Trust in Government

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of the people, by the people, for the people

6 key elements

- Reliability
- Responsiveness
- Openness
- Better Regulations
- Integrity and Fairness
- Inclusive Policy Making

Reliability

• Governments have an obligation to minimise uncertainty in the economic, social and political environment.

Responsiveness

- Trust in government can depend on citizens experiences when receiving public services. The interaction between citizens and the state is a crucial factor of trust in government. Under tight fiscal constraints and growing expectations, governments are increasingly engaging with citizens to ensure quality, responsiveness and ultimately trust in public services.
- Governments are also exploring how improved service delivery can boost confidence and trust in the public sector.

Openness

 Open government policies that concentrate on citizen engagement and access to information can help increase public trust and initiatives are receiving traction in an increasing number of Member and non-Member countries.

Better Regulations

• The regulatory system must work for everyone in society.

For citizens

It is important for justice, fairness and the rule of law as well in delivering public services.

For businesses

It is important to have reliability and confidence in regulatory governance for investment and growth.

For public administrations It is important to have the confidence of stakeholders to act and trust in the efficiency and appropriate use of public resources for equal benefit for all citizen's well-being and environmental protection.

Integrity and Fairness

- Integrity is a crucial determinant of trust. Evidence suggests a link between trust in politicians, both from the business community and citizens, and the perception of corruption.
- Integrity policies, aimed at preventing corruption and fostering high standards of behaviour, help to reinforce the credibility and legitimacy of those involved in policy decision making, safeguarding the public interest and restoring confidence in the policy making process.
- Policies addressing high-risk areas, such as the working relationship between the public and private sectors, can limit undue influence and build safeguards to protect the public interest. Policy areas include effective management of conflict of interests, high standards of behaviour in the public sector, and adequate lobbying and political finance regulation.

Inclusive Policy Making

• A priority for governments should be to build a policy making process conducive to trust. Concerns over the undue influence of vested interests over decision making has led to increasing demands for more transparency and a greater commitment to safeguarding the public interest. Efforts to guarantee that the policy making process is open, inclusive and fair would improve the quality of policy decisions.

• A policy-making process conducive to trust is built on informed decisions using reliable and relevant information, that are in the public interest, and are carried out with high standards of behaviour.

Where Trust In Government Is Highest and Lowest

% trusting the government and change from 2017 to 2018 (selected countries)





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International Perspective

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Citizens trust public services more than the government itself (2015)



http://www.oecd.org/gov/trust-in-government.htm

Trust in Retrospect

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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 Influencers Have More Trust in Business	Business Must Partner with Government to Regain Trust
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
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Each Institution Must Play its Role

Top trust-building mandates for each institution

🖪 Business

Safeguard privacy Drive economic prosperity Provide jobs and training

🛣 NGOs

Support the poor Call out abuses of power Create a sense of community

Media

Guard information quality Educate, inform and entertain Safeguard privacy

📥 Government

Drive economic prosperity Investigate corruption Support the poor

Source: 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer. Trust-Building Mandates Analysis. The most effective trust building mandates for each institution. INS_EXP_GOV; INS_EXP_MED; INS_EXP_BUS; and INS_EXP_NGO. Below is a list of potential expectations or responsibilities that a social institution might have. Thinking about [insert institution] in general, how would you characterize each using the following three-point scale. General population, 28-market global total. For more details on the Trust Mandates Analysis, please refer to the Technical Appendix.

Trust Index A World of Distrust

Average trust in institutions, general population, 2017 vs. 2018

Global Trust Index remains at distruster level

20 of 28 markets are distrusters, up 1 from 2017

Source: 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer. The Trust Index is an average of a market's trust in the institutions of government, business, media and NGOs. General population, 28-market global total.



Distrust Neutral Trust

Trust in NGOs Declines in 14 of 28 Markets

Percent trust in NGOs, and change from 2017 to 2018



Source: 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer. TRU_INS. [NGOs IN GENERAL] 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." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, 28-market global total.

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Trust in Business Increases in 14 of 28 Markets

Percent trust in business, and change from 2017 to 2018



Source: 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer. TRU_INS. [BUSINESS IN GENERAL] 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." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, 28-market global total.

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Distrust

Neutral

Trust

Y-to-Y Change

Trust in Government Increases in 16 of 28 Markets

Percent trust in government, and change from 2017 to 2018



Source: 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer. TRU_INS. [GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL] 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." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, 28-market global total.

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Distrust

Neutral

Trust

Y-to-Y Change

Media Now Least Trusted Institution

Distrust Neutral Trust

Percent trust in media, and change from 2017 to 2018



Source: 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer. TRU_INS. [MEDIA IN GENERAL] 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." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, 28-market global total.

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World Worried About Fake News as a Weapon

Percent who worry about false information or fake news being used as a weapon

55-60	61-65	66-70	71-75	76-80
France	Canada	Italy	Brazil	Mexico
Sweden	Ireland	Singapore	India	Argentina
Netherlands	Japan	S. Africa	Colombia	Spain
	Germany	UAE	Malaysia	Indonesia
		U.K.	S. Korea	
		Australia	U.S.	
		Hong Kong	China	
		Poland	Russia	
		Turkey		

Nearly 7 in 10 worry about false

information or fake news being used as a weapon

Source: 2018 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". (Top 4 Box, Agree), question asked of half of the sample. General population, 28-market global total.



Germany passes a law that fines social media companies for failing to

delete fake news

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Gender patterns in BLI users' preferences

Percentage of the total ratings, by sex



Note: data cover OECD countries as well as Brazil and South Africa, and are pooled over the years 2011-2017

Source: OECD (2018), Balestra, C., R. Boarini and E. Tosetto (2018), "What matters the most to people?: Evidence from the OECD Better Life Index users' responses", OECD Statistics Working Papers, No. 2018/03, OECD Publishing, Paris https://doi.org/10.1787/edf9a89a-en



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