A Closer Look at Public Trust in Scientists

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- Moderate
- Conservative

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**PURSUE THEIR SCIENCE FOR LESS PAY**
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**REPORT RESULTS ACCURATELY**
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The diagram illustrates the percentage of trust across different age groups (18–34, 35–54, 55–79) and gender (M for Male, F for Female).
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