

Trust in Italy



Edelman Trust Barometer 2020



20th ANNUAL EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER

Methodology



Online survey in 28 markets

34,000+ respondents total

All fieldwork was conducted between
October 19 and November 18, 2019

28-market global data margin of error: General population +/- 0.6% (N=32,200), informed public +/- 1.2% (N=6,200), mass population +/- 0.6% (26,000+), half-sample global general online population +/- 0.8% (N=16,100).

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 736, varies by market).

Gen Z MOE: 28-market = +/- 1.5% (N=4,310)

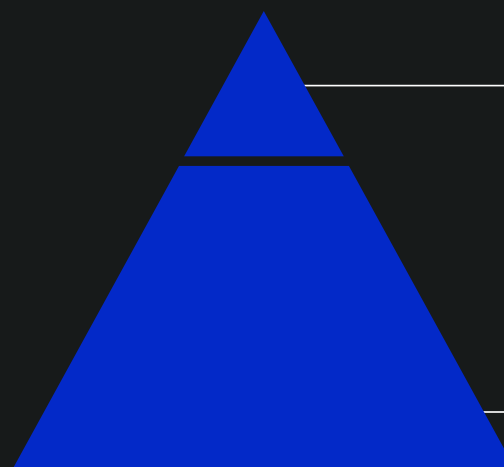
Market-specific = +/- 5.3 to 10.5% (N=min 88, varies by market).

General Online Population

1,150
respondents
per market

Ages
18+

All slides show general
online population data
unless otherwise noted



2020 Gen Z oversample

250 respondents age 18-24 per market



Informed Public

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

Represents **17%** 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 **83%** of total
global population



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TRUST ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

20 years of Edelman
research on trust



- 2M+ respondents
- 400+ companies
- 80k employee reviews
- Interviews with 50+ business leaders
- 23M measures of trust
- Review of 150+ academic articles and 80+ models of trust
- Trust and stock price analysis for 80 companies



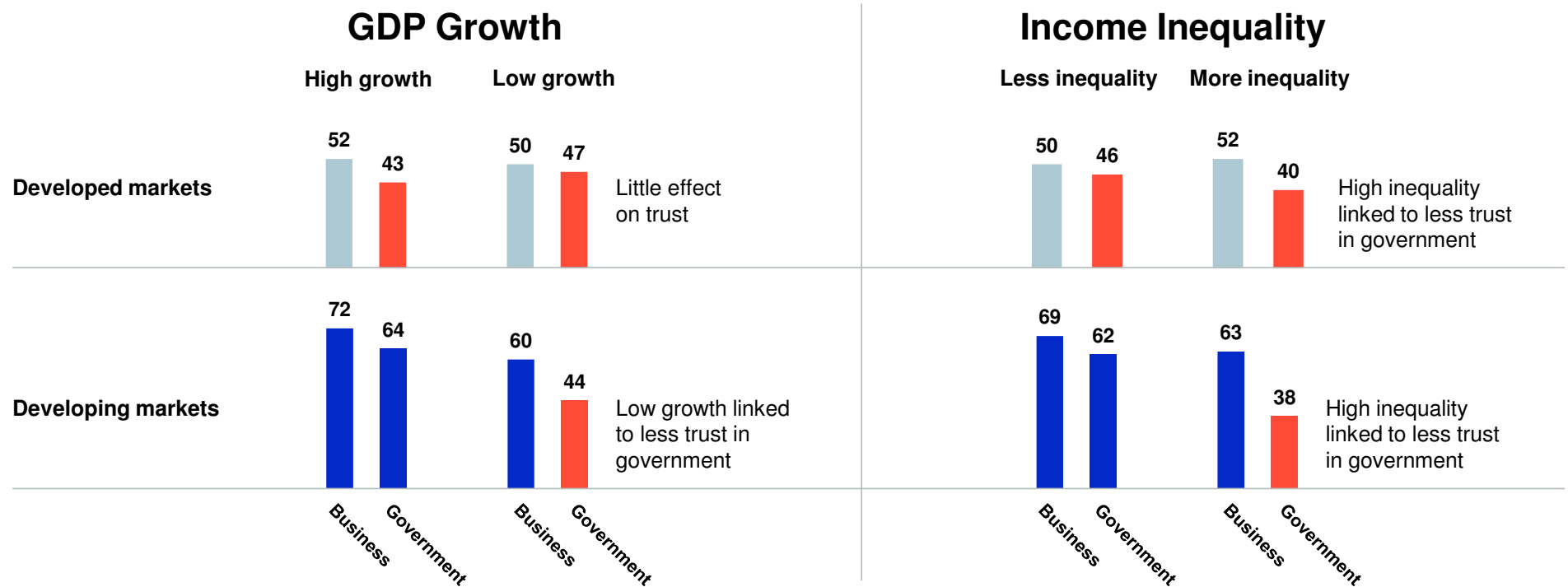
20 YEARS OF TRUST

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Rising Influence of NGOs	Fall of the Celebrity CEO	Earned Media More Credible Than Advertising	U.S. Companies in Europe Suffer Trust Discount	Trust Shifts from "Authorities" to Peers	A "Person Like Me" Emerges as Credible Spokesperson	Business More Trusted Than Government and Media	Young People Have More Trust in Business	Trust in Business Plummets	Performance and Transparency Essential to Trust
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Business Must Partner With Government to Regain Trust	Fall of Government	Crisis of Leadership	Business to Lead the Debate for Change	Trust is Essential to Innovation	Growing Inequality of Trust	Trust in Crisis	The Battle for Truth	Trust at Work	Trust: Competence and Ethics

INCOME INEQUALITY NOW AFFECTS TRUST MORE THAN ECONOMIC GROWTH



Percent trust



2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. TRU_INS. Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust.
 General online population, 23-mkt avg., by developed and developing markets. High-growth economies are those with a Q2 2019 GDP of 1.4% or higher. Developing market high-growth economies: China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, UAE; low growth economies: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, S. Africa, Thailand. Developed market high-growth economies: Australia, Canada, France, Ireland, The Netherlands, Spain, U.S.; low-growth economies: Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Italy, Singapore, S. Korea, U.K.



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GROWING SENSE OF INEQUITY

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CONTINUED DISTRUST

Trust Index

Global Trust Index increases 1 pt., with increases in 16 of 26 markets measured

12 of 26 markets are distrusters, down 2 from 2019

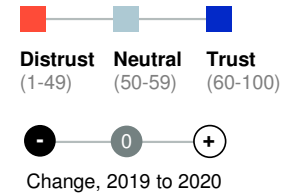
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▲ 2019 General population

53	Global 26
79	China
73	Indonesia
72	India
71	UAE
70	Saudi Arabia
62	Singapore
59	Malaysia
58	Mexico
56	Canada
55	Hong Kong
54	The Netherlands
52	Colombia
49	U.S.
48	Australia
46	Argentina
46	Brazil
46	Italy
46	S. Korea
45	S. Africa
44	France
44	Germany
43	U.K.
42	Ireland
40	Spain
39	Japan
29	Russia

▲ 2020 General population

54	Global 26
82	China
79	India
73	Indonesia
65	UAE
62	Mexico
62	Singapore
61	Saudi Arabia
60	Malaysia
57	The Netherlands
53	Canada
53	Colombia
51	Brazil
50	Hong Kong
50	S. Korea
49	Argentina
49	Italy
47	Australia
47	U.S.
46	Germany
45	France
45	Ireland
45	Spain
44	S. Africa
42	Japan
42	U.K.
30	Russia



Declines in

Saudi Arabia	-9
UAE	-6
Hong Kong	-5
Canada	-3
U.S.	-2
Australia	-1
S. Africa	-1
U.K.	-1

TRUST INEQUALITY SETS NEW RECORDS

Trust Index

Mass population 14 points less trusting

23 markets with double-digit trust gaps

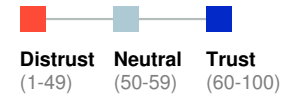
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2020 Informed public

2020	Global 28
65	China
90	India
87	Indonesia
82	Saudi Arabia
80	Thailand
78	UAE
75	Mexico
71	Singapore
71	Australia
68	Malaysia
68	Canada
67	The Netherlands
67	Germany
64	Italy
63	France
62	Colombia
60	Argentina
60	Brazil
60	Ireland
59	Spain
58	Kenya
57	U.K.
54	Hong Kong
53	Japan
53	U.S.
50	S. Korea
49	S. Africa
41	Russia

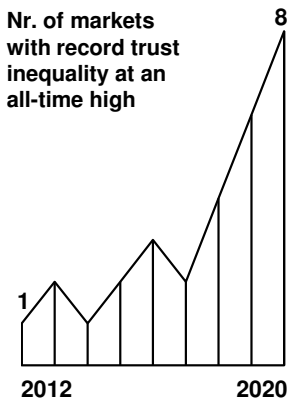
2020 Mass population

2020	Global 28	Trust gap
51	China	14
77	India	13
74	Indonesia	13
70	UAE	12
64	Thailand	11
62	Singapore	16
60	Saudi Arabia	11
59	Malaysia	21
58	Mexico	10
58	The Netherlands	13
57	Kenya	10
56	Colombia	2
52	Canada	10
51	Brazil	16
49	Hong Kong	11
49	S. Korea	5
49	Argentina	1
48	Italy	12
48	Australia	16
45	U.S.	23
45	Germany	8
44	S. Africa	20
44	Ireland	5
43	France	17
42	Japan	21
42	Spain	11
42	U.K.	17
39	Russia	18
27		14



Record trust inequality

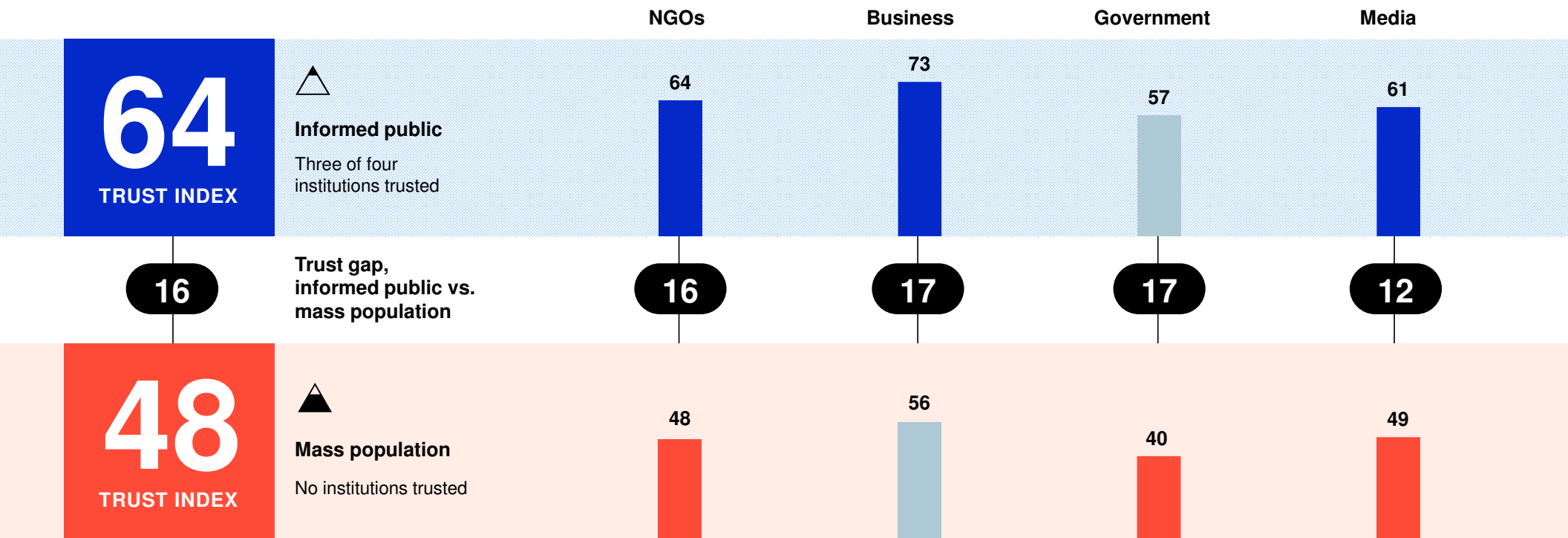
Nr. of markets with record trust inequality at an all-time high



TWO DIFFERENT TRUST REALITIES

Percent trust in Italy

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 Distrust Neutral Trust



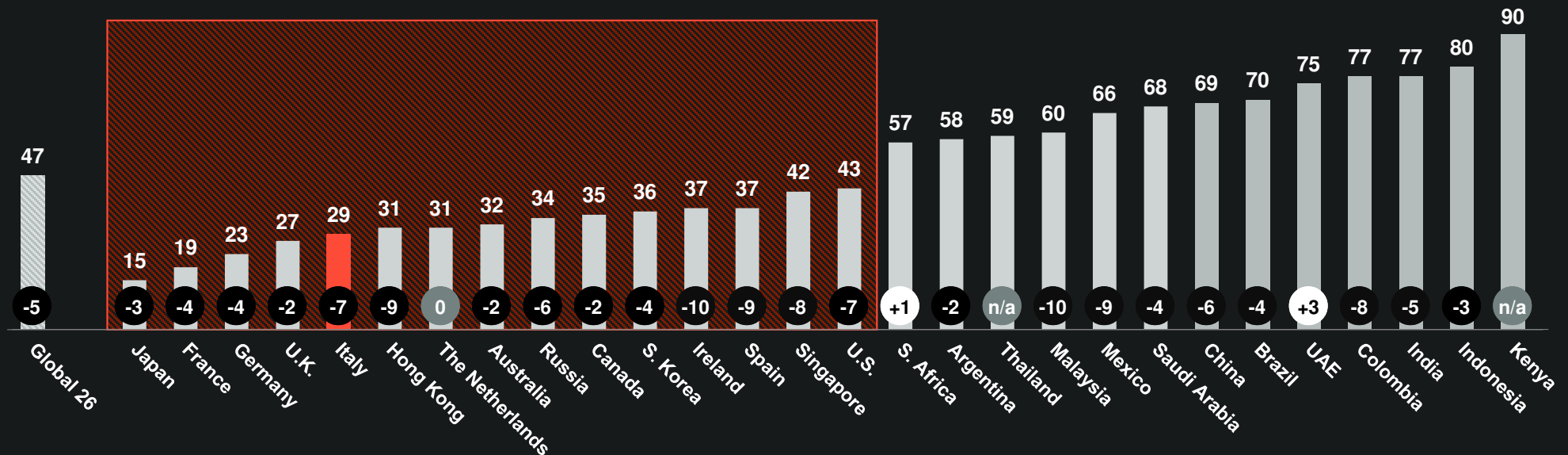
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PESSIMISTIC ABOUT ECONOMIC PROSPECTS

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

- 0 + Change, 2019 to 2020

Majority pessimistic in 15 of 28 markets



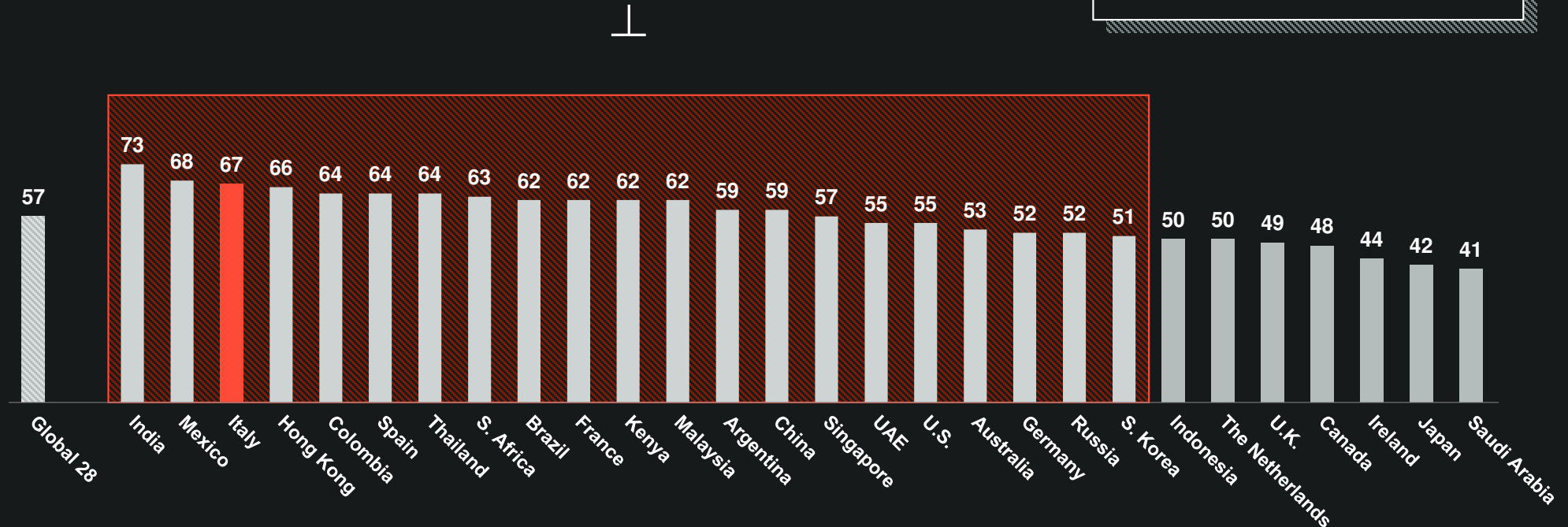
2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. CNG_FUT. Thinking about the economic prospects for yourself and your family, how do you think you and your family will be doing in five years' time?
5-point scale; top 2 box, better off. General population, 26-mkt avg.

FEAR BEING LEFT BEHIND

Percent who are worried

I worry about people like me **losing the respect and dignity** I once enjoyed in this country

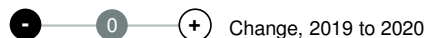
Majority share concern in 21 of 28 markets



2020 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? 9-point scale; top 4 box, worried. General population, 28-mkt avg.

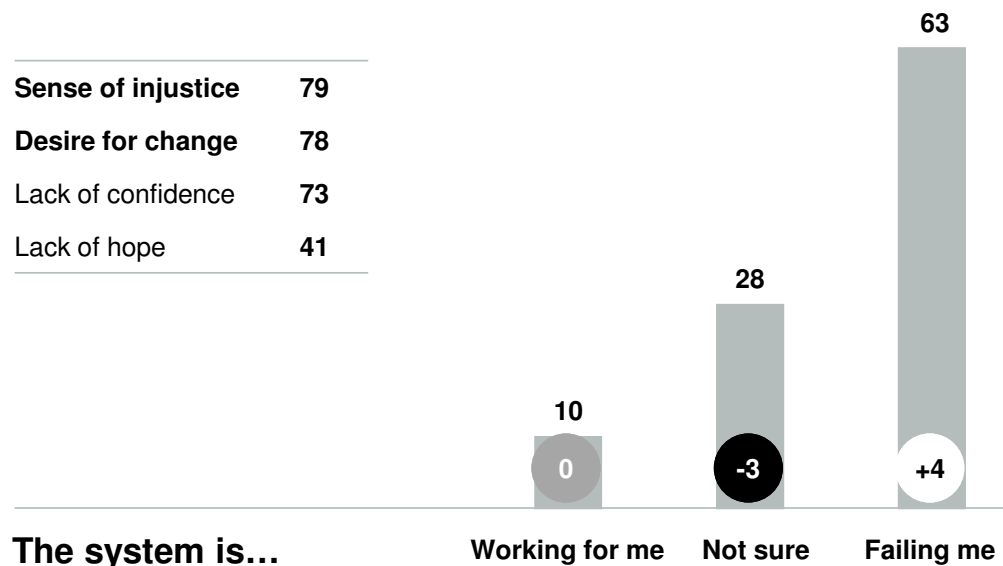
CAPITALISM UNDER FIRE

Percent in Italy who agree



How true is this for you?

Sense of injustice	79
Desire for change	78
Lack of confidence	73
Lack of hope	41



Capitalism as it exists today
**does more harm than
good in the world**

⊥
61%

2020 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. 9-point scale; top 4 box, true. General population, Italy. 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]. TMA_SIE_SHV. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Italy.

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**UNPREPARED
FOR THE FUTURE**
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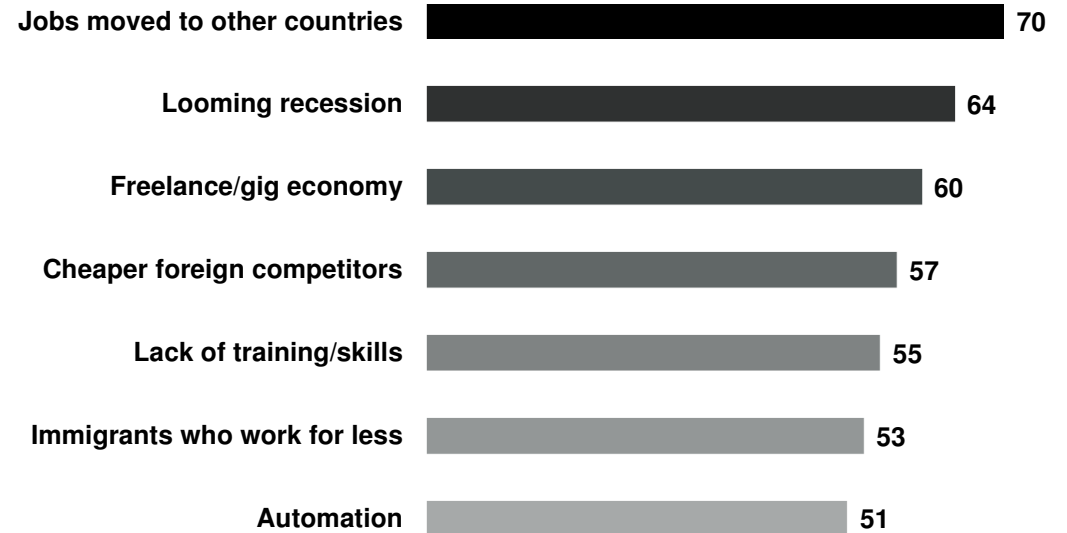


WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF WORK

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

I worry about **losing my job**
due to one or more of these causes

⊥
87%



2020 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? 9-point scale; top 4 box, worried. Job loss net = codes 1,2,3,4,5,23,24. General population, Italy, among those who are employed (Q43/1).

WORRY TECHNOLOGY IS OUT OF CONTROL

Percent in Italy who agree

The pace of change in technology is **too fast**

I worry technology will make it impossible to know if **what people are seeing or hearing is real**

Government **does not understand emerging technologies** enough to regulate them effectively

⊥
67%

⊥
59%

⊥
80%

Trust in technology
2019-2020

Global 26

-4

Largest declines in:

France

-10

Canada, Italy,
Russia, Singapore

-8

U.S.

-7

Australia

-6

 **2020 Edelman Trust Barometer.** CNG_POC. For the statements below, please think about the pace of development and change in society today and select the response that most accurately represents your opinion. 9-point scale; top 4 box, fast. Italy. ATT_MED_AGR. Below is a list of statements. For each one, please rate how much you agree or disagree with that statement. 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Italy. PER_GOV. How well do you feel the government is currently doing each of the following? 5-point scale; bottom 3 box, not doing well (data excludes DK responses). Italy. TRU_IND. Please indicate how much you trust businesses in each of the following industries to do what is right. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. 26-mkt avg. All questions asked of half of the sample among the general population.

WORRY ABOUT QUALITY INFORMATION

Percent in Italy who agree

The media I use are **contaminated with untrustworthy information**

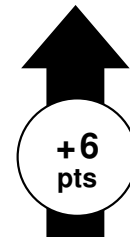


63%

I worry about false information or **fake news being used as a weapon**



76%



Change,
2018 to 2020



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SOCIETAL LEADERS NOT TRUSTED TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

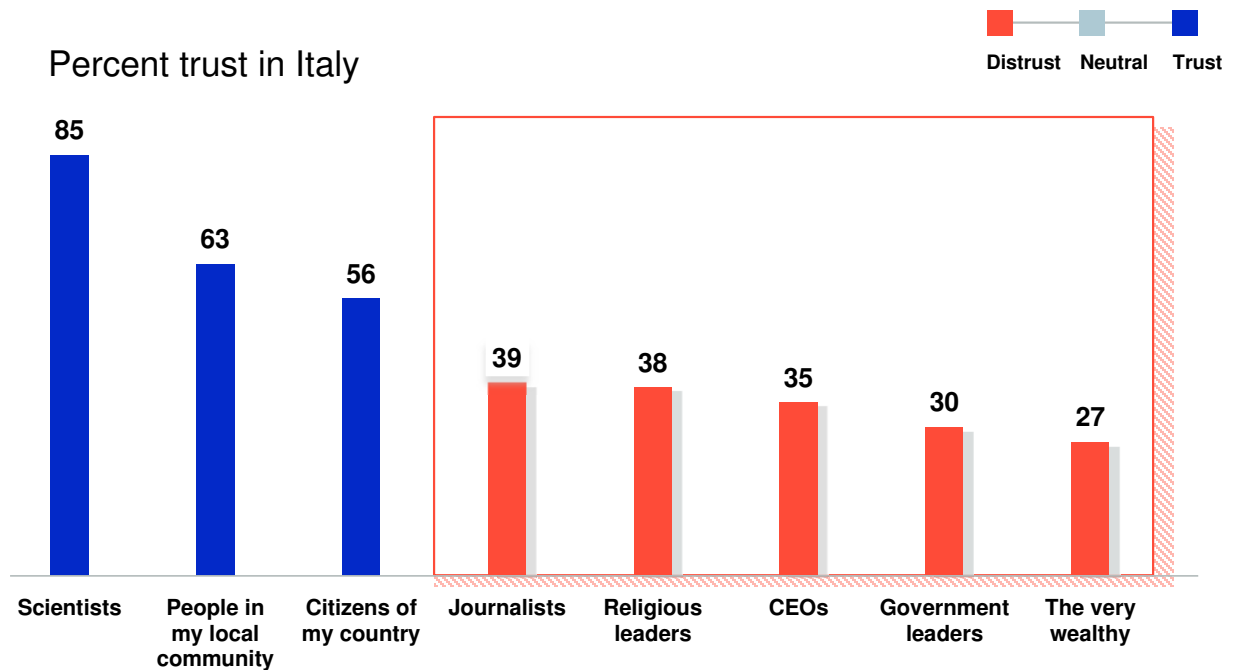
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I do not have confidence that our current leaders will be able to successfully **address our country's challenges**

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73%

Percent trust in Italy



2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. POP_MDC. Below is a list of statements. For each one, please rate how true you believe that statement is. 9-point scale; top 4 box, true. TRU_PEP. Below is a list of groups of people. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that group of people to do what is right. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. General population, Italy.

TAKING THE FUTURE INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

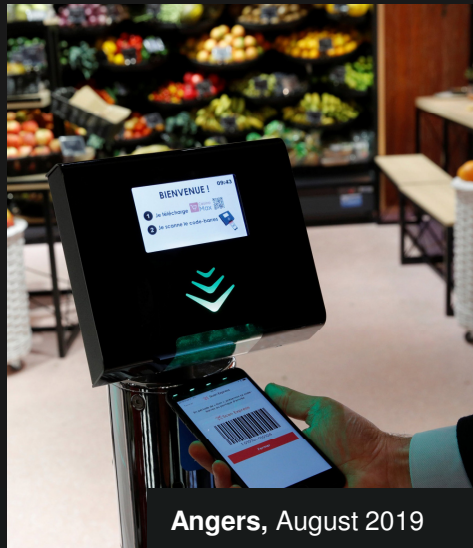
Climate Change



Paris, February 2019

Students protest to draw attention to climate change

Automation



Angers, August 2019

Unions protest a Géant automated supermarket

Income Inequality



London, November 2019

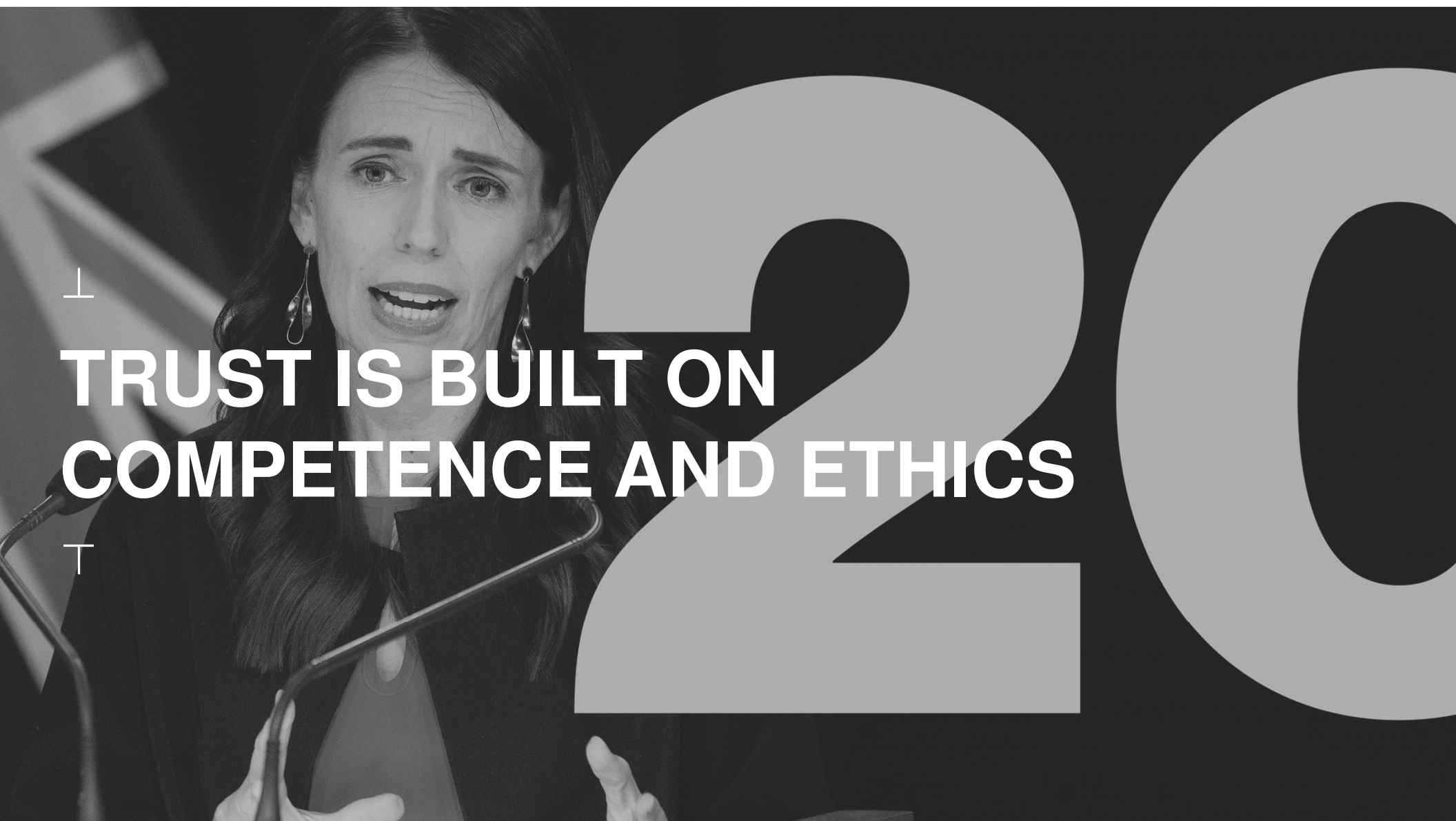
McDonald's employees protest for higher wages

#MeToo



Oregon, December 2019

Nike employees protest company's treatment of women



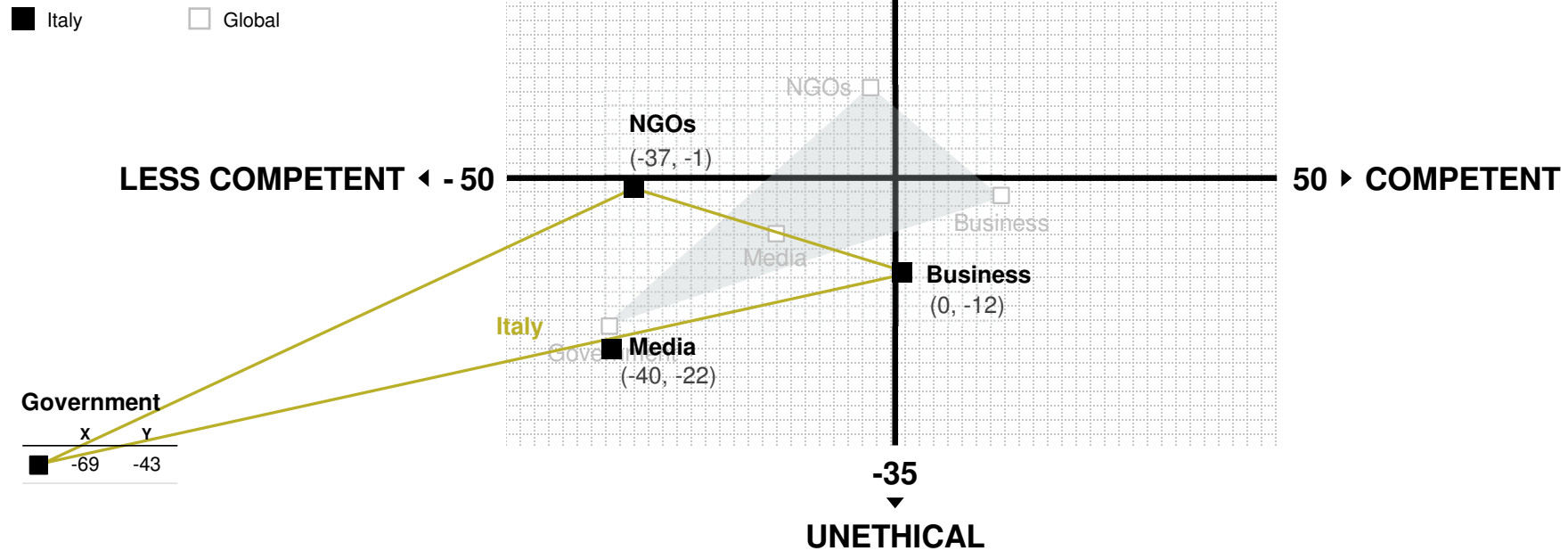
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**TRUST IS BUILT ON
COMPETENCE AND ETHICS**

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NO INSTITUTION SEEN AS COMPETENT OR ETHICAL IN ITALY

(Competence score, net ethical score)

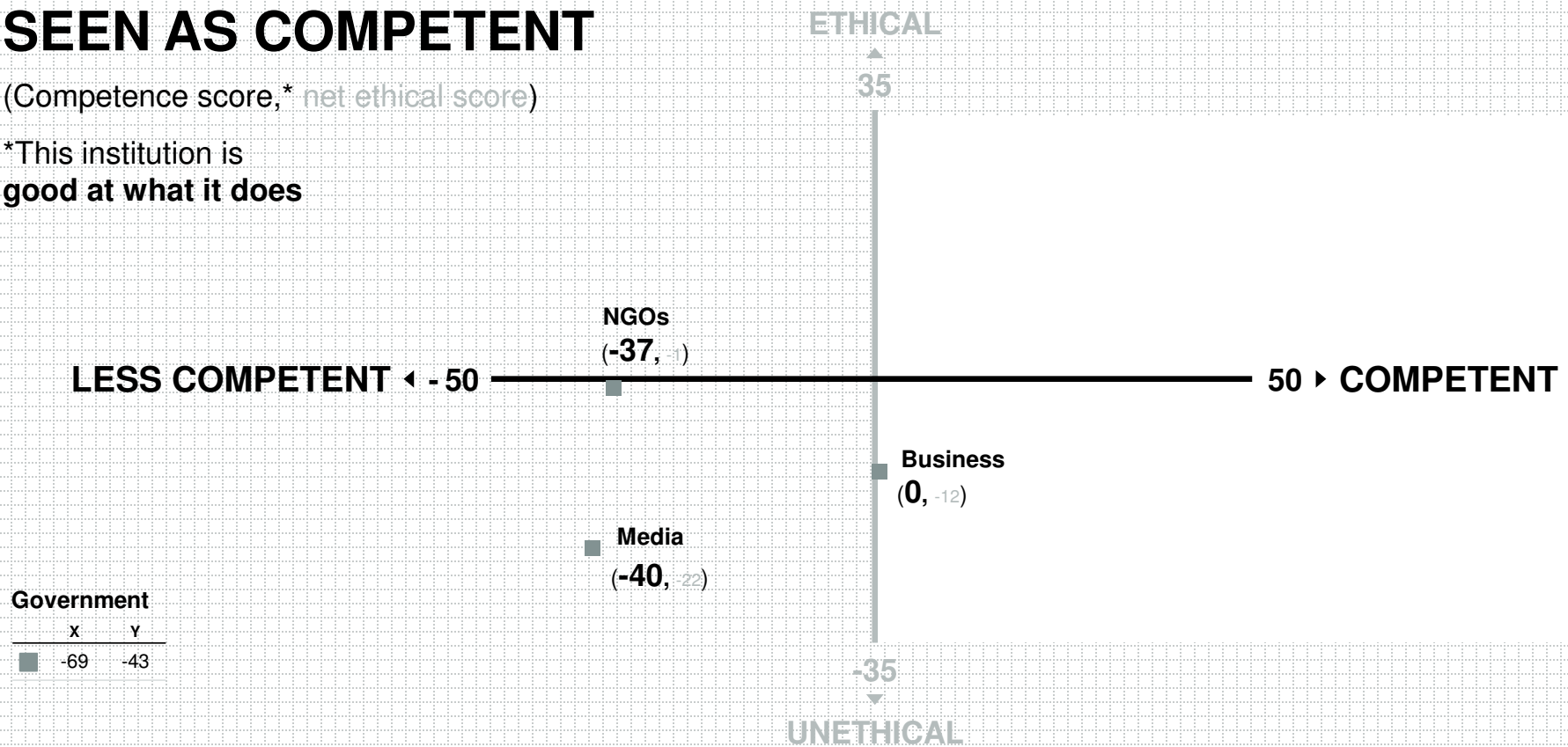


2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. The ethical scores are averages of nets based on [INSTITUTION]_PER_DIM r1-r4. Question asked of half of the sample. The competence score is a net based on TRU_3D_[INSTITUTION] r1. Depending on the question it was either asked of the full of half the sample. General population, 25-mkt avg and Italy. Data not collected in China, Russia and Thailand. For full details regarding how this data was calculated and plotted, please see the Technical Appendix.

NO INSTITUTION SEEN AS COMPETENT

(Competence score,* net ethical score)

*This institution is
good at what it does



Government

	X	Y
■	-69	-43

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NO INSTITUTION SEEN AS ETHICAL

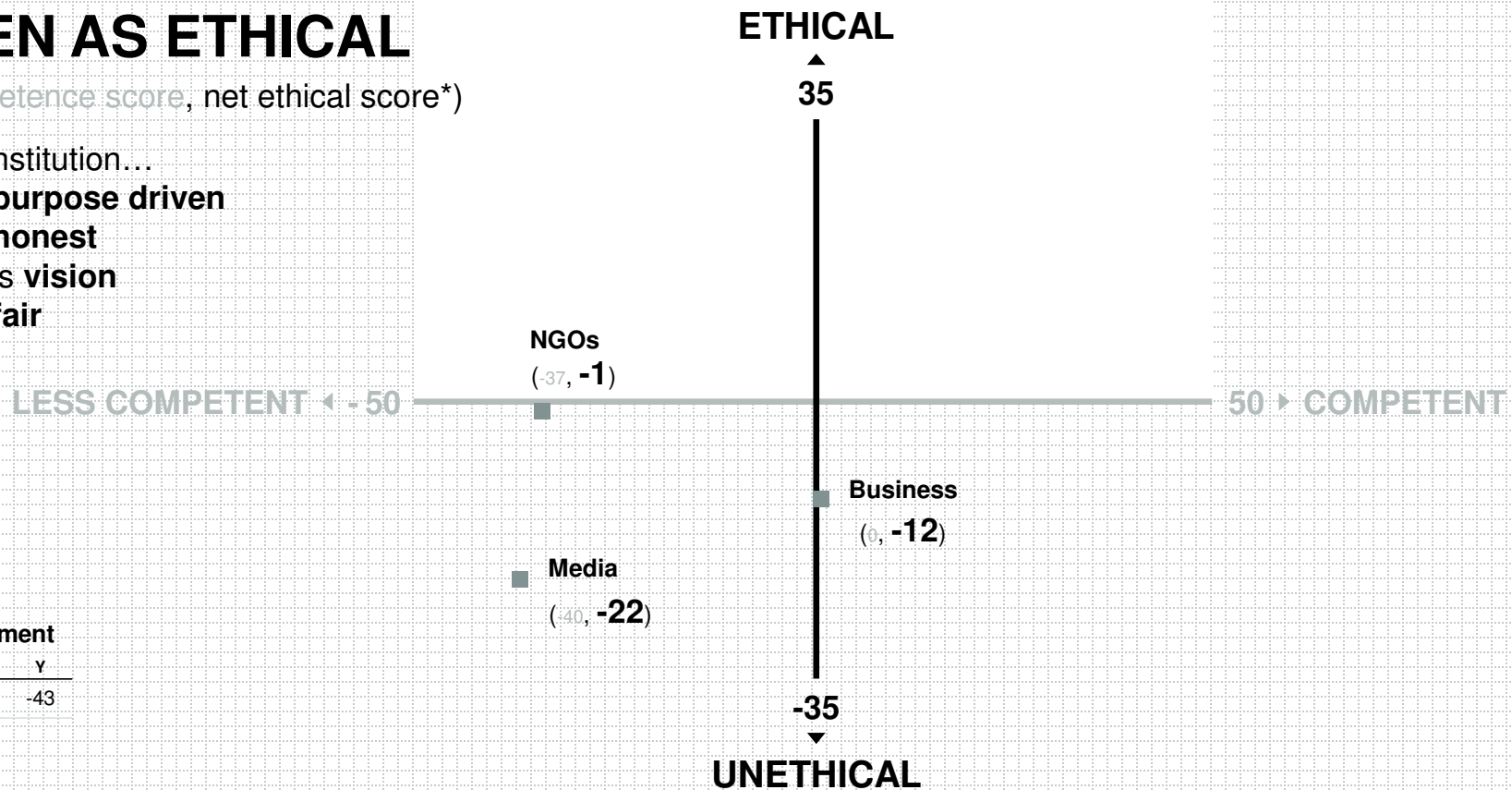
(Competence score, net ethical score*)

*This institution...

- Is **purpose driven**
- Is **honest**
- Has **vision**
- Is **fair**

Government

	X	Y
■	-69	-43



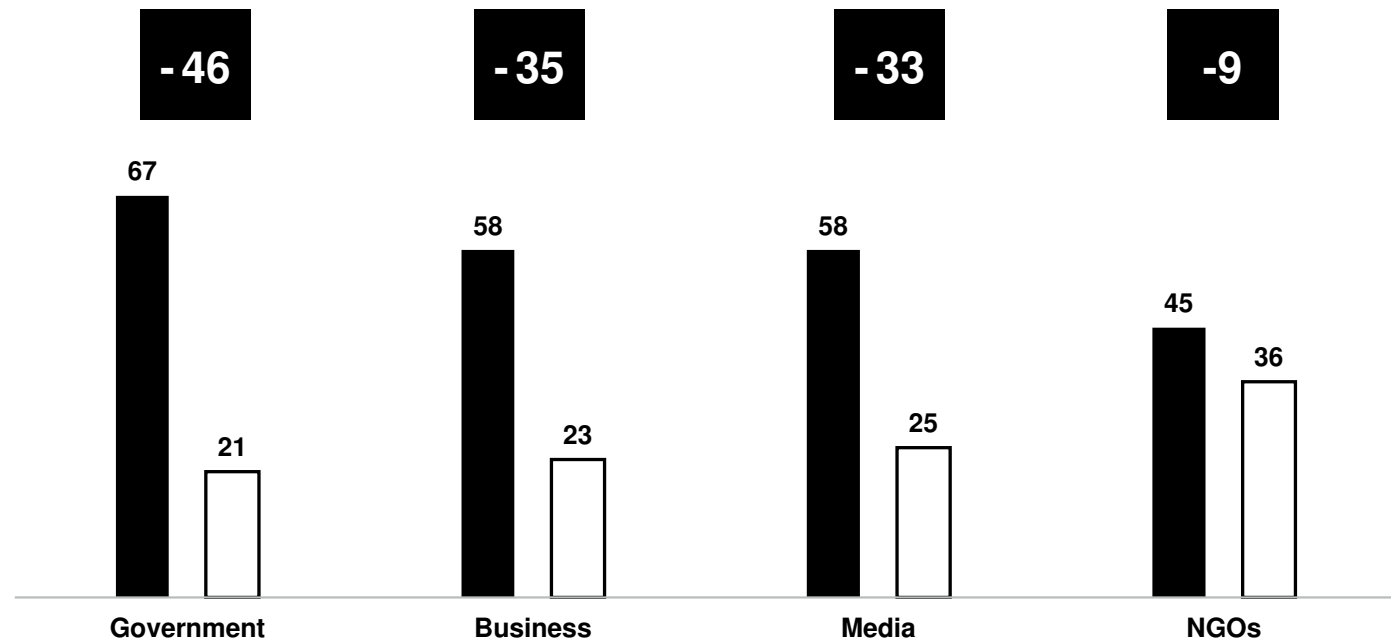
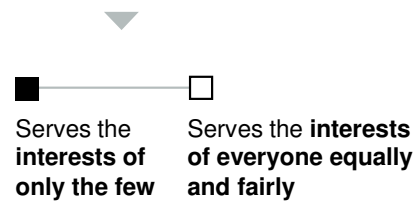
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INSTITUTIONS SEEN AS UNFAIR

Percent in Italy who cite each as a reason they trust or distrust each institution

This institution...

- Is purpose-driven
- Is honest
- Has vision
- **Is fair**



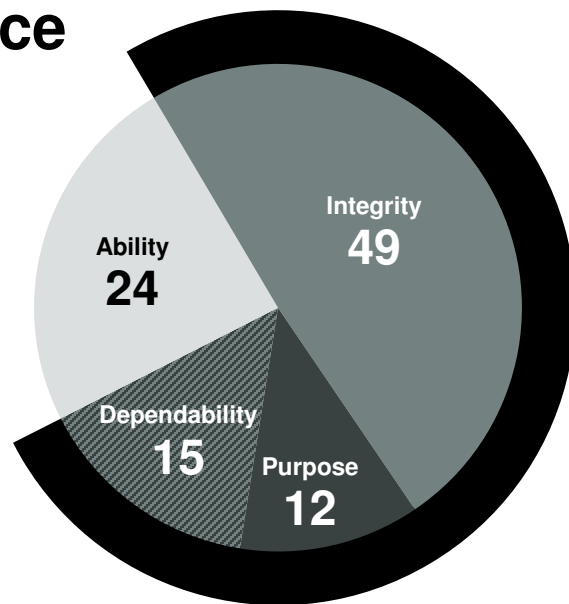
2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. Net scores represent positive responses minus negative responses to the following questions: [INSTITUTION]_PER_DIM. In thinking about why you do or do not trust [institution], please specify where you think they fall on the scale between the two opposing descriptions. 11-point scale; top 5 box, positive; bottom 5 box, negative. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Italy.

ETHICAL DRIVERS 3X MORE IMPORTANT TO COMPANY TRUST THAN COMPETENCE

Percent of predictable variance in trust explained by each dimension

Competence

24%



Ethics

76%

Washington, August 2019

The Business Roundtable redefines the purpose of a corporation



Biarritz, August 2019

Business for Inclusive Growth (B4IG) coalition forms to address inequality and diversity

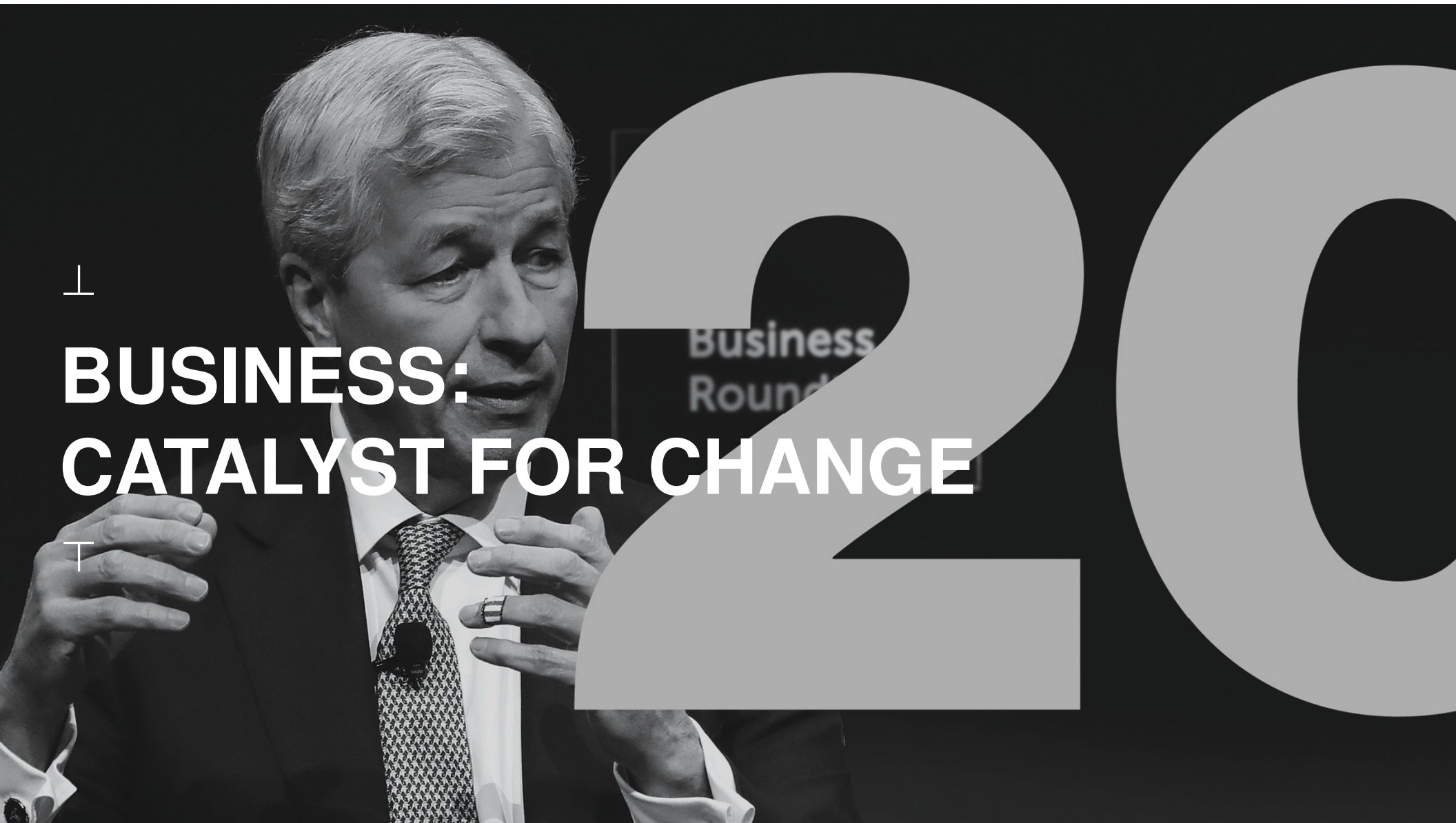
New York, September 2019

Coalition of business, civil society and UN leaders pledge to set climate targets to 1.5°C



New York, January 2020

BlackRock shifts investment strategy to focus on sustainability



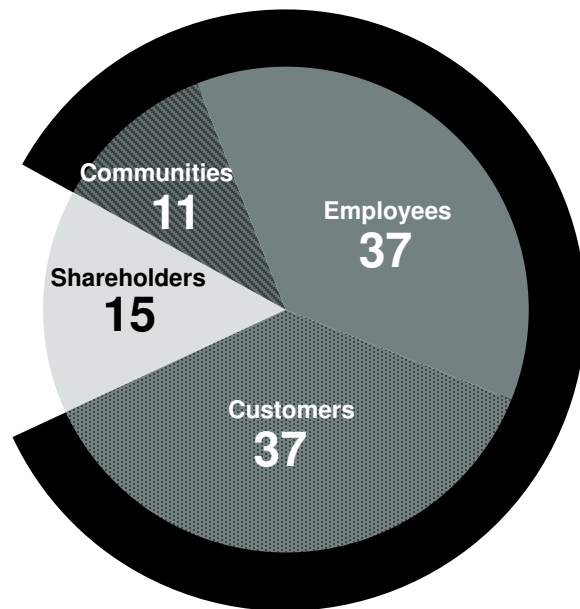
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BUSINESS: CATALYST FOR CHANGE

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SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS

Percent in Italy who ranked each group as most important



+ **85%**

Stakeholders, not shareholders, are most important to long-term company success

Percent in Italy who agree

74%

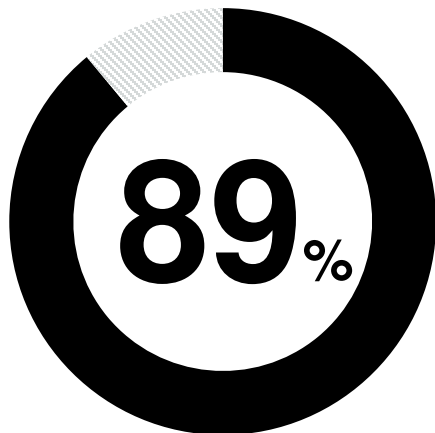
a company can take actions that both increase profits and improve conditions in communities where it operates

2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. PPL_RNK. Please rank the following four groups of people in terms of their importance to a company achieving long-term success. Give the most important group a rank of 1 and the least important a rank of 4. Stakeholders is a net of "Communities," "Customers," and "Employees". TMA_SIE_SHV. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Italy.

CEOS MUST LEAD

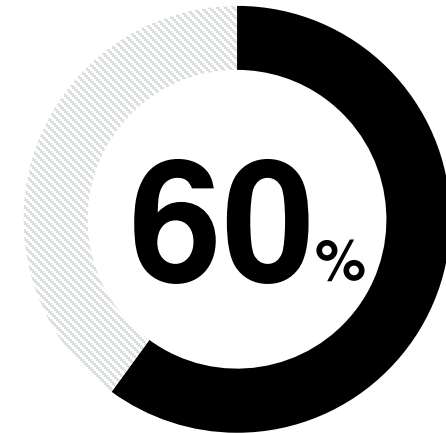
Percent in Italy who agree

It is important that **my employer's CEO speak out** on one or more of these issues



Automation's impact on jobs	80
Ethical use of tech	80
Training for jobs of the future	79
Income inequality	76
Diversity	75
Climate change	74
Immigration	65

CEOs should take the lead on change rather than waiting for government to impose it



Change,
2018 to 2020

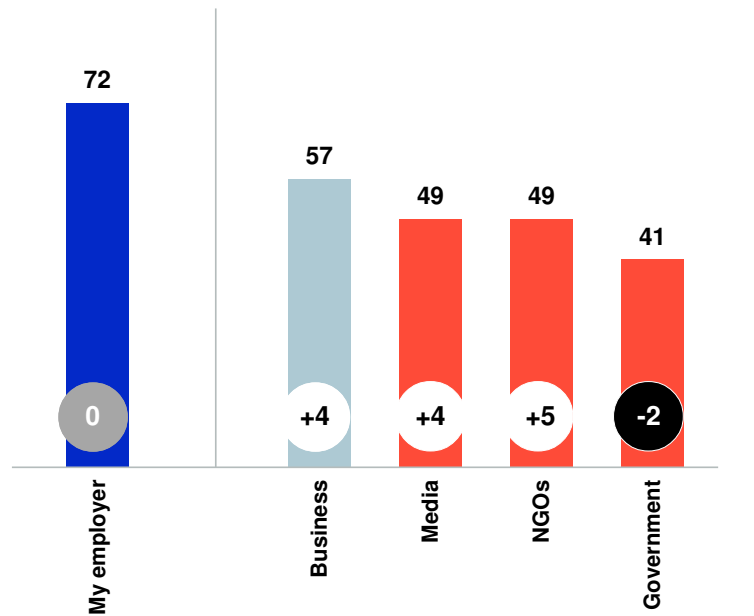
2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. CEO_ISS. How important is it to you that the CEO or head of the organization you work for speaks out publicly about each of the following issues? 9-point scale; top 4 box, important. Question asked of those who are an employee (Q43/1). Issues is a net of codes 1-7. General population, Italy. CEO_AGR. Thinking about CEOs, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Italy.

TRUST IS LOCAL: EMPLOYEES EXPECT TO BE HEARD

Percent trust
in Italy

Change, 2019 to 2020

Distrust Neutral Trust



Percent of employees in Italy who expect
each from a prospective employer

69%

Opportunity to **shape**
the future of society

71%

Employees **included**
in planning

2020 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; sum of codes 1 and 2, important. Question asked of those who are an employee (Q43/1). TRU_INS. Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. "Your employer" asked of those who are an employee (Q43/1). General population, Italy.

CONSUMERS EXPECT BRANDS TO ACT

Percent of customers who are belief-driven buyers

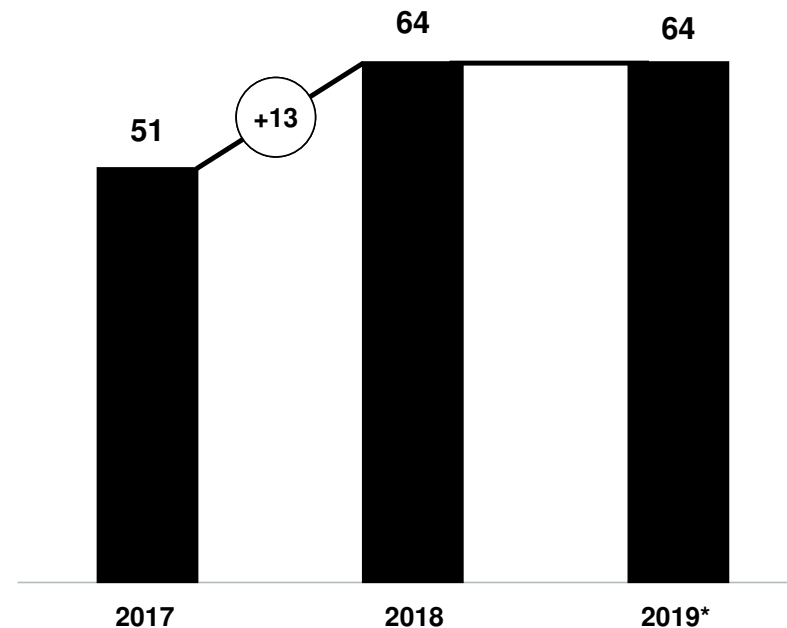
● 0 ● Change, 2017 to 2018

Brand Democracy

I believe brands can be a powerful force for change.

I expect them to represent me and solve societal problems.

My wallet is my vote.



Belief-driven buyers:

- choose
- switch
- avoid
- boycott

a brand based on its stand on societal issues

2018 Edelman Earned Brand. Belief-driven buying segments. Italy. Belief-driven buyers choose, switch, avoid or boycott a brand based on its stand on societal issues.

*2019 Edelman Trust Barometer Special Report: In Brands We Trust? Mobile Survey. Belief-driven buying segments. Italy. See Technical Appendix for a detailed explanation of how the Belief-driven buying score was calculated.

OVERCOME SKEPTICISM THROUGH ACTION

Percent in Italy who agree

 Business **has a duty** to do this  I trust business **will do this**

Retrain employees
affected by automation
or innovation



Pay everyone a decent wage, even if that means
I must pay more



2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. CMP_DUT. For each of the actions below, please indicate whether you believe that this is something that companies have a duty to do, but you do/do not trust that they will ever follow through and consistently do it. 3-point scale; sum of codes 2 and 3, have a duty; code 3, have a duty and are trusted. General population, Italy.

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT ESSENTIAL ON JOBS

Percent who say each institution is the one they trust most to address each challenge (global data in background)



2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. INS_ADD. For each of the challenges described below, please indicate whether you trust business, government, media or NGOs the most to address that challenge and develop workable solutions. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, 28-mkt avg (in background graphic) and Italy.

ADDRESSING GREATEST FAILURES GETS EVERY INSTITUTION TO TRUST

Percent who think each institution is doing well/very well on the issue, and the potential trust gains associated with doing each well

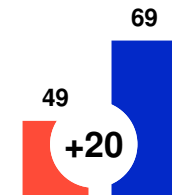
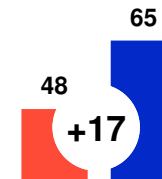
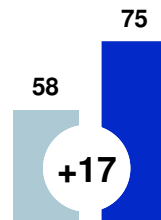
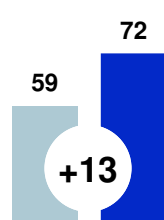


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ADDRESS GREATEST FAILURES TO IMPROVE TRUST IN ITALY

Percent in Italy who think each institution is doing well/very well on the issue, showing five greatest areas for improvement

NGOs	
Expose corruption	23
Partner with government	25
Partner with business	25
Transparency about funding	26
Avoid becoming politicized	28

Business	
Partner with NGOs	19
Jobs that pay a decent wage	21
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Partner with government	25
Deal fairly with suppliers	27

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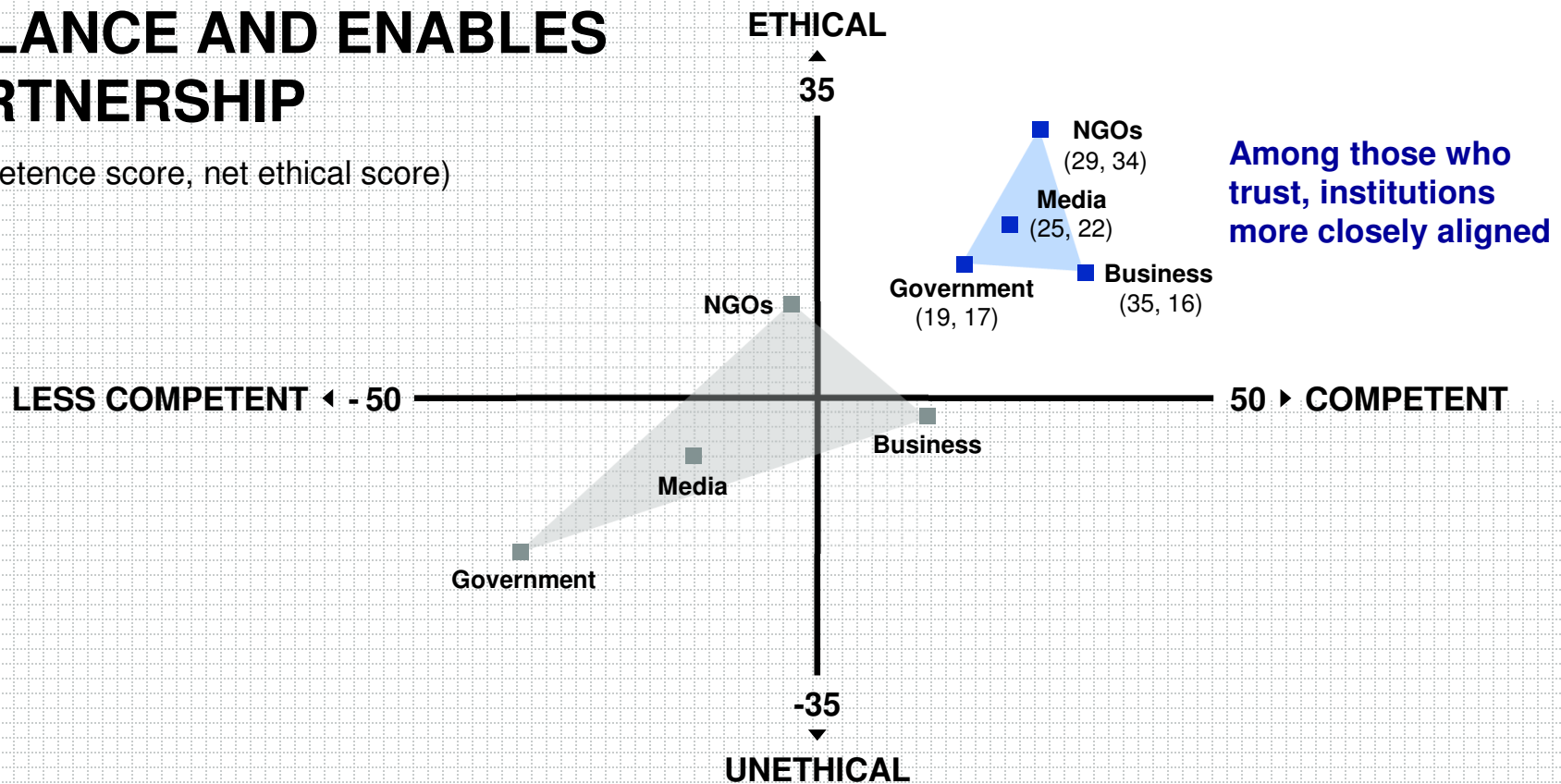
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TRUST RESTORES BALANCE AND ENABLES PARTNERSHIP

(Competence score, net ethical score)



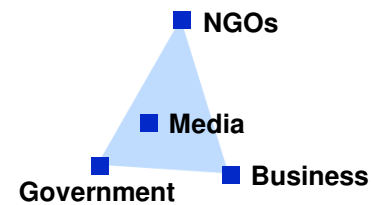
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BUILDING TRUST FOR THE FUTURE

- Pay fair wages
- Focus on education and retraining
- Embrace an all-stakeholders model
- Partner across institutions

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Methodology



Online survey in 28 markets

34,000+ respondents total

All fieldwork was conducted between
October 19 and November 18, 2019

28-market global data margin of error: General population +/- 0.6% (N=32,200), informed public +/- 1.2% (N=6,200), mass population +/- 0.6% (26,000+), half-sample global general online population +/- 0.8% (N=16,100).

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 736, varies by market).

Gen Z MOE: 28-market = +/- 1.5% (N=4,310)

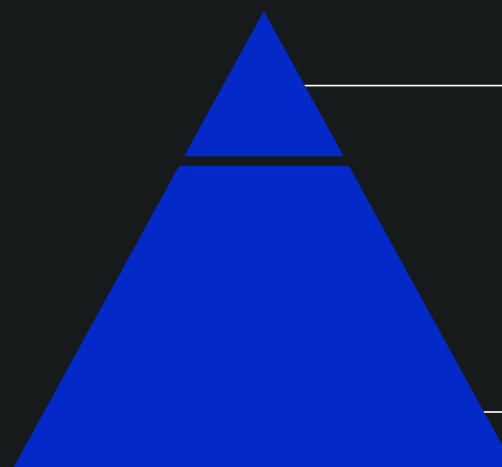
Market-specific = +/- 5.3 to 10.5% (N=min 88, varies by market).

General Online Population

1,150
respondents
per market

Ages
18+

All slides show general
online population data
unless otherwise noted



2020 Gen Z oversample
250 respondents age 18-24 per market



Informed Public

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

Represents **17%** 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 **83%** of total
global population

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SAMPLE SIZE, QUOTAS AND MARGIN OF ERROR

	General Population			Informed Public		
	Sample Size*	Quotas Set On**	Margin of Error	Sample Size*	Quotas Set On***	Margin of Error
Global	32,200	Age, Gender, Region	+/- 0.6% total sample +/- 0.8% half sample	6200	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

NOTE: Questions that afforded respondents the opportunity to criticize their government were not asked in China, Russia and Thailand.

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

** In the U.K. and U.S. there were additional quotas on ethnicity.

*** In the UAE and Saudi Arabia there were additional quotas on nationality.

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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*
Global	-	59%
Argentina	Localized Spanish	93%
Australia	English	87%
Brazil	Portuguese	71%
Canada	English & French Canadian	93%
China	Simplified Chinese	60%
Colombia	Localized Spanish	63%
France	French	92%
Germany	German	96%
Hong Kong	English & Traditional Chinese	89%

	Languages	Internet Penetration*
India	English & Hindi	41%
Indonesia	Indonesian	64%
Ireland	English	92%
Italy	Italian	93%
Kenya	English & Swahili	90%
Japan	Japanese	94%
Malaysia	Malay	81%
Mexico	Localized Spanish	65%
Russia	Russian	81%
Saudi Arabia	English & Arabic	93%

	Languages	Internet Penetration*
Singapore	English & Simplified Chinese	88%
South Africa	English & Afrikaans	56%
South Korea	Korean	96%
Spain	Spanish	93%
Thailand	Thai	82%
The Netherlands	English & Dutch	96%
UAE	English & Arabic	98%
U.K.	English	95%
U.S.	English	89%

*Data source: <http://www.internet.worldstats.com/stats.htm>

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HOW WE MEASURED 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 bringing 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

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HOW WE PLOTTED THE INSTITUTIONAL COMPETENCE AND ETHICS SCORES

The competence score (the x-axis of the plot): An institution's competence score is a net of the top 3 box (AGREE) minus the bottom 3 box (DISAGREE) responses to the question "To what extent do you agree with the following statement? *[INSTITUTION] in general is good at what it does*". The resulting net score was then subtracted by 50 so that the dividing line between more competent and less competent institutions crossed the Y-axis at zero.

The net ethical score (the y-axis of the plot): The ethics dimension is defined by four separate items. For each item, a net score was calculated by taking the top 5 box percentage representing a positive ethical perception minus the bottom 5 box percentage representing a negative ethical perception. The Y-axis value is an average across those 4 net scores. Scores higher than zero indicate an institution that is perceived as ethical.

Respondents were asked:

In thinking about why you do or do not trust [INSTITUTION], please specify where you think they fall on the scale between the two opposing descriptions. *(Please use the slider to indicate where you think [INSTITUTION] falls between the two extreme end points of each scale.)*

DIMENSION	ETHICAL PERCEPTION	UNETHICAL PERCEPTION
Purpose-Driven	Highly effective agent of positive change	Completely ineffective agent of positive change
Honest	Honest and fair	Corrupt and biased
Vision	Has a vision for the future that I believe in	Does not have a vision for the future that I believe in
Fairness	Serves the interests of everyone equally and fairly	Serves the interests of only certain groups of people

The plot of trusted institutions: The version of the plot under conditions of trust (the smaller blue triangle) was calculated in exactly the same way as described above. The only difference was that the competence and ethics scores were calculated only among those who said they trusted that institution to do what is right (i.e., they gave that institution a top 4-box rating on the general trust question).

EDELMAN TRUST MANAGEMENT

HOW WE MEASURED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPETENCE AND ETHICS IN DETERMINING TRUST IN A COMPANY

The data used was collected across the 12 monthly waves of the 2019 Edelman Trust Management brand tracking study conducted in Germany, the U.K. and the U.S among 23,000+ respondents. For this analysis, we looked at 40 global companies that were common across all three markets.

For each company, respondents were asked whether they trusted it or not to do what is right. They were then asked to evaluate each company across the four trust subdimensions – ability, integrity, dependability and purpose. Ability defined the competence dimension while integrity, dependability and purpose were rolled up to define the ethics dimension.

An ANOVA was performed to measure the proportion of the variance in company trust each of the four subdimensions explained. The data shown on the slide represents the percentage of the total variance explained by all four subdimensions together accounted for by each of the individual subdimensions separately.

Respondents were asked:

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements using a nine-point scale where one means it is “**disagree strongly**” and nine means it is “**agree strongly**”.

COMPETENCE DIMENSION:

ABILITY: [COMPANY] is good at what it does

ETHICS DIMENSION:

INTEGRITY: [COMPANY] is honest

DEPENDABILITY: [COMPANY] keeps its promises

PURPOSE: [COMPANY] is trying hard to have a positive impact on society

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HOW WE MEASURED BELIEF-DRIVEN BUYING

We classified respondents into three **belief-driven buyer segments** based on their responses to the scale questions:

- 1) **Leaders:** Have strongly-held, passionate beliefs. The brands they buy are one important way they express those beliefs.
- 2) **Joiners:** Depending on the issue and the brand, they will change their buying behavior based on the brand's stand.
- 3) **Spectators:** Rarely buy on belief or punish brands that take a stand.

Respondents were categorized into one of the three segments based their overall mean score across the six scale items:

- Those who averaged 6.00 or higher were categorized as **Leaders**
- Those who averaged between 5.00 and 5.99 were categorized as **Joiners**
- Those who averaged less than 5.00 were categorized as **Spectators**

Respondents were asked:

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements using a nine-point scale where one means it is “**disagree strongly**” and nine means it is “**agree strongly**”.

- Even if a company makes the product that I like most, I will not buy it if I disagree with the company's stand on important social issues
- I have bought a brand for the first time for the sole reason that I appreciated its position on a controversial societal or political issue
- I have stopped buying one brand and started buying another because I liked the politics of one more than the other
- I have strong opinions about many societal and political issues. The brands I choose to buy and not buy are one important way I express those opinions
- If a brand offers the best price on a product, I will buy it even if I disagree with the company's stand on controversial social or political issues [reversed scored]
- I have stopped buying a brand solely because it remained silent on a controversial societal or political issue that I believed it had an obligation to publicly address

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HOW WE CALCULATED THE TRUST GAINS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

Respondents were asked to evaluate the performance of each of the four institutions against 12 expectations. These performance scores were then used to predict trust in the institution using a regression analysis. The results of regression allowed us to identify the percentage point lift in trust associated with the institution doing each individual behavior well or very well.

Next, we looked at the percentage of respondents who currently rate an institution as doing a given behavior well, identifying the five behaviors each of the institutions scored the lowest on.

For each of these five behaviors that the regression determined were significant predictors of trust, we subtracted the percentage of people who currently felt the institution was doing them well from 100%. This gave us a measure of the unrealized potential for performance gain. That percentage was then multiplied by the percentage point lift in trust associated with every respondent rating the institution as doing that behavior well. This yielded an unrealized trust gain for that behavior. These unrealized trust gains were added up across the five behaviors to yield an overall trust gain associated with the institution successfully addressing its five biggest challenges.

Respondents were asked:

How well do you feel [INST] is currently doing each of the following? Please indicate your answer using the 5-point scale below where 1 means the institution is “failing at this” and 5 means the institution is “doing this very well”

Example List of Business Behaviors

1. Driving the economic prosperity of our country
2. Being an engine of innovation and scientific advancement
3. Ensuring that there are plenty of good job opportunities available that pay a decent wage
4. Contributing to the improvement of the communities in which they do business
5. Fostering diversity, inclusion, dignity and mutual respect in the workplace
6. Meeting and exceeding their customers' expectations
7. Investing in their employees' professional development, including offering training and education that helps them develop new skills for a rapidly changing world
8. Forging strong working partnerships with government to develop solutions to our country's problems
9. Forging strong working partnerships with NGOs to develop solutions to our country's problems
10. Dealing fairly and ethically with their partners and suppliers
11. Generating long-term financial benefits and value for their owners and shareholders
12. Embracing sustainable practices across their business

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