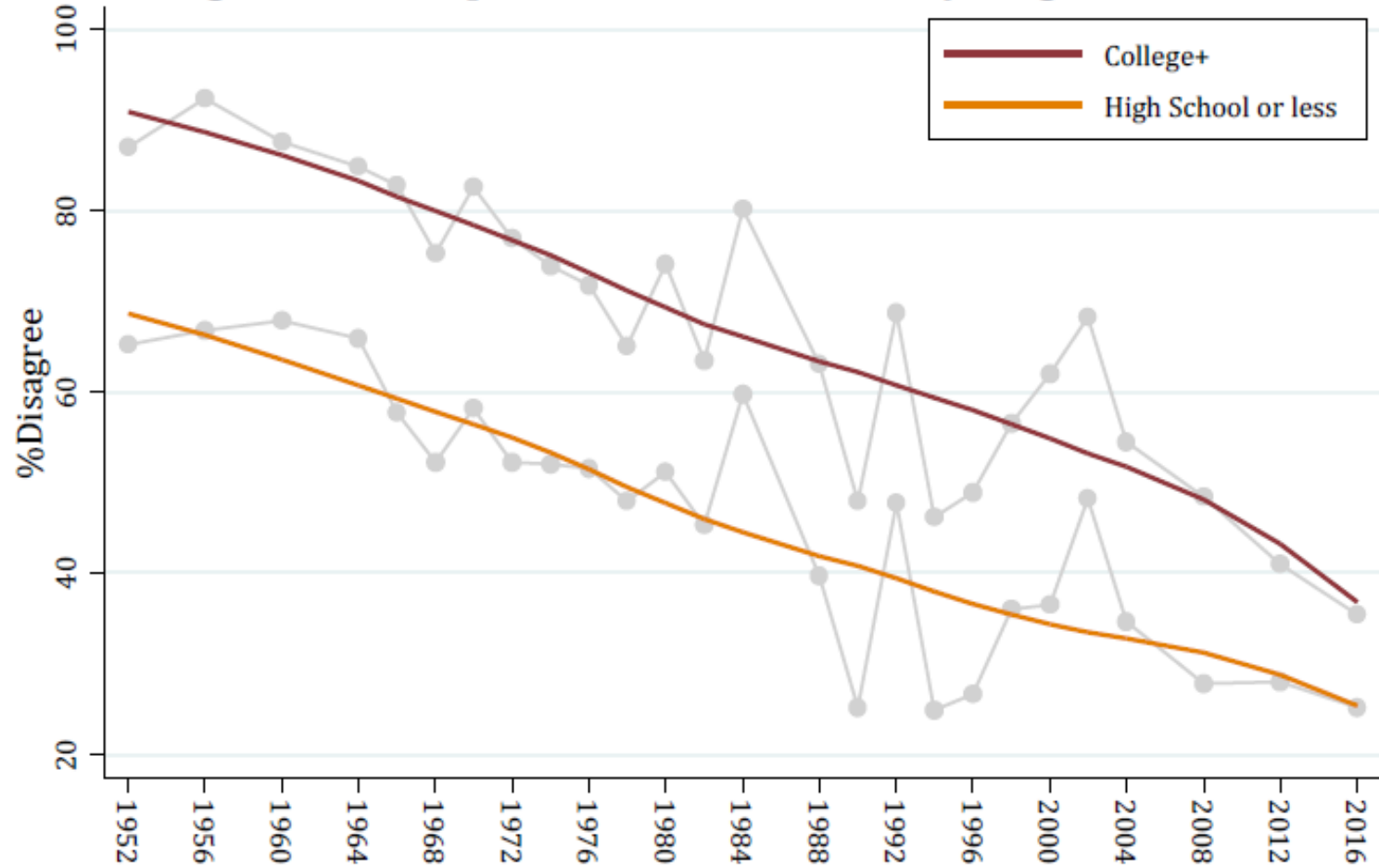
2. Perception of alignment of interests

- a. Same race, gender, class, values,
- b. Perception element

3. Cultural –historical stereotypes

- Trust in Europe

Figure 1. "People like me have no say in government."



Note. Data from American National Election Studies.

What Can Be Done?

1. Social media

- Separate posting from editing
 - Promote competition in editing
- Re-introduce liability on promoted posts
- Tax advertising

2. Government side :

- Transparency
- Increase representativeness in government
- Reduce the democratic gap
- Rethink welfare programs

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