

# 2019 EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER

Global Report





### 19th ANNUAL **EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER**

Methodology

Online Survey in 27 Markets

33,000+ respondents total

All fieldwork was conducted between October 19 and November 16, 2018

27-market global data margin of error: General population +/- 0.6% (N=31,050), informed public +/- 1.3% (N=6,000), mass population +/-0.6% (26,000+), half-sample global general online population +/- 0.8 (N=15,525).

Market-specific data margin of error: General population +/- 2.9 (N=1,150), informed public +/- 6.9% (N=min 200, varies by market, China and U.S. +/- 4.4% (N=500), mass population +/- 3.0 to 3.6 (N =min 739, varies by market).

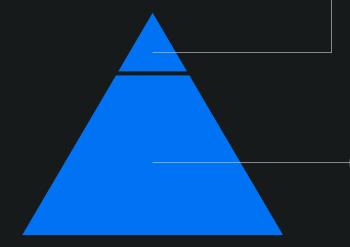
Employee MOE: 27-market =  $\pm$  0.8% (N=16,944) Market-specific =  $\pm$ /- 3.2 to 4.6% (N=min 446, varies by market)

#### **General Online Population**

1,150 respondents per market

Ages 18+

All slides show general online population data unless otherwise noted



#### Informed Public

500 respondents in U.S. and China; 200 in all other markets

Represents 16% of total global population

Must meet 4 criteria

- Ages 25-64
- College-educated
- In top 25% of household income per age group in each market
- Report significant media consumption and engagement in public policy and business news

#### Mass Population 🛕



All population not including informed public Represents 84% of total global population

2019 Focus on **Employer-Employee** Relationship

55% of global general population are full- or part-time employees (but not self-employed)

Oversample of employees of multinational companies: 500 respondents per market



### TRUST IN RETROSPECT

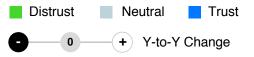
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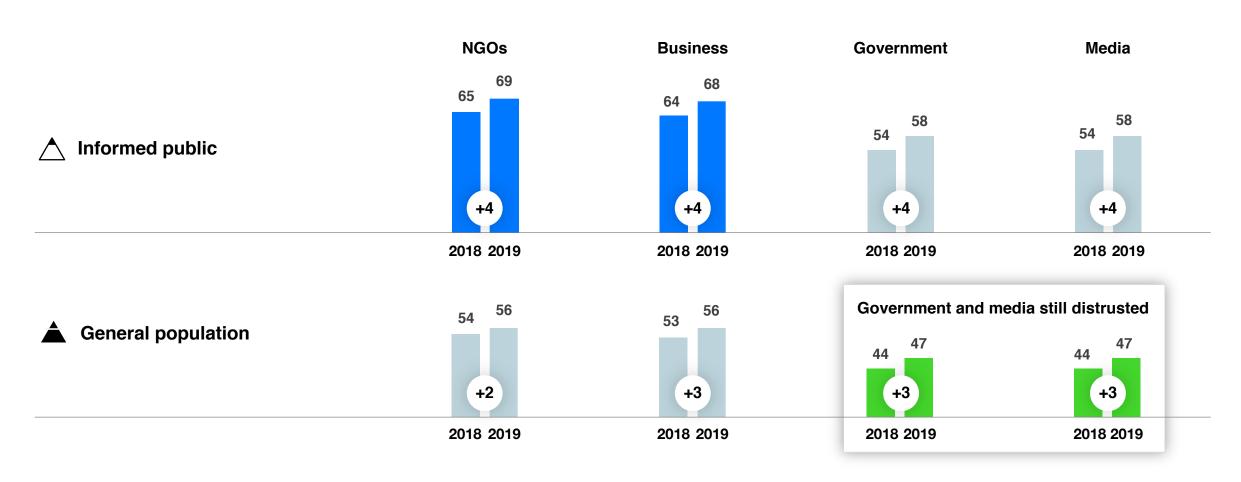
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### A MODEST RISE IN TRUST

Percent trust





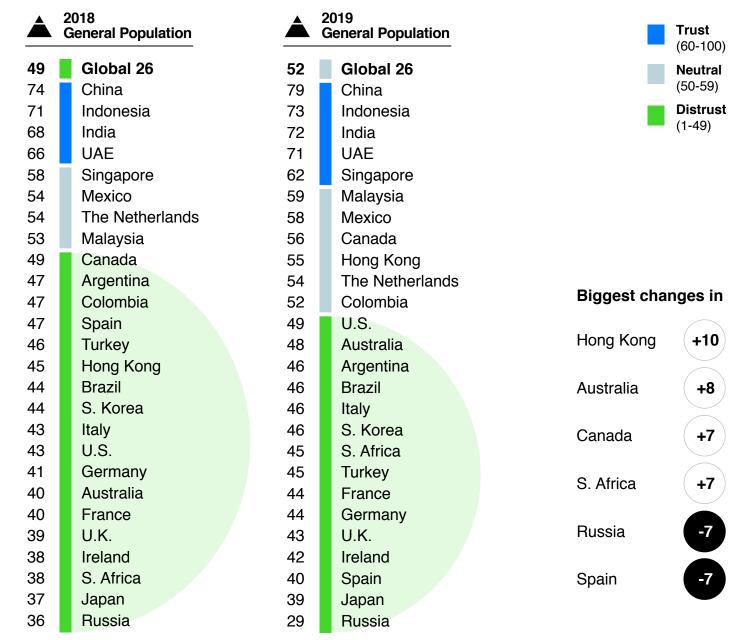
# DISTRUST CONTINUES

Trust Index

Global Trust Index increases 3 pts to neutral

15 of 26 markets are distrusters, down 3 from 2018

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# TRUST RISES FOR INFORMED PUBLIC

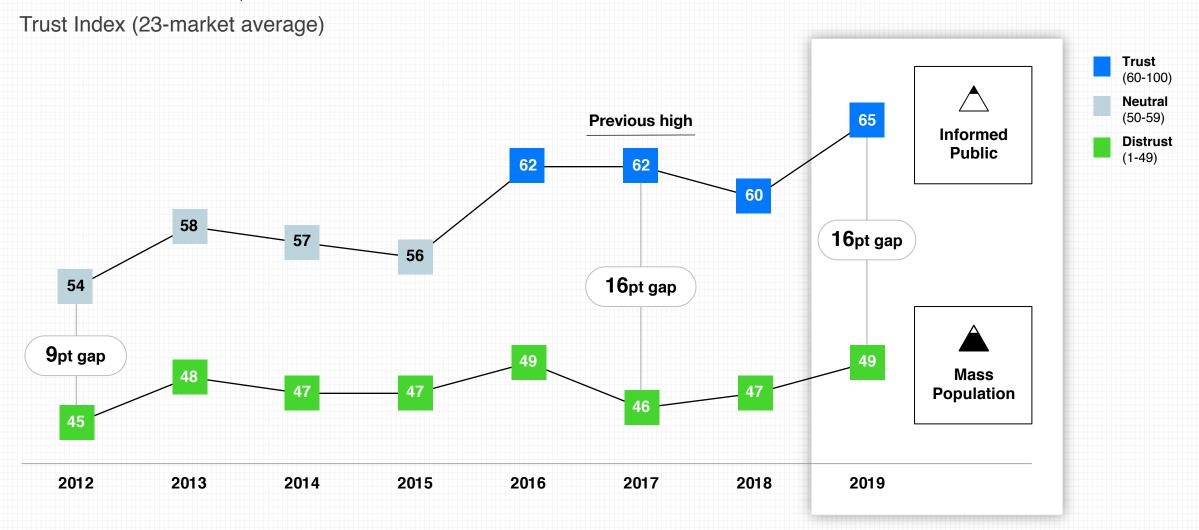
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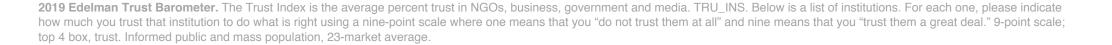
A 4-point increase in the global Trust Index

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### TRUST INEQUALITY RETURNS TO RECORD HIGHS





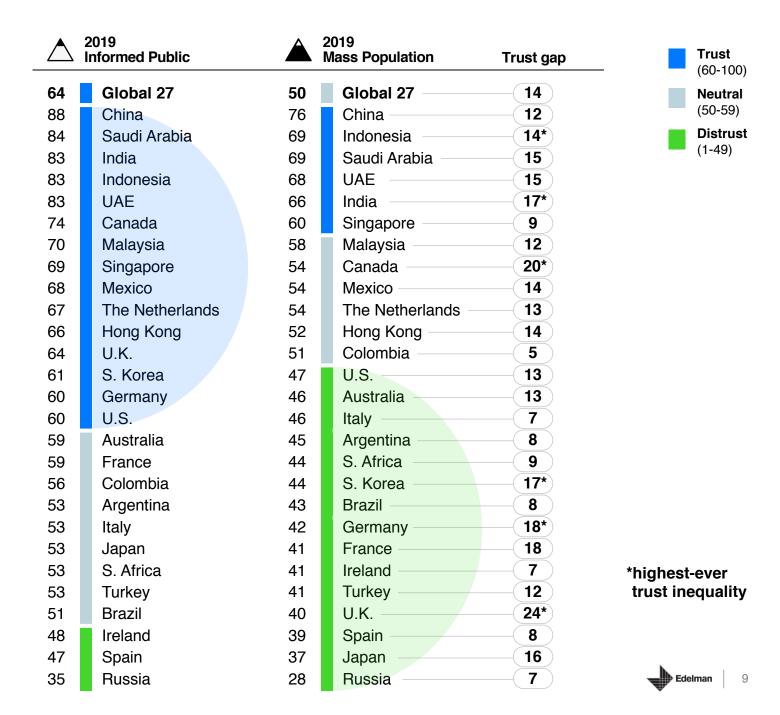
# A WORLD OUT OF BALANCE

Trust Index

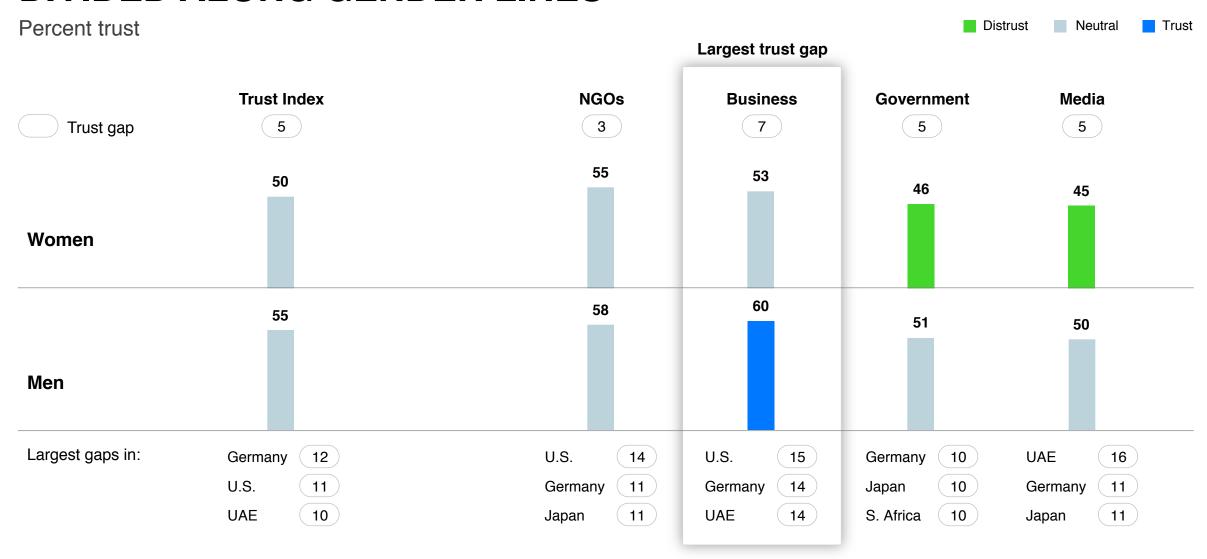
Mass population 14 points less trusting

18 markets with double-digit trust gaps

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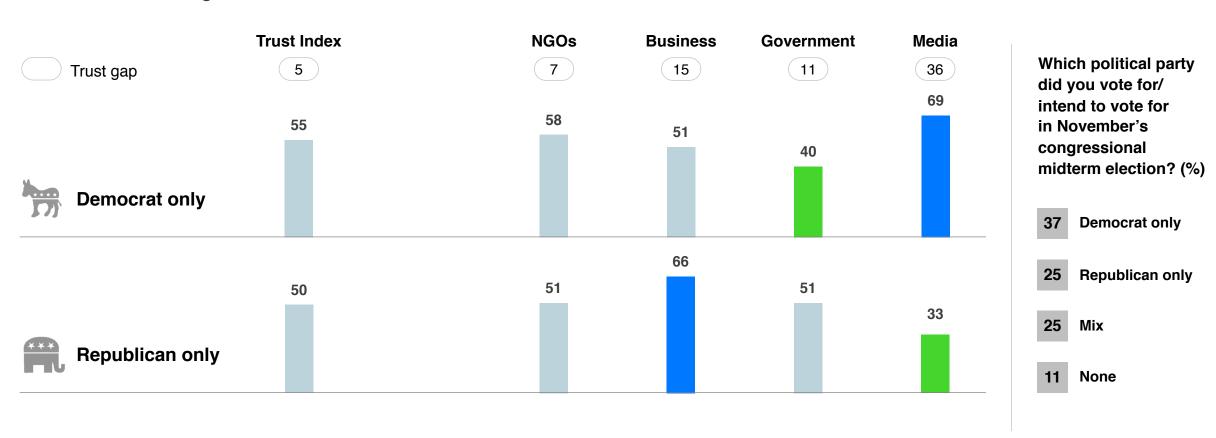
#### **DIVIDED ALONG GENDER LINES**





#### CONTINUED POLITICAL DIVIDE IN THE U.S.

Percent trust among 2018 U.S. midterm election voters



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Trust

Neutral

Distrust



#### FEARS OF JOB LOSS REMAIN HIGH

Percent of employees who worry about job loss due to each issue

Not having the **training** and skills necessary to get a good paying job

**Automation** and/or other innovations taking your job away

International conflicts about **trade policies** and **tariffs** hurting the company you work for

All employees 59%

**55**%

**57**%

Multinational employees

63%

60%

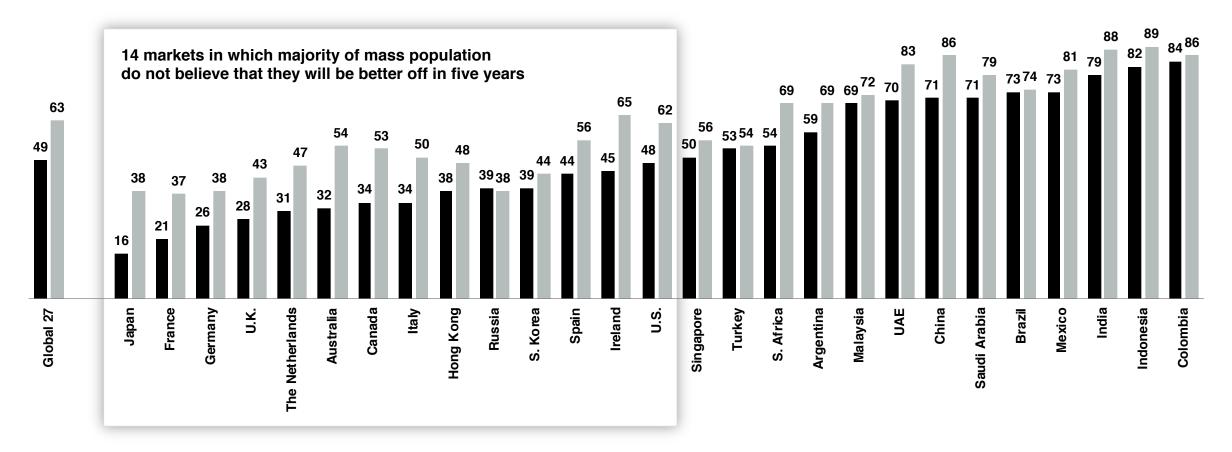
64%

**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** POP\_EMO. Some people say they worry about many things while others say they have few concerns. We are interested in what you worry about. Specifically, how much do you worry about each of the following? Please indicate your answer using a nine-point scale where one means "I do not worry about this at all" and nine means "I am extremely worried about this". 9-point scale; top 4 box, worried. Question asked of half of the sample. Attributes shown to those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees and multinational employees, 27-market average.

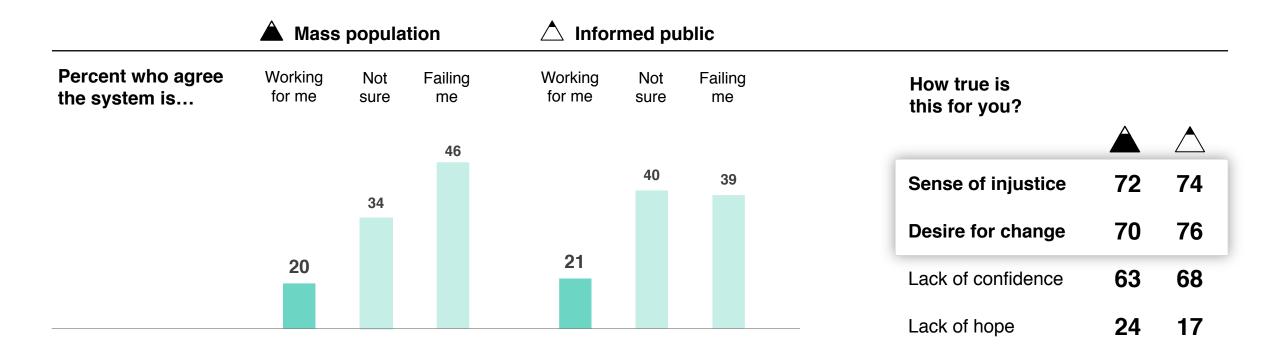
### DEVELOPED WORLD PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE

Percent who believe they and their families will be better off in five years' time

Mass population Informed public



### ONLY 1 IN 5 BELIEVE THE SYSTEM IS WORKING FOR THEM



**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** "System failing" measure. For full details on how the "system failing" measure was calculated, please refer to the Technical Appendix. POP\_MDC. Below is a list of statements. For each one, please rate how true you believe that statement is using a nine-point scale where one means it is "not at all true" and nine means it is "completely true". 9-point scale; top 4 box, true. Informed public and mass population, 27-market average. Sense of injustice is an average of POP\_MDC/1,2,3,8; Desire for change is POP\_MDC/9; Lack of confidence is POP\_MDC/10; Lack of hope is an average of POP\_MDC/18,19,20 [reverse scored].

### THEY'RE TAKING CHANGE INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

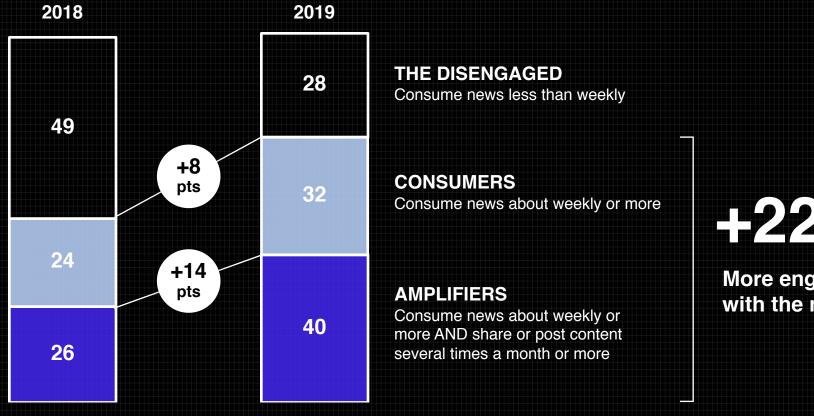




### MASSIVE RISE IN NEWS ENGAGEMENT

How often do you engage in the following activities related to news and information?





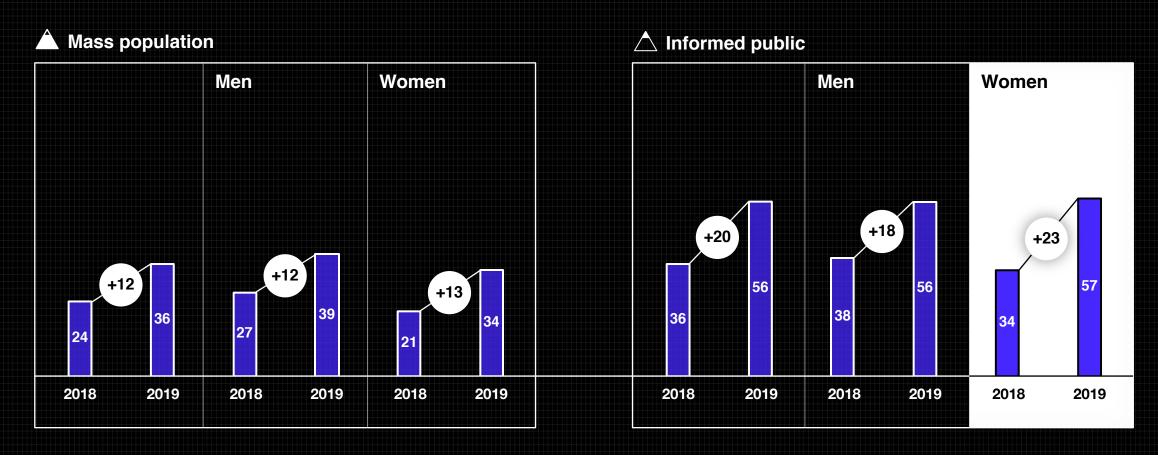
+22pts

More engaged with the news

# MORE WOMEN THAN MEN BECOME AMPLIFIERS

- Y-to-Y Change

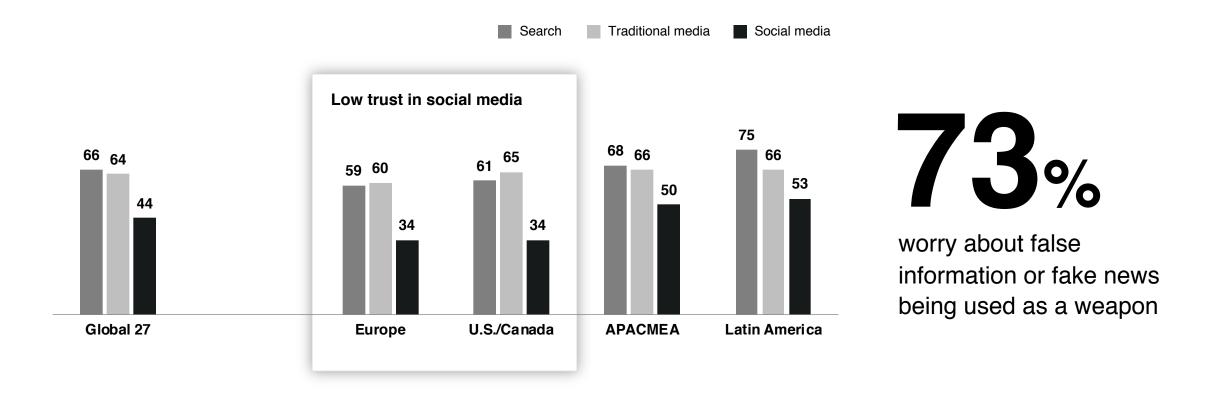
Percent of amplifiers in each segment





#### LOOKING FOR RELIABLE SOURCES

Percent who trust each source of news



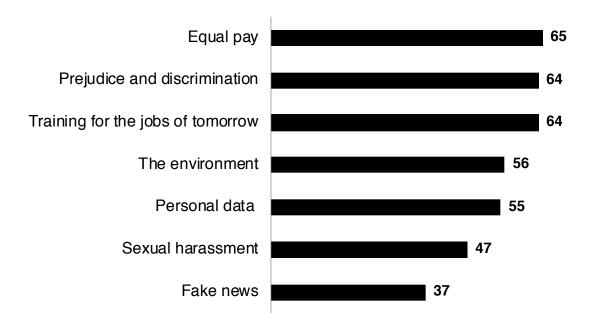
2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. ATT\_MED\_AGR. Below is a list of statements. For each one, please rate how much you agree or disagree with that statement using a nine-point scale where one means "strongly disagree" and nine means "strongly agree". 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, 27-market average. COM\_MCL. When looking for general news and information, how much would you trust each type of source for general news and information? Please use a 9-point scale where one means that you "do not trust it at all" and nine means that you "trust it a great deal". 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, 27-market average and by region.

#### LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP FROM CEOS

Percent who say that CEOs should take the lead on change rather than waiting for government to impose it



#### Percent who agree CEOs can create positive change in:



### LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP FROM MY EMPLOYER

%

of employees agree
It's critically important for my CEO
to respond to challenging times

- Industry issues
- Political events
- National crisis
- Employee-driven issues

**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** CEO\_DIR. On which of the following occasions do you believe it is critically important to hear directly from the CEO or head of the organization you work for? Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, 27-market average.

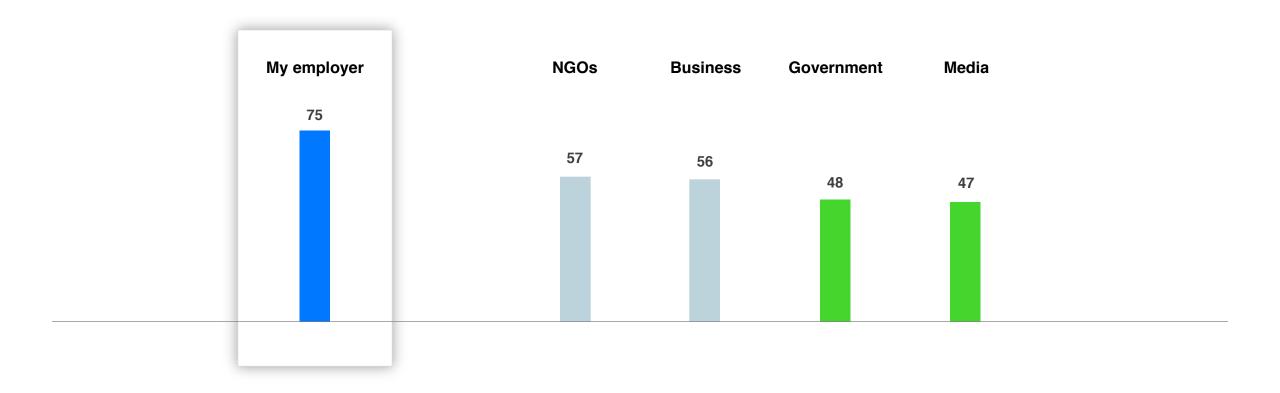
Data shown is a net of "when there is major news or an event that affects our industry or sector," "when there is a major social or political event that affects our country," "when there is a crisis in the country," and "when employees demand that the CEO publicly take a stand on an important issue".





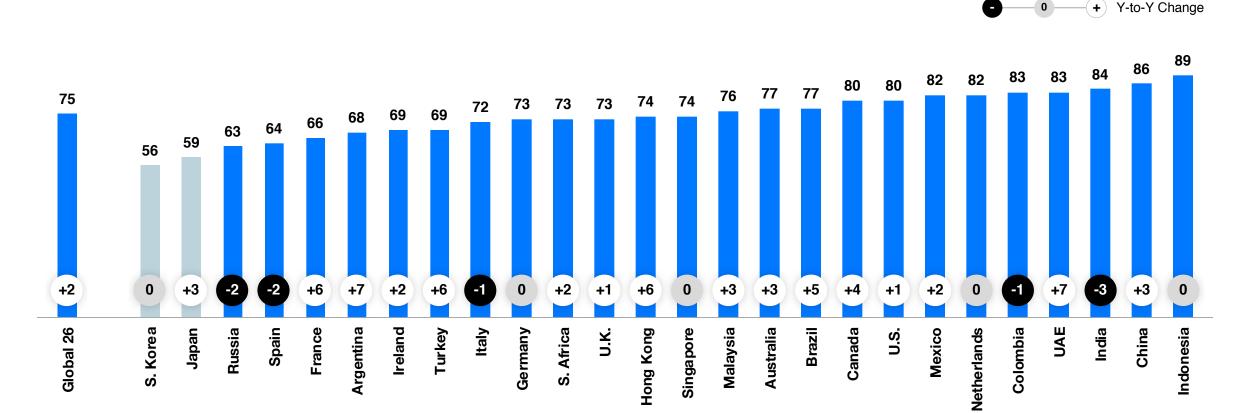
#### MY EMPLOYER MOST-TRUSTED RELATIONSHIP

Percent trust Distrust Neutral Trust



### STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH MY EMPLOYER AROUND THE WORLD

Percent trust in "my employer"



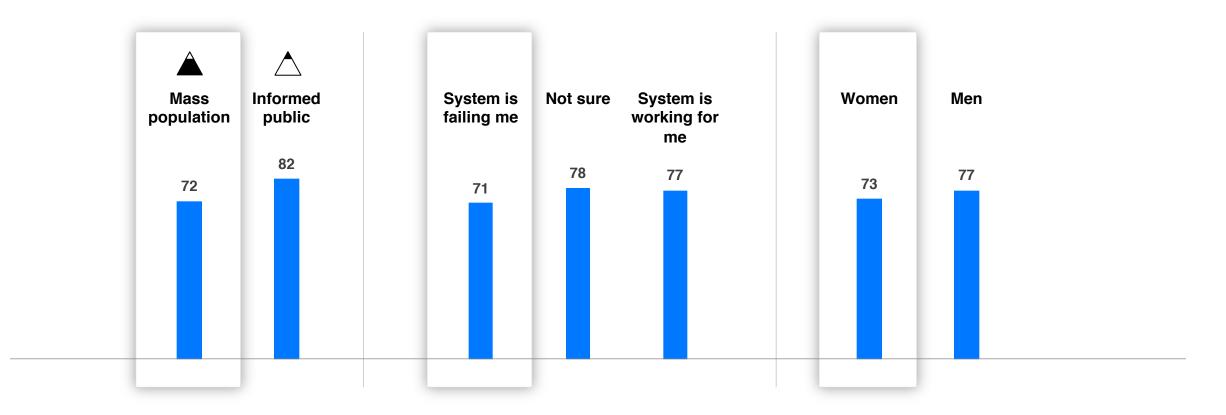
Distrust

Trust

Neutral

### EMPLOYERS TRUSTED EVEN BY THE DISENFRANCHISED

Percent trust in "my employer"



2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. TRU\_INS. [YOUR EMPLOYER] Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right using a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal". 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. Question asked of those who are employed, but not self employed (Q206/1 OR 2 AND NOT Q421/8). General population employees, mass population employees and informed public employees, 27-market average, by gender, and "system failing" scale.

Distrust

Neutral

Trust

#### **EMPLOYERS TRUSTED TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY**

Percent who agree

I look to my employer to be a trustworthy source of information about social issues and other important topics on which there is not general agreement



### Employees see business as trustworthy source on:





**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** EMP\_ENG. Thinking about your current employer, to what extent do you agree with the following statements? 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees and multinational employees, 27-market average. BUS\_SRC. Below is a list of topics and social issues. Please indicate about which of the following you believe business in general to be a trustworthy information source. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, 27-market average, among those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7).

### TRUSTED EMPLOYERS LEAD ON CHANGE

Top five communications topics that are most effective in increasing employer trust, as determined by discrete choice logit analysis

#### Relative importance in building employer trust

(A coefficient of 2 or higher is significant)

Societal Impact	3.78
The organization's contributions for the betterment of society	3.76
Values	3.24
The organization's values	
The Future	3.12
The organization's vision for the future	
Purpose	2.85
The organization's mission and purpose	2.00
Operations	2.62
Operational decisions, including decisions that may affect my job	727.0/2

**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** EMP\_COM. Good communication within an organization is important. In looking through the list of topics below, please indicate which ones the organization you work for does a good job communicating about to its employees? Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, 27-market average. Reported coefficients are marginal effects calculated using a discrete choice logit model which allows us to calculate the trust effect of good communication about each topic, while holding other variables constant.





# EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS NOW INCLUDE SOCIETAL CHANGE

Percent of employees who expect each from a prospective employer

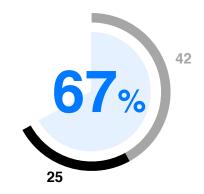
You would have to pay me a lot more to work for an organization that does not offer this

Deal breaker
I would never work
for an organization
that does not offer this

2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. EMP\_IMP. When considering an organization as a potential place of employment, how important is each of the following to you in deciding whether or not you would accept a job offer there? Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, 27-market average. Buckets are the sum of the average of codes 1 & 2 for the items that make up each dimension. For details on the full list of items that went into each of the three dimensions, please refer to the Technical Appendix.

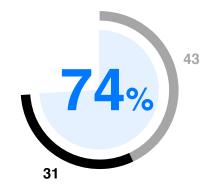
#### **Shared Action**

My employer has a greater purpose, and my job has a meaningful societal impact



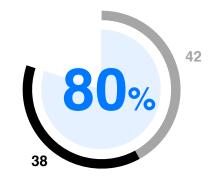
### Personal Empowerment

I know what is going on, I am part of the planning process, and I have a voice in key decisions; the culture is values-driven and inclusive



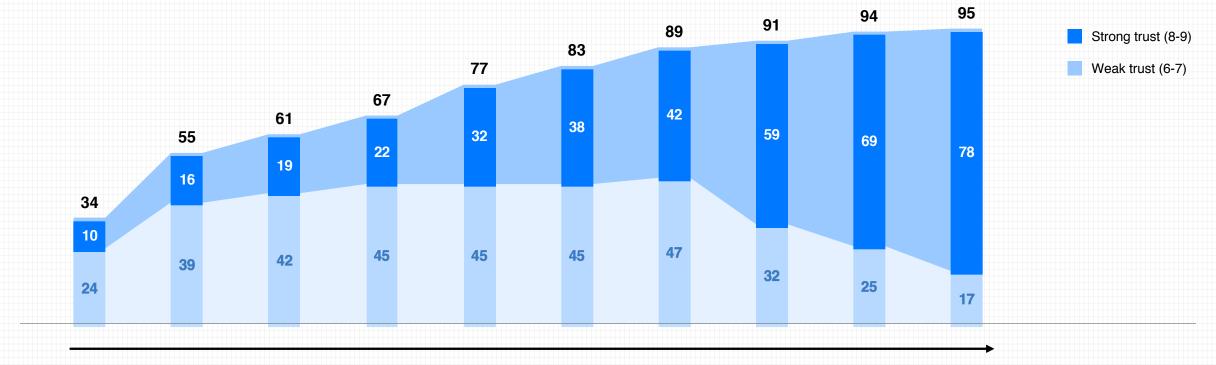
#### **Job Opportunity**

My employer offers wage growth, training, career growth and work which I find interesting & fulfilling



# MEETING EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS BUILDS RESILIENT TRUST

Percent who trust their employer, by degree to which employee expectations are met

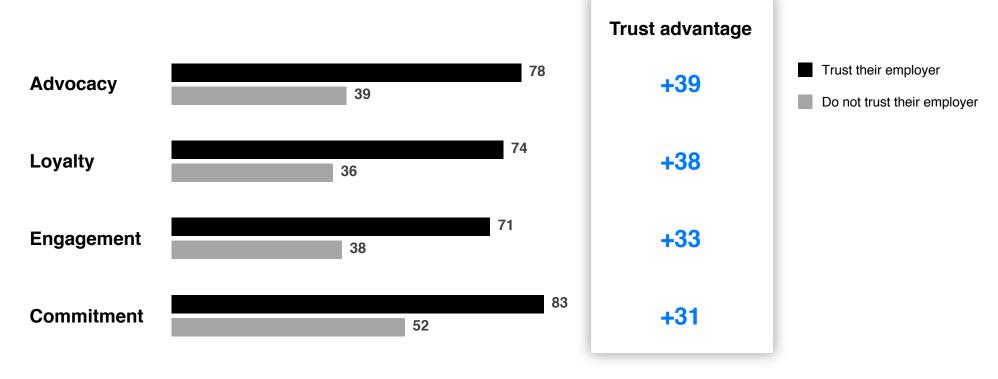


**Employer performance against employee expectations** 

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# EMPLOYEE TRUST CEMENTS THE EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE PARTNERSHIP

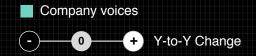
Percent of employees who engage in these types of behaviors on behalf of their employer

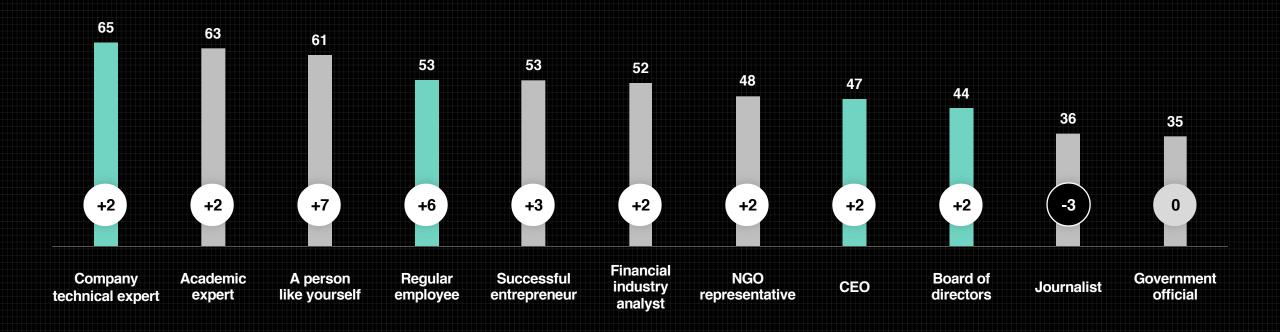


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### **ACTIVATE EMPLOYEE VOICES**

Percent who rate each source as very/extremely credible





# INVESTING IN EMPLOYEE TRUST IS INVESTING IN YOUR BOTTOM LINE

How a company treats its employees is one of the best indicators of its level of trustworthiness

**78%** 

Percent who agree that "a good reputation may get me to try a product, but unless I come to trust the company behind the product, I will soon stop buying it"

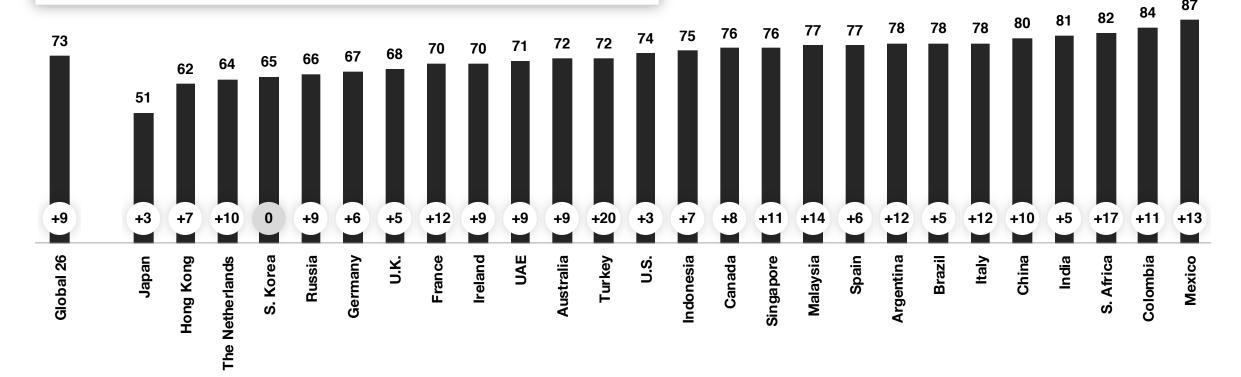
67%

#### COMPANIES CAN IMPROVE SOCIETY—AND ALSO DO WELL

Percent who agree

"A company can take specific actions that both increase profits and improve the economic and social conditions in the communities where it operates"





# TRUST AT WORK: THE NEW EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

### 1. Lead Change

- Be aspirational
- Address concerns about the personal impact of change
- Train the workforce of the future

### 2. Empower Employees

- Give them a voice
- Create opportunities for shared action
- Empower them with information

### 3. Start Locally

- Solve problems at home
- Improve societal conditions in the local communities in which you operate

### 4. CEO Leadership

- Live your values
- Engage directly
- Be visible and show a personal commitment, inside and outside the organization



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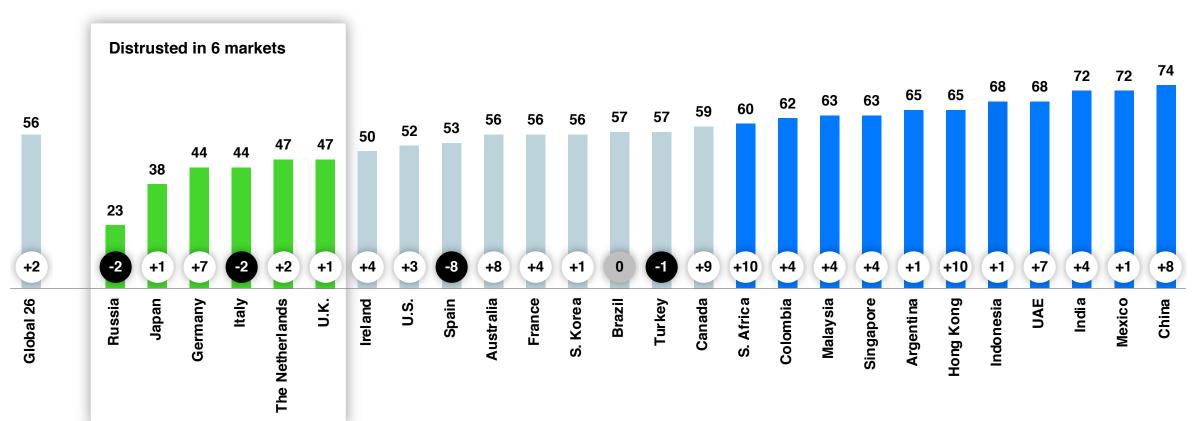
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## TRUST IN NGOS INCREASES IN 21 OF 26 MARKETS

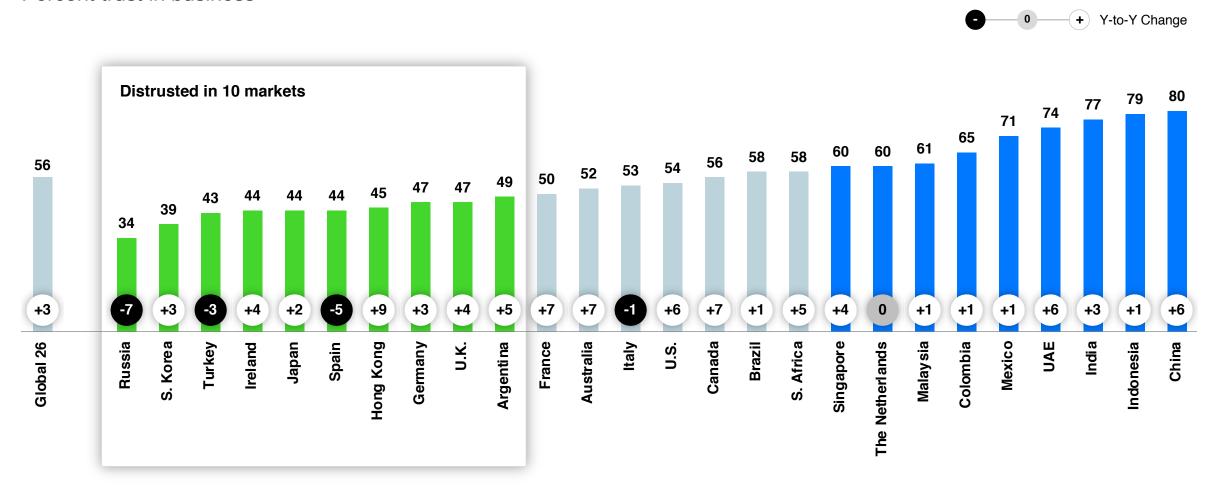
Percent trust in NGOs





## TRUST IN BUSINESS INCREASES IN 21 OF 26 MARKETS

Percent trust in business

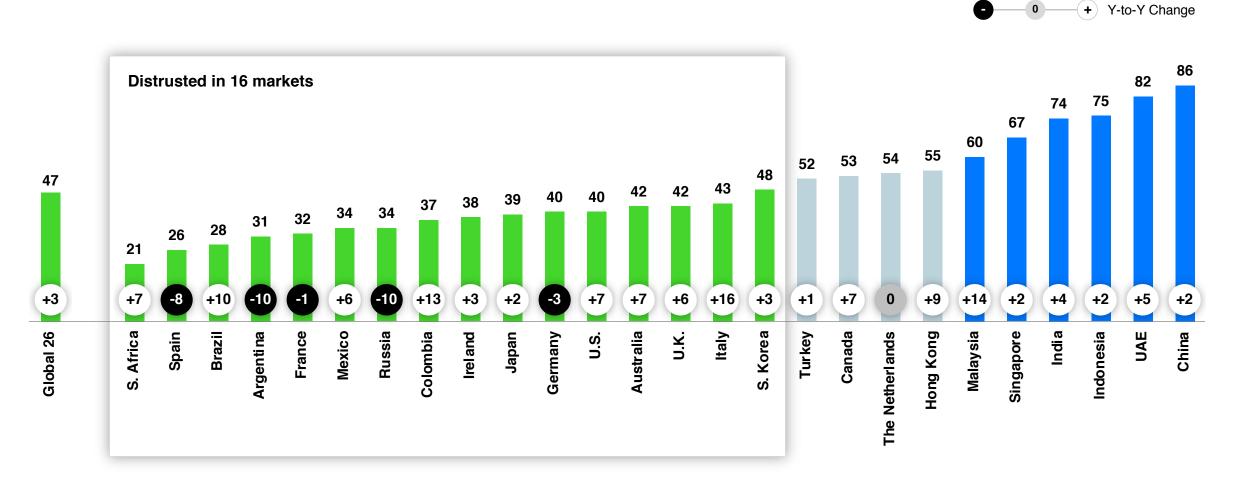


Trust

Neutral

## TRUST IN GOVERNMENT INCREASES IN 20 OF 26 MARKETS

Percent trust in government

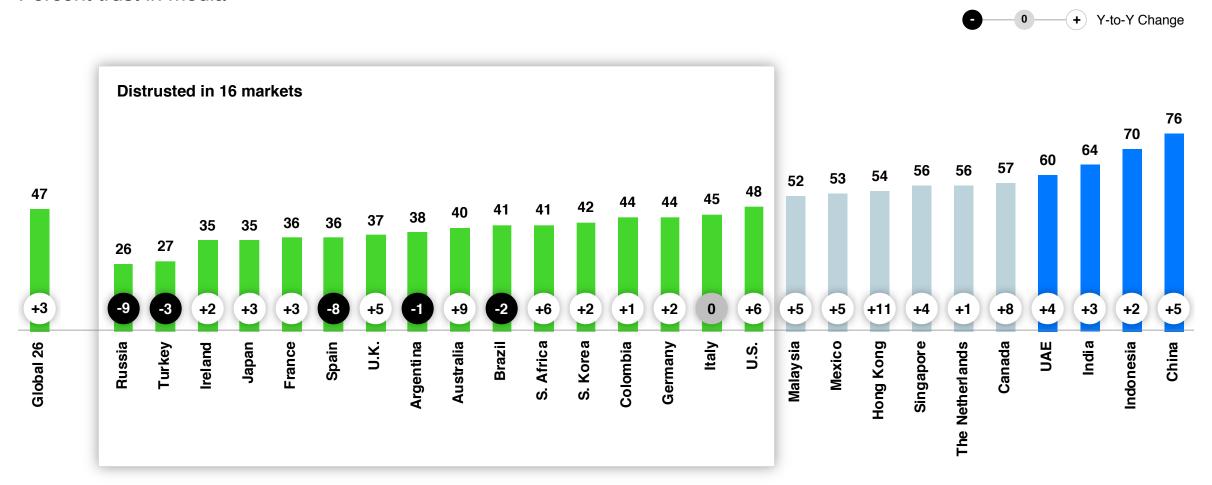


Trust

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## TRUST IN MEDIA RISES, REMAINS LEAST-TRUSTED INSTITUTION

Percent trust in media



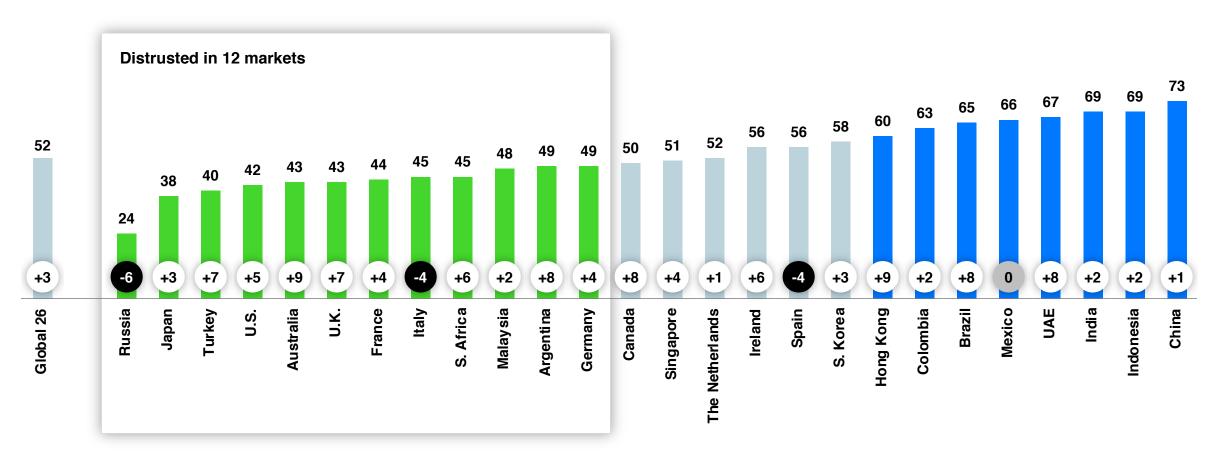
Trust

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## TRUST IN THE EUROPEAN UNION INCREASES IN 22 OF 26 MARKETS

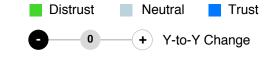
Percent trust in the European Union

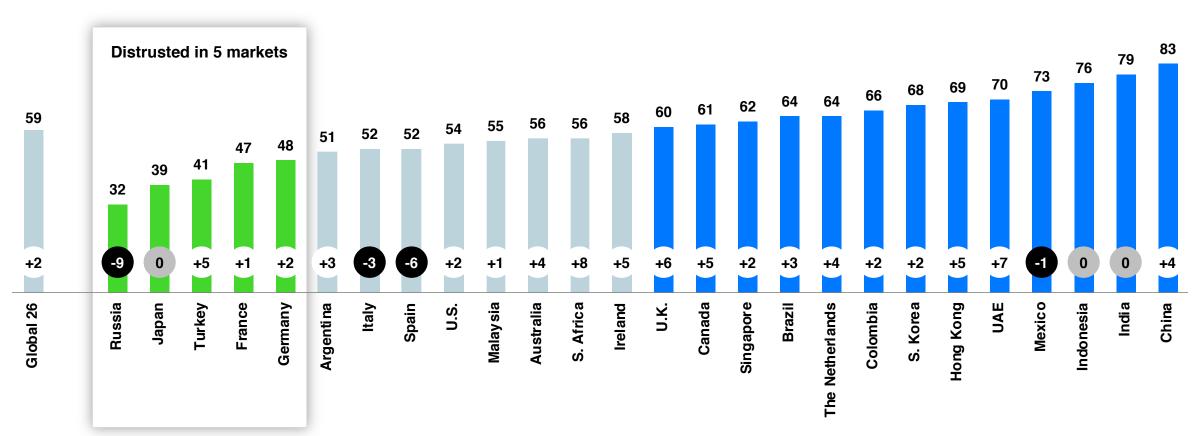




## TRUST IN THE UNITED NATIONS INCREASES IN 19 OF 26 MARKETS

Percent trust in the United Nations





### TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS, MEN VS WOMEN

#### Percent trust

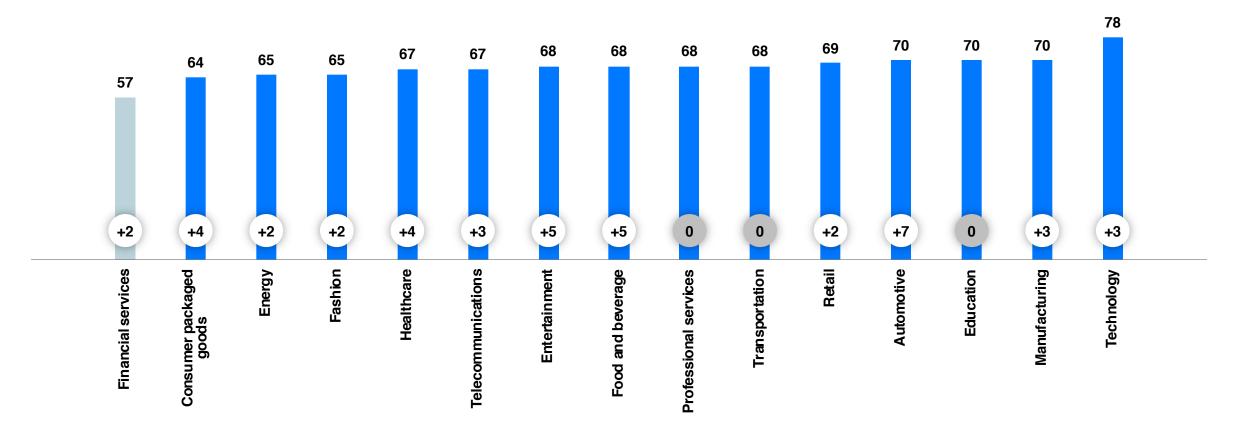
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Business	60	53	7	51	47	4	55	49	6	60	56	4	59	53	6	81	78	3	68	63	5
Government	51	46	5	31	31	0	45	39	6	27	28	1	56	50	6	86	86	0	41	33	8
NGOs	58	55	3	63	67	4	60	52	8	52	62	10	62	55	7	76	71	5	60	63	3
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NGOs	58	53	5	54	53	1	51	44	7	56	59	3	69	65	4	49	45	4	59	45	14
Media	46	38	8	36	37	1	60	53	7	25	28	3	65	49	16	41	33	8	52	44	8
Trust Index	49	43	6	41	39	2	57	52	5	45	44	1	74	64	10	47	40	7	54	43	11

**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** The Trust Index is the average percent trust in NGOs, business, government and media. TRU\_INS. Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right using a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal." 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. General population, 27-market global average.

### TRUST INCREASES IN 12 OF 15 SECTORS

Percent trust in each sector





**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** TRU\_IND. Please indicate how much you trust businesses in each of the following industries to do what is right. Again, please use the same nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal". 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. Industries shown to half of the sample. General population, 26-market average.

### **INDUSTRY SECTORS AT FIVE-YEAR HIGHS**

Percent trust in each sector

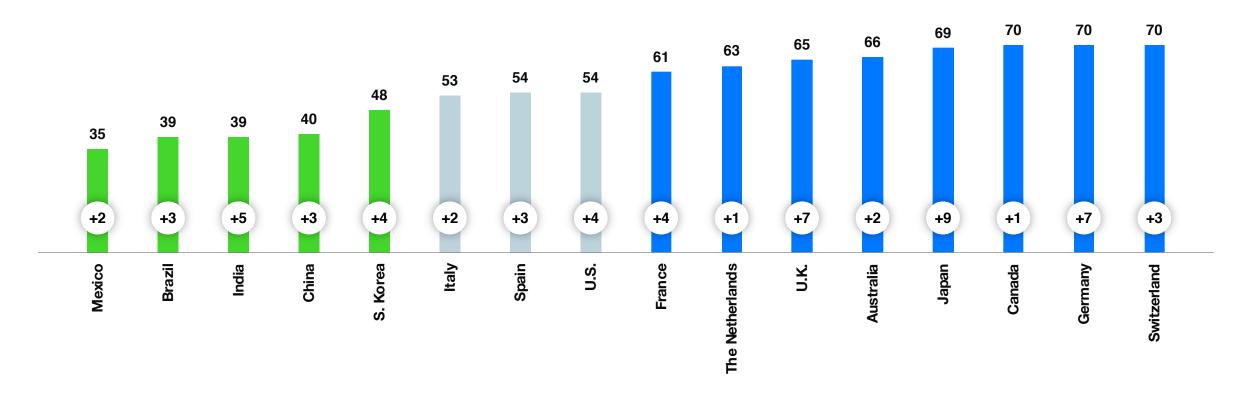
	Distrust	Neutral	Trust
0	<b>0</b> +	Change, 201	5 to 2019

Industry	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5yr. trend
Technology	74	75	76	75	78	+4
Automotive	67	61	66	62	69	+2
Entertainment	64	65	65	63	68	+4
Food and beverage	64	65	68	64	68	+4
Healthcare	-	64	67	65	68	n/a
Telecommunications	60	61	64	64	67	+7
Consumer packaged goods	61	62	64	61	65	+4
Energy	57	59	63	63	65	+8
Financial services	49	53	55	55	57	+8

### TRUST RISES FOR ALL COUNTRY BRANDS

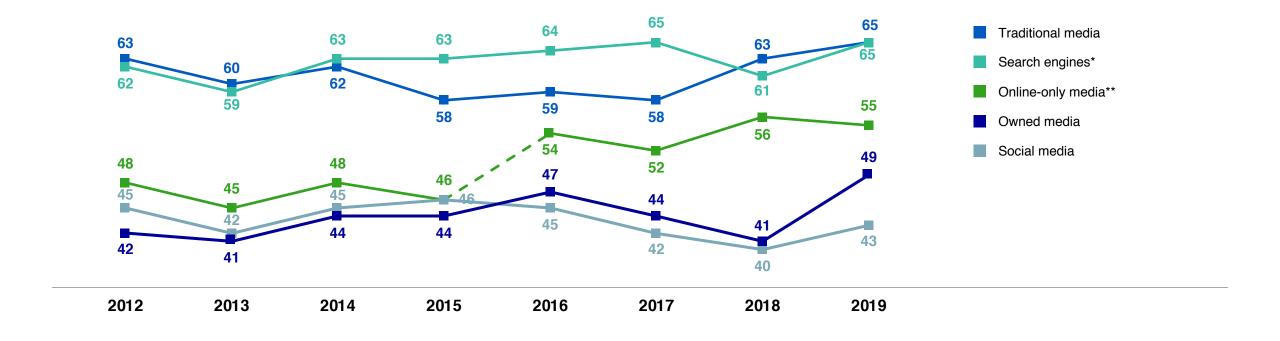
Trust in companies headquartered in each market





### TRADITIONAL MEDIA, SEARCH MOST TRUSTED

Percent trust in each source for general news and information



2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. COM\_MCL. When looking for general news and information, how much would you trust each type of source for general news and information? Please use a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust it at all" and nine means that you "trust it a great deal." 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, 23-market average.



<sup>\*</sup>From 2012-2015, "Online Search Engines" were included as a media type. In 2016, this was changed to "Search Engines."

<sup>\*\*</sup>From 2012-2015, "Hybrid Media" was included as a media type. In 2016, this was changed to "Online-Only media."

### **NEWS ENGAGEMENT SEGMENTS ACROSS MARKETS**

Percent in each segment

	G	lobal 2	26	Α	rgenti	na	Α	ustral	ia		Brazi	l	(	Canad	а		China	l	C	olomb	oia		France	Э	G	iermar	ıy
	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y	2018	2019	Y-to-Y
Disengaged	49	28	-21	46	24	-22	60	34	-26	39	17	-22	54	33	-21	26	11	-15	38	21	-17	61	37	-24	67	49	-18
Consumers	24	32	8	26	28	2	28	46	18	23	25	2	31	42	11	28	24	-4	28	26	-2	23	36	13	15	28	13
Amplifiers	26	40	14	29	48	19	12	20	8	38	58	20	16	26	10	47	65	18	34	53	19	17	27	10	18	23	5
	Но	ng Ko	ng		India		In	dones	sia		Ireland	d		Italy			Japan		N	lalays	ia	l	Mexico	ס		Russia	a
Disengaged	40	20	-20	35	19	-16	45	19	-26	52	34	-18	54	31	-23	72	46	-26	45	19	-26	47	21	-26	47	24	-23
Consumers	31	39	8	19	18	-1	17	26	9	32	40	8	19	24	5	18	37	19	19	24	5	19	24	5	32	30	-2
Amplifiers	29	41	12	46	63	17	38	55	17	16	25	9	27	45	18	10	17	7	36	57	21	34	54	20	21	46	25
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Disengaged	49	24	-25	48	27	-21	60	36	-24	46	22	-24	53	29	-24	31	16	-15	59	37	-22	59	37	-22	55	39	-16
Consumers	30	40	10	24	32	8	18	27	9	26	36	10	34	47	13	23	20	-3	26	37	12	26	37	12	26	33	7
Amplifiers	21	36	15	27	41	13	22	36	14	28	43	15	14	24	10	45	65	20	16	26	10	16	26	10	20	27	7

## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF EACH NEWS ENGAGEMENT SEGMENT



	Trust Index	Age	Gender	Education	Income
THE DISENGAGED Consume news less than weekly	36 TRUST INDEX	18-34 32 35-54 37 55+ 31	Female 57 Male 43	Less than college 62 College+ 37	Low 32 Middle 48 High 19
CONSUMERS Consume news about weekly or more	47 TRUST INDEX	18-34 29 35-54 34 55+ 37	Female 51 Male 49	Less than college 53  College+ 47	Low 23 Middle 51 High 26
AMPLIFIERS Consume news about weekly or more AND share or post content several times a month or more	55 TRUST INDEX	18-34 37 35-54 40 55+ 23	Female 49 Male 51	Less than college 45  College+ 55	Low 23 Middle 47 High 30

**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** The Trust Index is an average of a market's trust in the institutions of government, business, media and NGOs. S15. What is your current age? S6. Are you male or female? S7. What is the last grade in school you completed? S8. Thinking about your annual household income in 2017, which of the following categories best describes your total household income that year? General population, 27-market average, by the News Engagement Scale.

### **EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS IN DETAIL**

	Strong expectation	Deal breaker	Total expectation	Performance	Performance gap
Job Opportunity	42	38	80	61	19
Wages keep up with the cost of living	40	44	84	58	25
Interesting work experience	43	37	80	68	12
Training programs	43	36	79	63	16
Career opportunities	42	35	77	56	21
Personal Empowerment	43	31	74	58	16
Management always tells the truth	38	41	79	55	24
Regular communications	44	34	78	61	17
Employees have a voice	46	31	77	59	18
CEO embodies organization's values	42	32	73	60	13
Employees included in planning	44	27	71	57	14
Diversity at all levels	44	27	71	61	9
Organization acts on its values	40	24	64	50	14
Shared Action	42	25	67	56	10
Shared values	44	29	72	59	13
Greater purpose	44	28	71	67	4
Meaningful work	44	27	71	59	12
Opportunities to address social problems	42	24	66	55	11
CEO speaks up on issues	35	19	54	48	6
Listens to employee objections	41	20	61	46	15

**2019 Edelman Trust Barometer.** EMP\_IMP. When considering an organization as a potential place of employment, how important is each of the following to you in deciding whether or not you would accept a job offer there? 3-point scale; code 1, very important (I would never work for an organization that lacked this characteristic); code 2, important (The pay or other benefits would have to be significantly higher than my other options to compensate for this not being a characteristic of the organization). Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). EMP\_VAL. Thinking about your current employer, to what extent do you agree with the following statements? 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, 27-market average.

### **EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS ACROSS DEMOGRAPHICS**

By age			18-34					35-54					55+		
	Strong expectation	Deal breaker	Total expectation	Performance	Performance gap	Strong expectation	Deal breaker	Total expectation	Performance	Performance gap	Strong expectation	Deal breaker	Total expectation	Performance	Performance gap
Job Opportunity	41	40	81	64	17	43	36	79	61	18	41	37	78	57	21
Personal Empowerment	43	32	75	61	14	43	30	73	56	17	40	32	72	52	20
Shared Action	42	26	68	59	9	42	24	66	55	11	38	23	61	48	13

By gender			Men					Women		
	Strong expectation	Deal breaker	Total expectation	Performance	Performance gap	Strong expectation	Deal breaker	Total expectation	Performance	Performance gap
Job Opportunity	43	37	80	64	16	41	39	80	59	21
Personal Empowerment	43	30	73	60	13	42	31	73	55	18
Shared Action	42	25	67	59	8	41	25	66	53	13

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### WHY EDELMAN STUDIES TRUST

In modern society, we delegate important aspects of our well-being to the four institutions of business (economic well-being), government (national security and public policy), media (information and knowledge) and NGOs (social causes and issues).

In order to feel safe delegating important aspects of our lives and well-being to others, we need to trust them to act with integrity and with our best interests in mind. Trust, therefore, is at the heart of an individual's relationship with an institution and, by association, its leadership.

If trust in these institutions diminishes, we begin to fear that we are no longer in safe, reliable hands. Without trust, the fabric of society can unravel to the detriment of all.

From an institutional standpoint, trust is a forward-looking metric. Unlike reputation, which is based on an organization's historical behavior, trust is a predictor of whether stakeholders will find you credible in the future, will embrace new innovations you introduce and will enthusiastically support or defend you.

For these reasons, trust is a valuable asset for all institutions, and ongoing trust-building activities should be one of the most important strategic priorities for every organization.

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### 19th ANNUAL **EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER**

Methodology

Online Survey in 27 Markets

33,000+ respondents total

All fieldwork was conducted between October 19 and November 16, 2018

27-market global data margin of error: General population +/- 0.6% (N=31,050), informed public +/- 1.3% (N=6,000), mass population +/-0.6% (26,000+), half-sample global general online population +/- 0.8 (N=15,525).

Market-specific data margin of error: General population +/- 2.9 (N=1,150), informed public +/- 6.9% (N=min 200, varies by market, China and U.S. +/- 4.4% (N=500), mass population +/- 3.0 to 3.6 (N =min 739, varies by market).

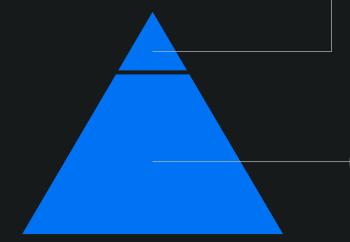
Employee MOE: 27-market =  $\pm$  0.8% (N=16,944) Market-specific =  $\pm$  4.6% (N=min 446, varies by market)

#### **General Online Population**

1,150 respondents per market

Ages 18+

All slides show general online population data unless otherwise noted



#### Informed Public

500 respondents in U.S. and China; 200 in all other markets

Represents 16% of total global population

Must meet 4 criteria

- Ages 25-64
- College-educated
- In top 25% of household income per age group in each market
- Report significant media consumption and engagement in public policy and business news

#### Mass Population 🛕



All population not including informed public Represents 84% of total global population

2019 Focus on **Employer-Employee** Relationship

55% of global general population are full- or part-time employees (but not self-employed)

Oversample of employees of multinational companies: 500 respondents per market

### SAMPLE SIZE, QUOTAS AND MARGIN OF ERROR

		General Popu	ulation		Informed Public					
	Sample Size*	Quotas Set On**	Margin of Error	Sample Size*	Quotas Set On***	Margin of Error				
Global	31,050	Age, Gender, Region	+/- 0.6% total sample +/- 0.8% half sample	6000	Age, Education, Gender, Income	+/- 1.2% total sample +/- 1.8% split sample				
China and U.S.	1,150	Age, Gender, Region	+/- 2.9% total sample +/- 4.1% half sample	500	Age, Education, Gender, Income	+/- 4.4% total sample +/- 6.2% split sample				
All other markets	1,150	Age, Gender, Region	+/- 2.9% total sample +/- 4.1% half sample	200	Age, Education, Gender, Income	+/- 6.9% total sample +/- 9.8% split sample				

<sup>\*</sup> Some questions were asked of only half of the sample. Please refer to the footnotes on each slide for details.

<sup>\*\*</sup> In the U.S., U.K. and UAE, there were additional quotas on ethnicity.

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## LANGUAGES AND INTERNET PENETRATION BY MARKET

The Edelman Trust Barometer is an online survey. In developed markets, a nationally-representative online sample closely mirrors the general population. In markets with lower levels of internet penetration, a nationally-representative online sample will be more affluent, educated and urban than the general population.

	Languages	Internet Penetration*		Languages	Internet Penetration*
Global	-	55%	India	Hindi & English	34%
Argentina	Localized Spanish	79%	Indonesia	Indonesian	50%
Australia	English	88%	Ireland	English	93%
Brazil	Portuguese	66%	Italy	Italian	92%
Canada	English & French Canadian	90%	Japan	Japanese	93%
China	Simplified Chinese	57%	Malaysia	Malay	79%
Colombia	Localized Spanish	58%	Mexico	Localized Spanish	65%
France	French	93%	Netherlands	Dutch & English	96%
Germany	German	96%	Russia	Russian	76%
Hong Kong	English & Traditional Chinese	87%	Saudi Arabia	Arabic & English	90%

	Languages	Internet Penetration*
Singapore	English & Simplified Chinese	84%
South Africa	English & Afrikaans	54%
South Korea	Korean	93%
Spain	Spanish	93%
Turkey	Turkish	68%
UAE	Arabic & English	98%
U.K.	English	95%
U.S.	English	88%

<sup>\*</sup>Data source: http://www.internet worldstats.com/stats.htm (June 30, 2018 for Asian and Middle Eastern markets; December, 2017 for European and North American markets,)

## HOW DID WE MEASURE BELIEF IN THE SYSTEM?

Four dimensions were examined to determine whether or not respondents believe the system is failing them:

- 1) A **sense of injustice** stemming from the perception that society's elites have co-opted the system to their own advantage at the expense of regular people,
- 2) A lack of hope that the future will be better for you and your family,
- 3) A **lack of confidence** in the leaders of societal institutions to solve the country's problems, and
- 4) A **desire for** forceful reformers in positions of power that are capable of bring about much-needed **change**.

Overall scores were calculated by taking the average of the nine item scores.

Respondents were categorized into one of three segments based their mean score:

- Those who averaged 6.00 or higher believe the system is failing them
- Those who averaged between 5.00 and 5.99 were labelled as uncertain
- Those who averaged less than 5.00 believe the system is working

#### Respondents were asked:

For each one, please rate how true you believe that statement is using a nine-point scale where one means it is "not at all true" and nine means it is "completely true".

#### Sense of Injustice Items

"The elites who run our institutions are out of touch with regular people" *POP\_MDCr8* 

"The elites who run our institutions are indifferent to the will of the people" *POP\_MDCr1* 

"As regular people struggle just to pay their bills, the elites are getting richer than they deserve" POP\_MDCr2

"The system is biased against regular people and in favor of the rich and powerful" *POP\_MDCr3* 

#### **Lack of Hope Items**

"My hard work will be rewarded" (reverse scored) POP MDCr18

"My children will have a better life than I do" (reverse scored) POP\_MDCr19

"The country is moving in the right direction" (reverse scored) *POP\_MDCr20* 

#### **Lack of Confidence Items**

"I do not have confidence that our current leaders will be able to address our country's challenges" POP\_MDCr10

#### **Desire for Change Items**

"We need forceful reformers in positions of power to bring about much-needed change" POP\_MDCr9

## HOW DID WE DEFINE THE NEWS ENGAGEMENT SEGMENTS?

The three news engagement segments shown on slide 22 of the global report (The Disengaged, Consumers, and Amplifiers) were defined based on two scales.

The first scale measured news consumption and the second measured sharing and posting of news content. Both scales were based on an average of two activities, rated on a seven-point scale of how often the respondent engaged in the activities. We used both scales together to determine three levels of overall news engagement.

We discovered that those who scored high on the posting/sharing scale were very unlikely to score low on the consumption scale, and those who scored low on the consumption scale were very unlikely to score high on the sharing/posting scale. As a result, despite there being four possible high/low combinations of the two scales, we chose to segment respondents into only three groups as defined below.

	Consumption	Sharing and Posting
The Disengaged	Less than weekly	Less than several times a month
Consumers	About weekly or more	Less than several times a month
Amplifiers	About weekly or more	Several times a month or more

#### **News Consumption Scale Items**

- Read, view or listen to news and information produced by major news organizations or publications at the original source
- Read news and information from major news organizations sent to me by others or pushed to me on a news feed, social network platform or application

#### **News Content Sharing/Posting Scale Items**

- · Share or forward news items that I find to be interesting
- Create and post my own opinions or other news/information content on social media platforms or other online sites

#### **Activity frequency scale response options**

- I never do this
- I occasionally do this
- · I do this several times a month
- I do this weekly
- I do this several times a week
- I do this daily
- I do this several times a day

# HOW DID WE MEASURE EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS?

#### We identified three dimensions of employee expectations:

- 1) Job Opportunity: My employer offers good wages, training, career growth and interesting work experiences
- 2) Personal Empowerment: I know what is going on, I am part of the planning process, and I have a voice in key decisions; the culture is values-driven and inclusive
- **3) Shared Action:** My employer has a greater purpose, and my work has a meaningful societal impact

#### Respondents were asked:

When considering an organization as a potential place of employment, how **important** is each of the following to you in deciding whether or not you would accept a job offer there?

**Very important**: I would never work for an organization that lacked this characteristic.

**Important:** The pay or other benefits would have to be significantly higher than my other options to compensate for this not being a characteristic of the organization.

**Not very important**: This might be nice to have but it isn't very important to me

#### **Job Opportunity Items**

- They offer training programs to help employees keep their skills up-to-date
- There are many opportunities for me to move up within the organization
- They ensure that their employees' wages keep up with increases in the cost of living over time
- They offer me interesting and valuable work experiences

#### **Personal Empowerment Items**

- The employees at all levels within the organization reflect the diversity of the customers and community it serves
- Management always tells employees the truth
- The organization refuses to promote or reward people who do not live up to its values even if they perform well in other ways
- Management communicates regularly with employees about what is happening within the organization
- The CEO's actions embody the values of the organization
- They make it easy for employees to give input and feedback to management
- They include employees in the planning and strategy development process

#### **Shared Action Items**

- There are opportunities within my job to engage in activities that help address social problems or support the local community
- The organization has a greater purpose that I understand and support
- The CEO speaks publicly about controversial social and political issues that I care about
- My values are reflected in the way the organization goes about its business
- I would have the opportunity to do work that will shape the future of society in some meaningful way
- If its employees objected, my employer would stop engaging in specific business practices or working with certain organizations

## HOW DID WE MODEL THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYER PERFORANCE AND TRUST?

#### Respondents were asked:

Thinking about your current employer, to what extent do you **agree** with the following statements? Answers were given in reference to a 9-Point, Agree-Disagree scale.

Expectation fulfilment was calculated by assigning a score of 0-3 for each of the expectations dimensions (Job Opportunity, Personal Empowerment, and Shared Action) and then adding those scores up across the three dimensions. Thus, an employer's expectation fulfilment score could range from a total of 0 to 9.

Within a given dimension, if an employer's average score across the items was between 0 and 4.99, they were assigned a score of zero meaning that they fail to deliver on that dimension. If an employer's average score across the items was between 5.00 and 5.99, they were assigned a score of one meaning that they do not reliably deliver on that dimension. If an employer's average score across the items was between 6.00 and 7.49, they were assigned a score of two meaning that they deliver on that dimension. If an employer's score across the items was between 7.50 and 9.00, they were assigned a score of three meaning that they deliver strongly on that dimension.

The chart is based on calculating the average strong (top 2 box) and weak trust (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> box) among employers who score 0 through 9 on expectation fulfilment.

#### **Job Opportunity Items**

- · My employer makes sure that wages keep up with the cost of living over time
- My employer provides me with many opportunities to move up within the organization
- · My job offers me interesting and valuable work experiences
- · My employer offers training programs to help employees keep their skills up-to-date

#### **Personal Empowerment Items**

- · My company makes it easy for me to give input to management
- The employees at all levels within the organization reflect the diversity of the customers and community we serve
- · Management always tells employees the truth
- Management communicates regularly with employees about what is happening within the organization
- My organization includes employees in the planning and strategy development process
- My employer does not promote or reward people who do not live up to our organization's values, even if they perform well in other ways
- The CEO's actions embody the values of our organization

#### **Shared Action Items**

- My values are reflected in the way the organization goes about its business
- I understand and support my organization's greater purpose
- My employer offers me opportunities within my job to engage in activities that help address social problems or support the local community
- My organization's CEO speaks out publicly about controversial social and political issues that I care about
- I have the opportunity to do work that will shape the future of society in some meaningful way

## HOW DID WE MEASURE THE ROI OF EMPLOYEE TRUST?

Four employee KPI dimensions were examined to determine the nature of the employer trust dividend:

- 1) Loyalty
- 2) Advocacy
- 3) Commitment
- 4) Engagement

#### Respondents were asked:

Thinking about your current employer, to what extent do you **agree** with the following statements? Answers were given in reference to a 9-Point,

Agree-Disagree scale.

#### Loyalty items

- I want to stay working for this organization for many years
- I publicly support decisions taken by the organization's leadership

#### **Advocacy items**

- · I would recommend our products or services to others
- · I would defend the organization if I see or hear it being criticized
- I recommend this organization as an employer to others

#### Commitment items

- I want to do the best possible job for our customers or clients
- · I am committed to helping the organization achieve its strategy and goals
- I feel motivated to perform at my best
- I do more than what's expected to help them succeed

#### **Engagement items**

- I behave in a way that epitomizes the organization's values
- I support the organization's social causes and community activities
- I offer suggestions for improving the organization's processes, products or services
- I would feel comfortable in speaking up if I were to see the organization engaging in wrong-doing
- I participate in the organization's social media activities
- I would feel comfortable pressuring management to weigh in on important social and political issues if I thought remaining silent would hurt the reputation of the organization
- I feel a sense of pride in my organization

## HOW CAN ORGANIZATIONS MEASURE AND MANAGE THEIR TRUST?

Building on nearly two decades of experience in researching and analyzing trust, Edelman has developed a methodology for companies to measure, analyze and manage their trust capital. Edelman Trust Management (ETM) is a suite of flexible analytical tools and consulting services that help a business or organization better understand the extent to which it is trusted—and discover how it can best manage and build the trust of its audiences, stakeholders, and shareholders.

Grounded in 20 years of existing research in trust, ETM was devised and verified by a team of specialists across communications, business, and academia to link trust to real-life business outcomes. At the heart of ETM is our Edelman Net Trust Score (ENTS) and four dimensions of trust:

Overall Trust: "I trust this company to do what is right"

Ability: "This company is good at what it does"

Integrity: "This company is honest"

**Dependability:** "This company keeps its promises"

**Purpose:** "This company is trying hard to have a positive impact on society"

To learn more about Edelman Trust Management (ETM), please contact us at EdelmanTrustManagement@edelman.com

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