

# **2017 Edelman Trust Barometer**

South Korea





# 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer Methodology

Online Survey in 28 Countries

17 years of data

33,000+ respondents total

All fieldwork was conducted between October 13th and November 16th, 2016



General Online Population

6 years in 25+ markets

Ages 18+

1,150 respondents per country

All slides show General Online Population unless otherwise noted



Informed Public

9 years in 20+ markets

Represents 13% of total global population

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

Must meet 4 criteria:

Ages 25-64

College educated

In top 25% of household income per age group in each country

Report significant media consumption and engagement in business news



Mass Population

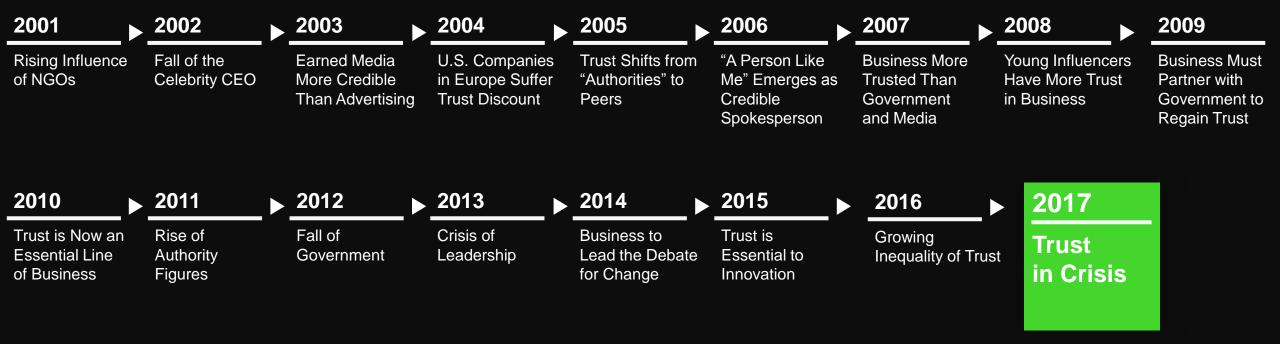
All population not including Informed Public

Represents 87% of total global population



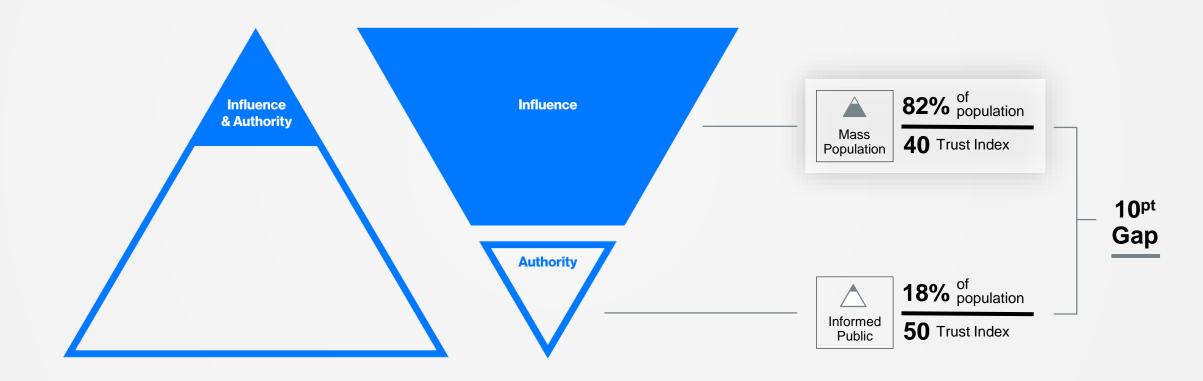


## Trust in Retrospect





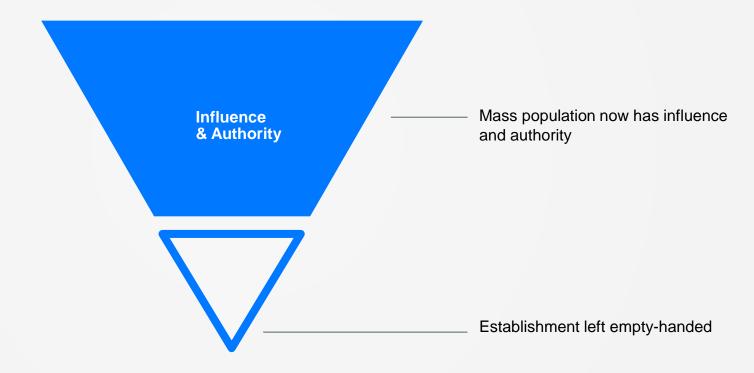
### 2016: The Inversion of Influence







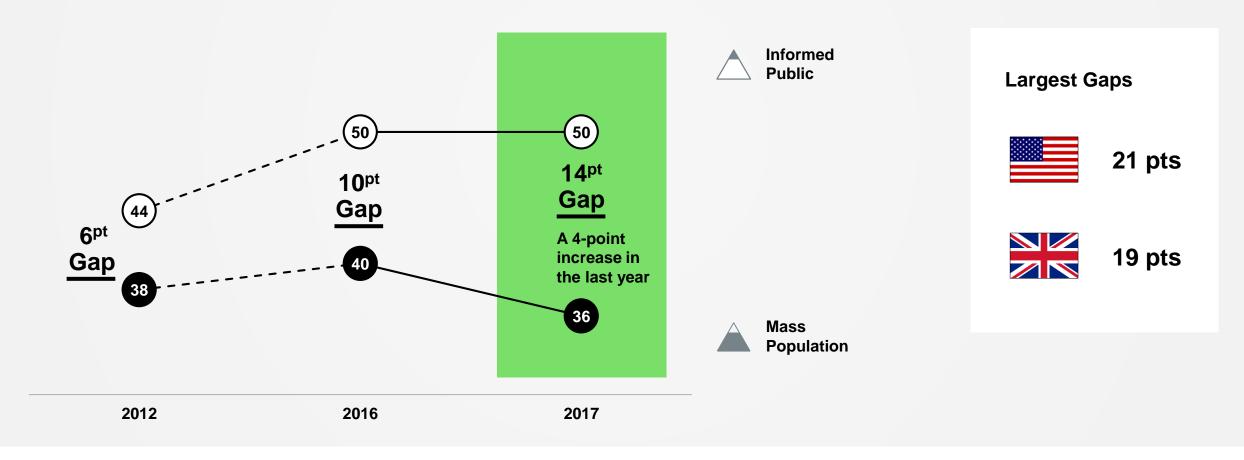
## 2017: Mass Population Rejects Established Authority





## **2017: Trust Gap Widens**

Percent trust in the four institutions of government, business, media and NGOs, 2012 to 2017







### **Trust Index Korea in Distruster** Category

Average trust in institutions, Informed Public vs. Mass Population vs. General Public

Trusters (60-100)**Neutrals** (50-59)Distrusters (1-49)

Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer.

The Trust Index is an average of a country's trust in the institutions of government, business, media and NGOs. Informed Public and Mass Population, 28-country global total.

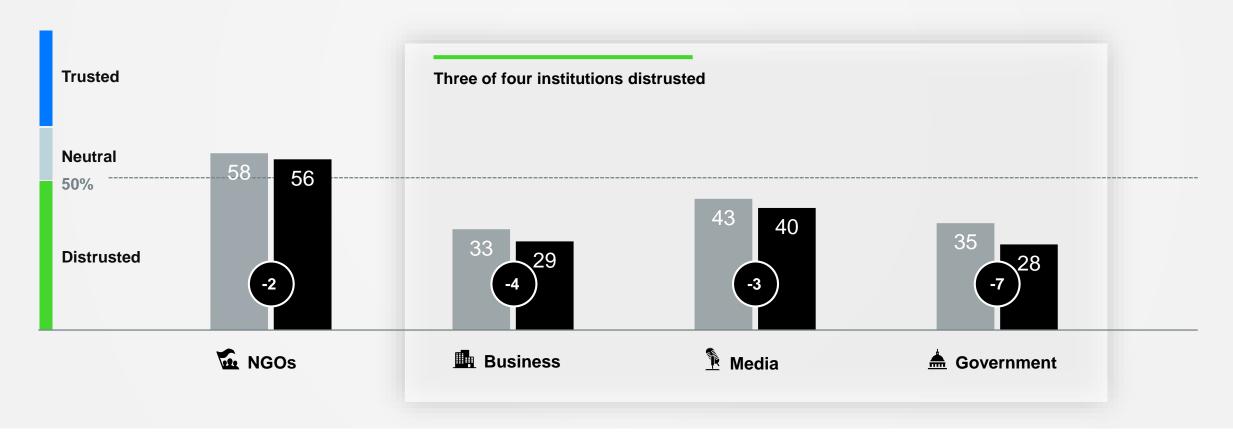




### **Trust in All Four Institutions Declines**

2016 2017

Percent trust in the four institutions of government, business, media and NGOs, 2016 vs. 2017



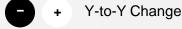


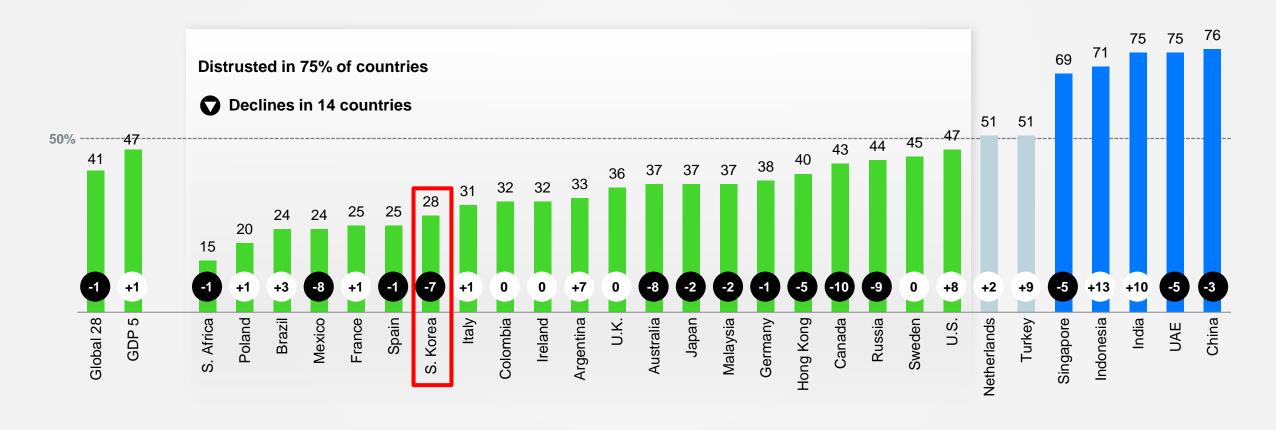


## **Trust in Government Further Evaporates**

Percent trust in government, and change from 2016 to 2017







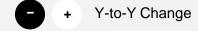
Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Q11-620. [TRACKING] [GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL] Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right using a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, 28-country global total.

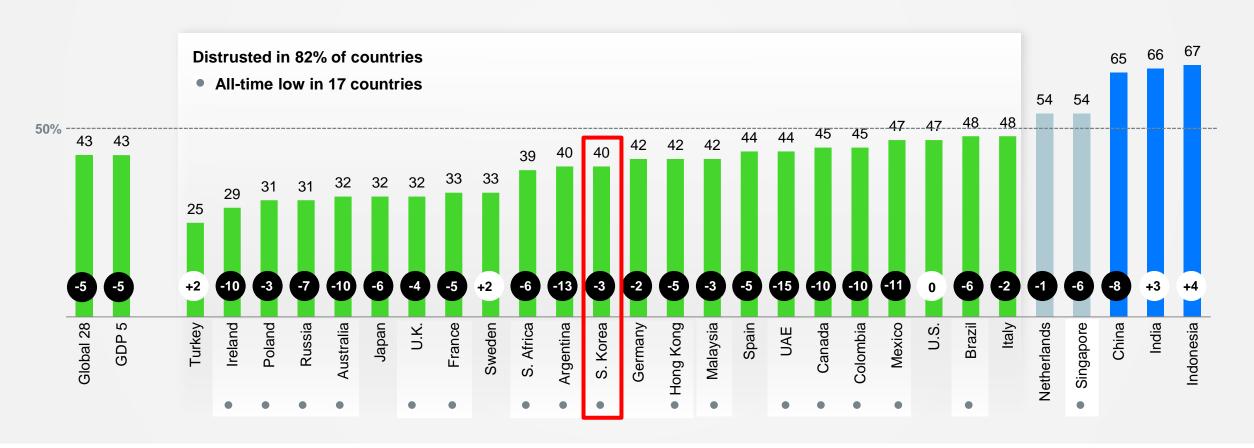


## **Trust in Media Plunges to All-Time Lows**

Percent trust in media, and change from 2016 to 2017







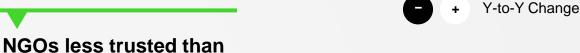
Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Q11-620. [TRACKING] [MEDIA IN GENERAL] Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right using a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, 28-country global total.

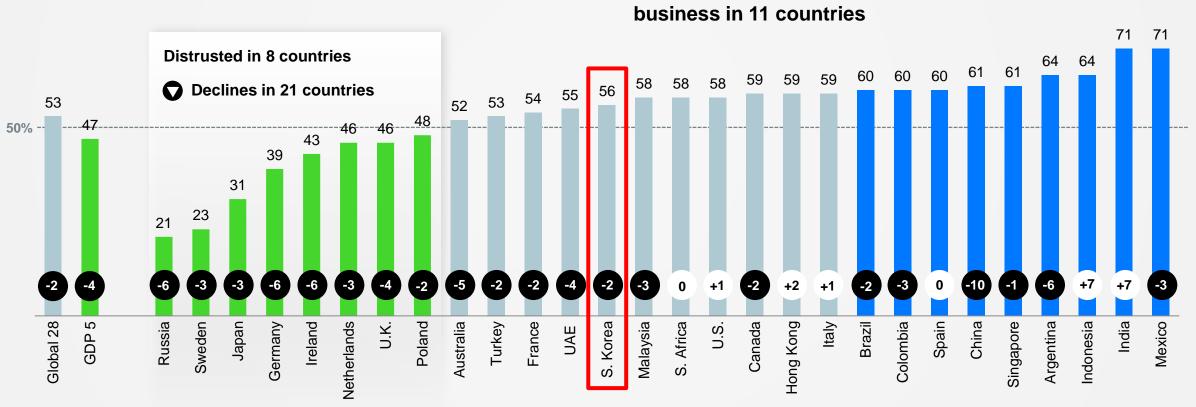


### **Trust in NGOs Declines**

Percent trust in NGOs, and change from 2016 to 2017







Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Q11-620. [TRACKING] [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-country global total.

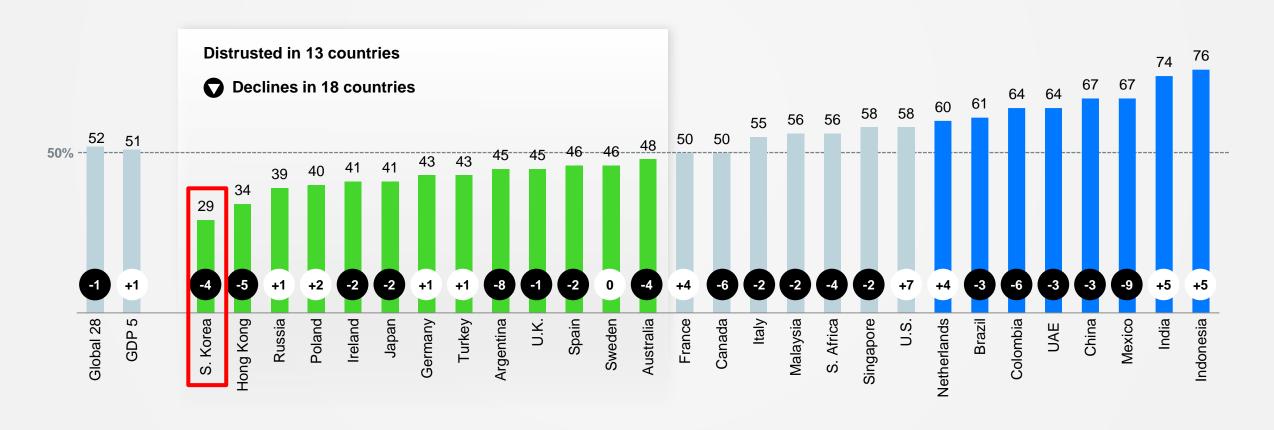


### **Business on the Brink of Distrust**

Percent trust in business, and change from 2016 to 2017

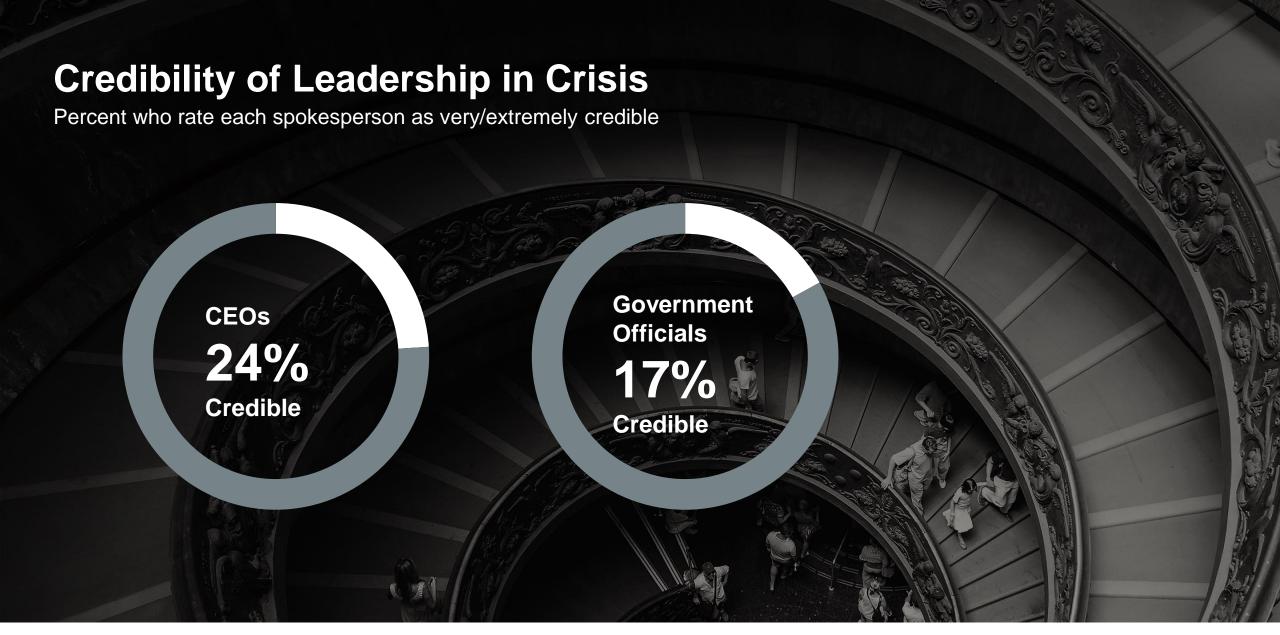


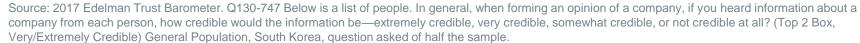




Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Q11-620. [TRACKING] [BUSINESS IN GENERAL] Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right using a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, 28-country global total.







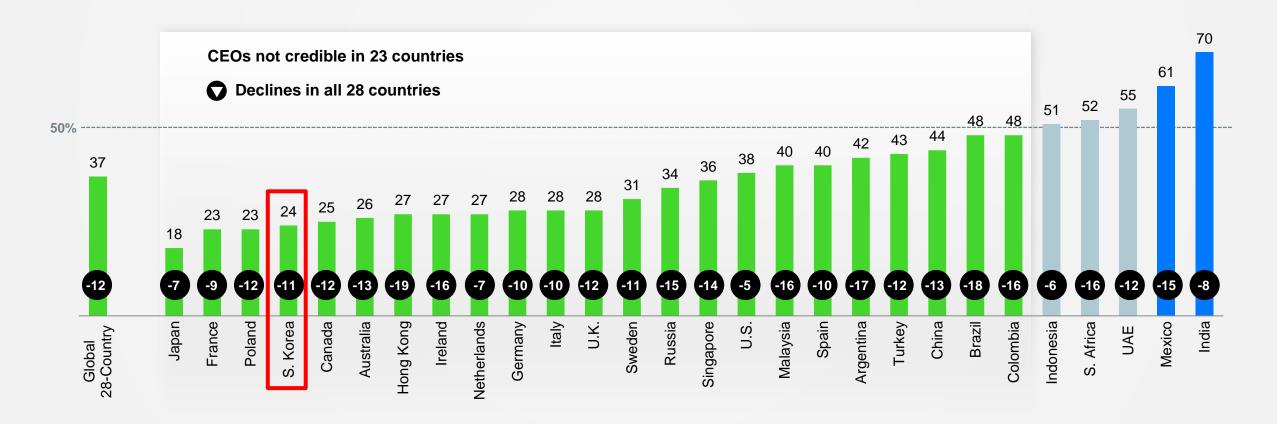


## **All-time Low for CEO Credibility**

Percent rate CEOs as extremely/very credible, 2016 vs. 2017







Source: 2017 Edelman. Trust Barometer Q130-747 Below is a list of people. In general, when forming an opinion of a company, if you heard information about a company from each person, how credible would the information be—extremely credible, very credible, somewhat credible, or not credible at all? (Top 2 Box, Very/Extremely Credible) General Population, 28-country global total, question asked of half the sample.





## Without Trust, Belief in the System Fails



#### How true are each of the following?

#### **Sense of Injustice**

System biased in favor of elites, elites indifferent to the people, getting richer than they deserve

#### **Lack of Hope**

Hard work not rewarded, children will not have a better life, country not moving in right direction

#### **Lack of Confidence**

No confidence in current leaders

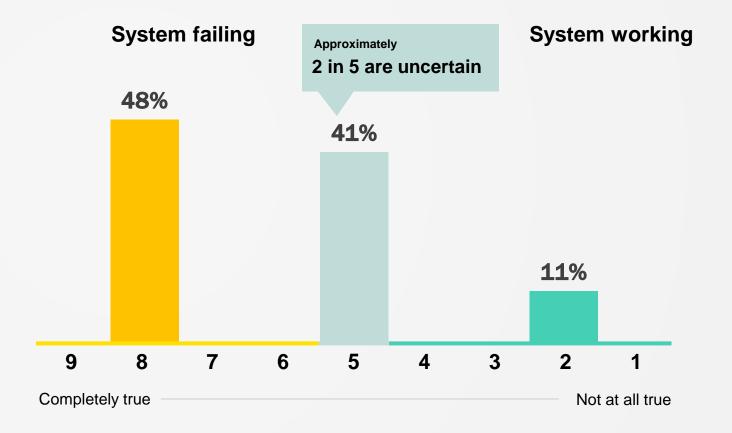
#### **Desire for Change**

Need forceful reformers to bring change



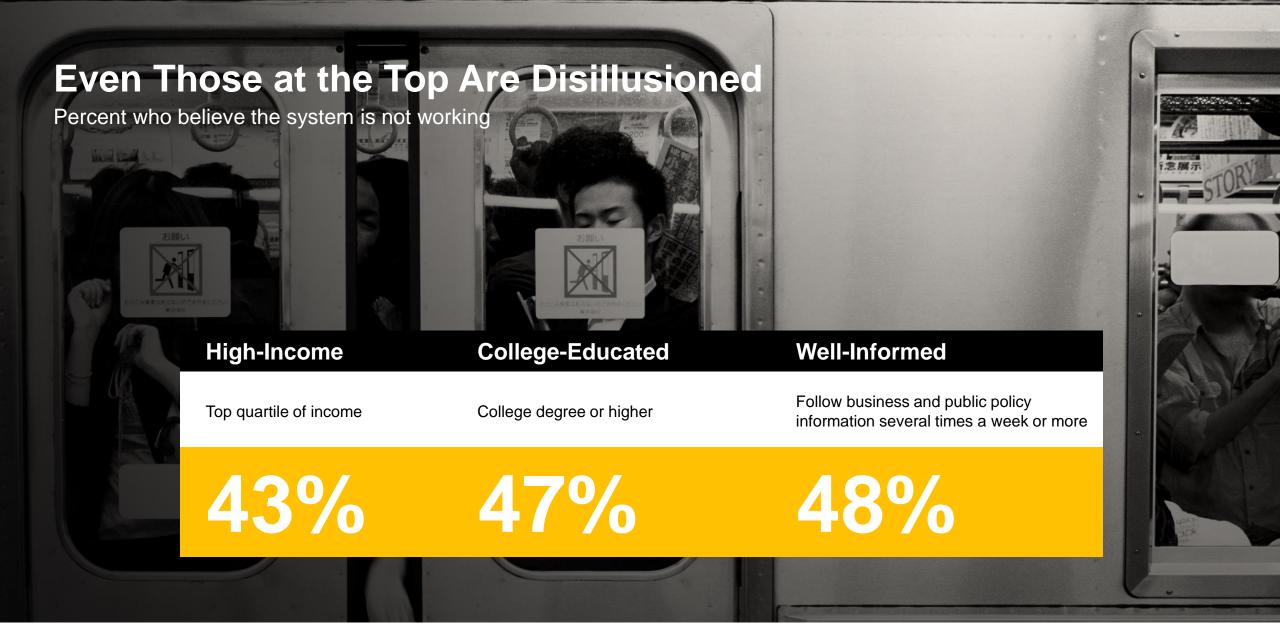
# Half Believe the System is Failing Them

# How true is this for you? **Sense of injustice** Lack of hope Lack of confidence **Desire for change**



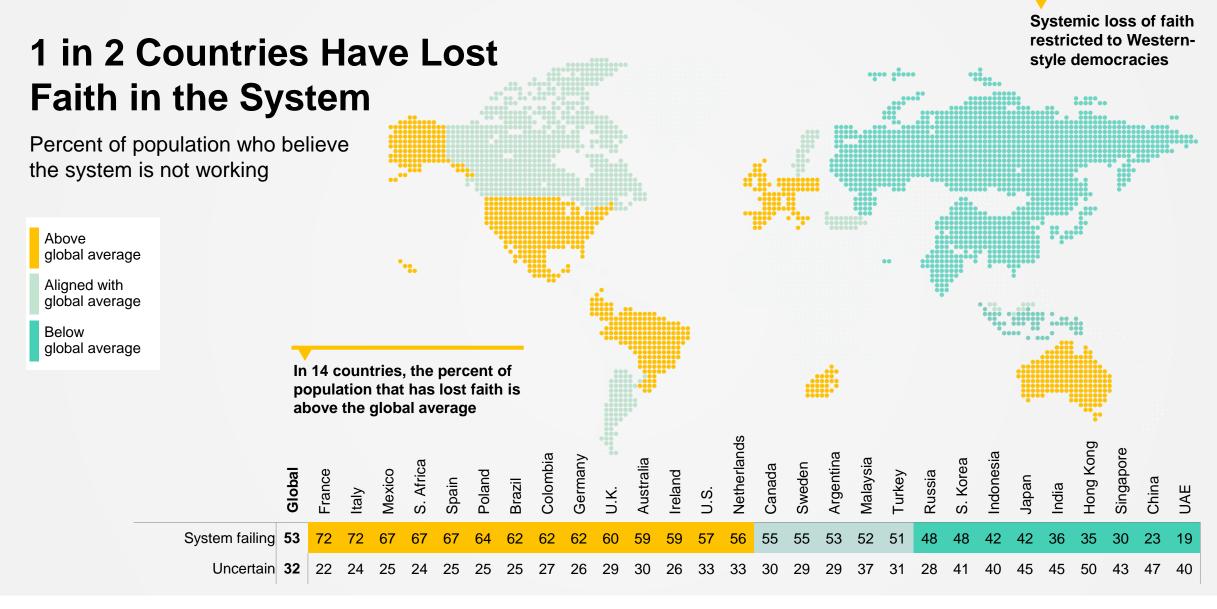






Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. S8. Thinking about your annual household income in 2015, which of the following categories best describes your total household income that year? S7. What is the last grade in school you completed? S9. How often do you follow public policy matters in the news? S10. How often do you follow business news and information? General Population, South Korea, cut by 'the system is failing segments'.





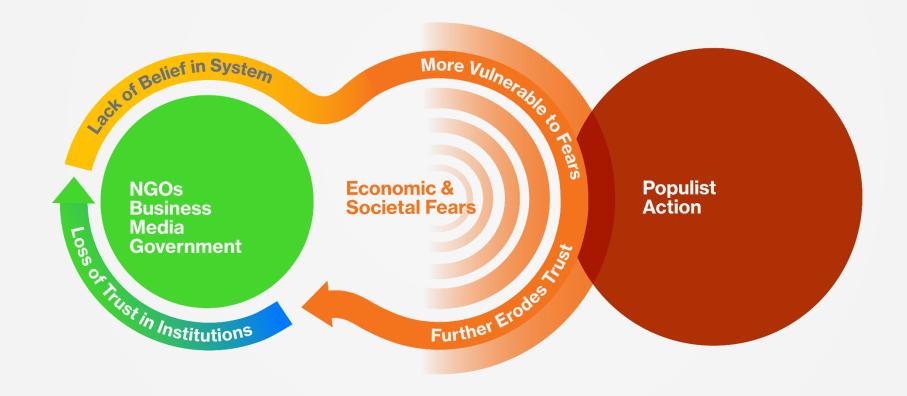
Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer Q672-675, 678-680, 688-690.

For details on how the "system failing" measure was calculated, please refer to the Technical Appendix. The margin of error for the countries scores was added and subtracted from the global mean. Countries were considered above the global average if their score was higher than the global mean plus the margin of error. Countries were considered below the global average if their score was lower than the global mean minus the margin of error. All other scores were considered aligned.



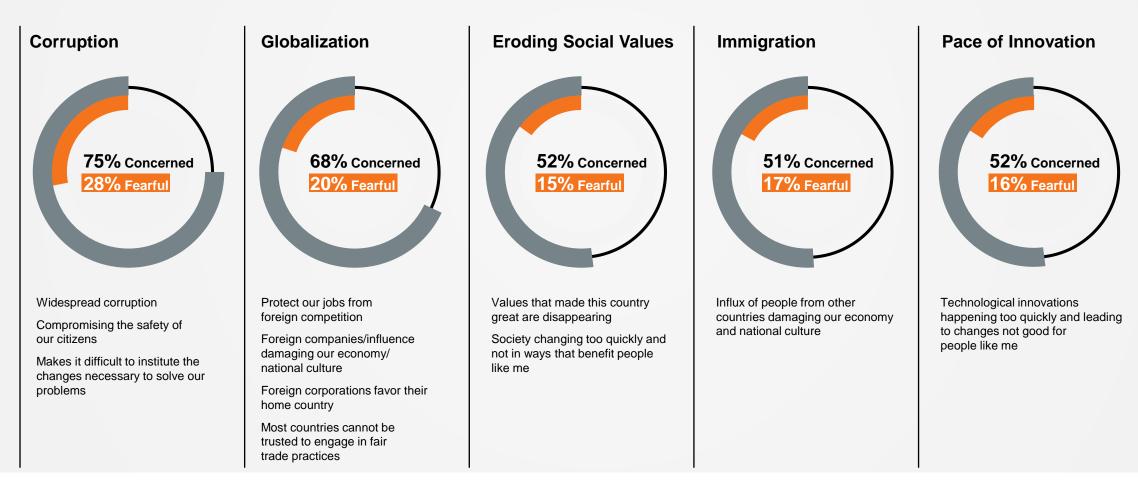


## The Cycle of Fear and Distrust



### **Concerns Have Become Fears**

Percent of respondents who are concerned or fearful regarding each issue

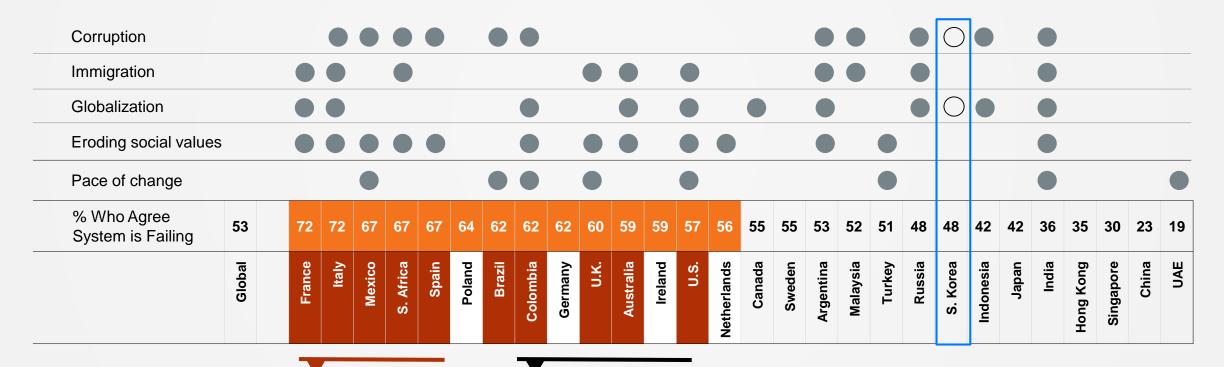


Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Corruption Q685-687, Globalization Q681-684, Eroding social values Q676 and Q758, Immigration Q685, Pace of innovation Q677. South Korea. For details on how the societal fears were measured, please refer to the Technical Appendix.



## Systemic Distrust and Fear Trigger Action

- Above-Average Level of Concern
- Above-Average Level of Fear
- Above-Average Belief the System is Failing
- Countries with Multiple Fears and Failing System



10 countries with aboveaverage belief the system is failing and multiple fears

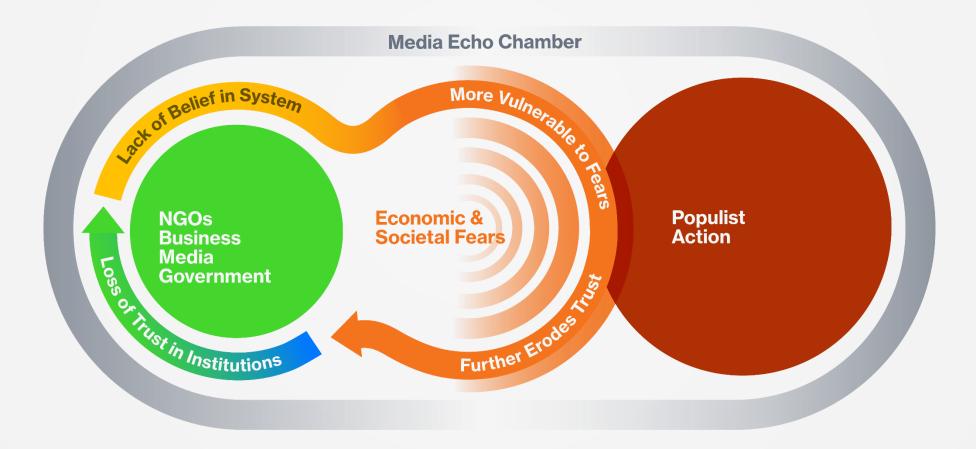
4 countries with aboveaverage belief the system is failing – but lack multiple fears

Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Corruption Q685-687, Globalization Q681-684, Eroding social values Q676 and Q758, Immigration Q685, Pace of innovation Q677. System is failing: Q672-675, 678-680, 688-690. For details on how the societal fears and the "system failing" measure were calculated, please refer to the Technical Appendix. The margin of error for the countries scores was added and subtracted from the global mean. Countries were considered above the global average if their score was higher than the global mean plus the margin of error.





# **Echo Chamber Amplifies Fears** and Accelerates the Cycle



## The Echo Chamber in Action

**Facts matter less** 

More than

1 in 3 agree

"I would support politicians
I trust to make things better
for me and my family
even if they
exaggerated the truth"

Bias is the filter

69%

Do not regularly listen to people or organizations with whom they often disagree

More than

3.5x more likely

to **ignore information** that supports a position **they do not believe in** 

No humans needed

More likely to believe

73% Search Engines 27%
Human
Editors

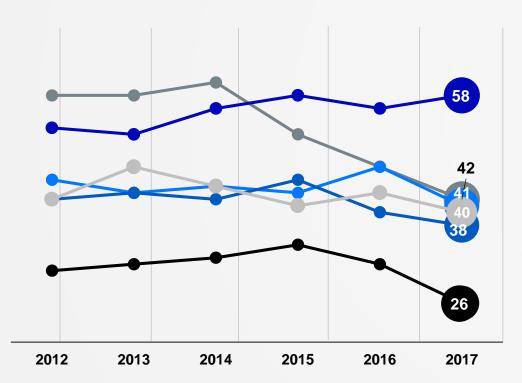
61% Never or rarely change their position on important social issues

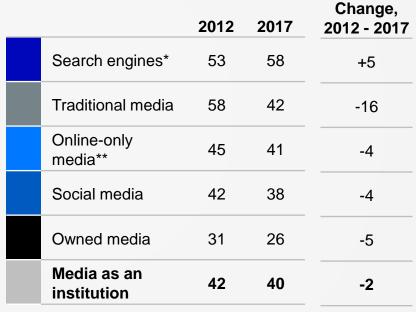
Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Q709-718. For each of the statements below, please indicate how much you agree or disagree. (Top 4 Box, Agree) Q755 Have you ever changed your position on an important social issue? (Sum of "Yes, but rarely", "No, never") General Population, South Korea. Q749. When someone you know provides you with some information that supports a position that you do NOT believe, which of following do you typically do with it? Q752. How often do you read or listen to information or points of view from people, media sources or organizations with whom you often disagree? (Sum of "Never", "Almost Never", "Several Times a year", "Once or Twice a Month") Q754. You are about to see a series of two choices. Each choice describes a different source of information, a different format for presenting information, or a different style of communicating information. For each pair, we want you to choose the one that you are more likely to believe is giving you the truth. While we know that some of these choices may not be easy, please do your best to select only one of the two options given—the one that is most likely to be true most often. General Population, South Korea, question asked of half the sample.



## **Traditional Media Shows Steepest Decline**

Percent trust in each source for general news and information





Traditional media down 16 points

Search Engines are most trusted media source

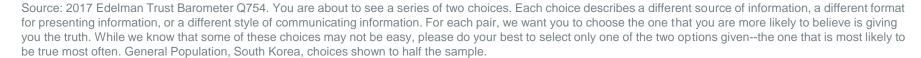
Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer Q178-182. When looking for general news and information, how much would you trust each type of source for general news and information? Please use a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust it at all" and nine means that you "trust it a great deal." (Top 4 Box, Trust) General Population, South Korea, question asked of half the sample.



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

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

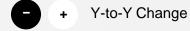
# **Official Sources Are Suspect** Percent who find each source more believable than its pair 70% 75% 59% Leaked Individuals Reformer Information Institutions **Company Press** Preserver of Status Quo **Statements**

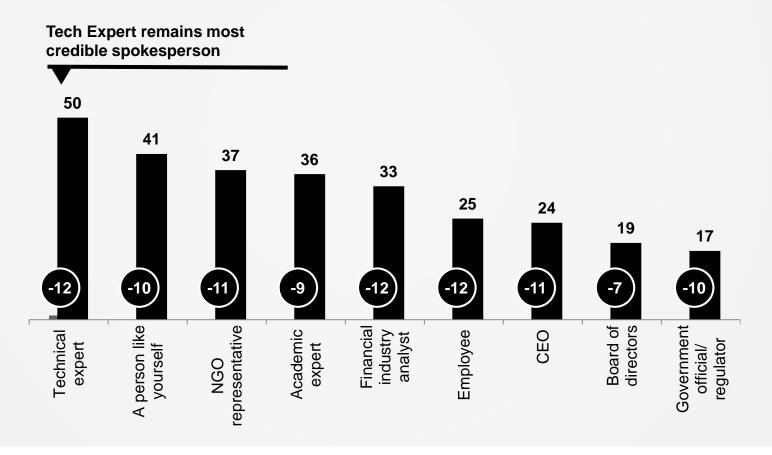


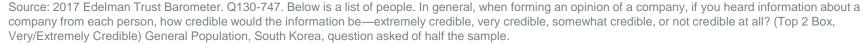


### Peers More Credible Than CEO and Government Officials

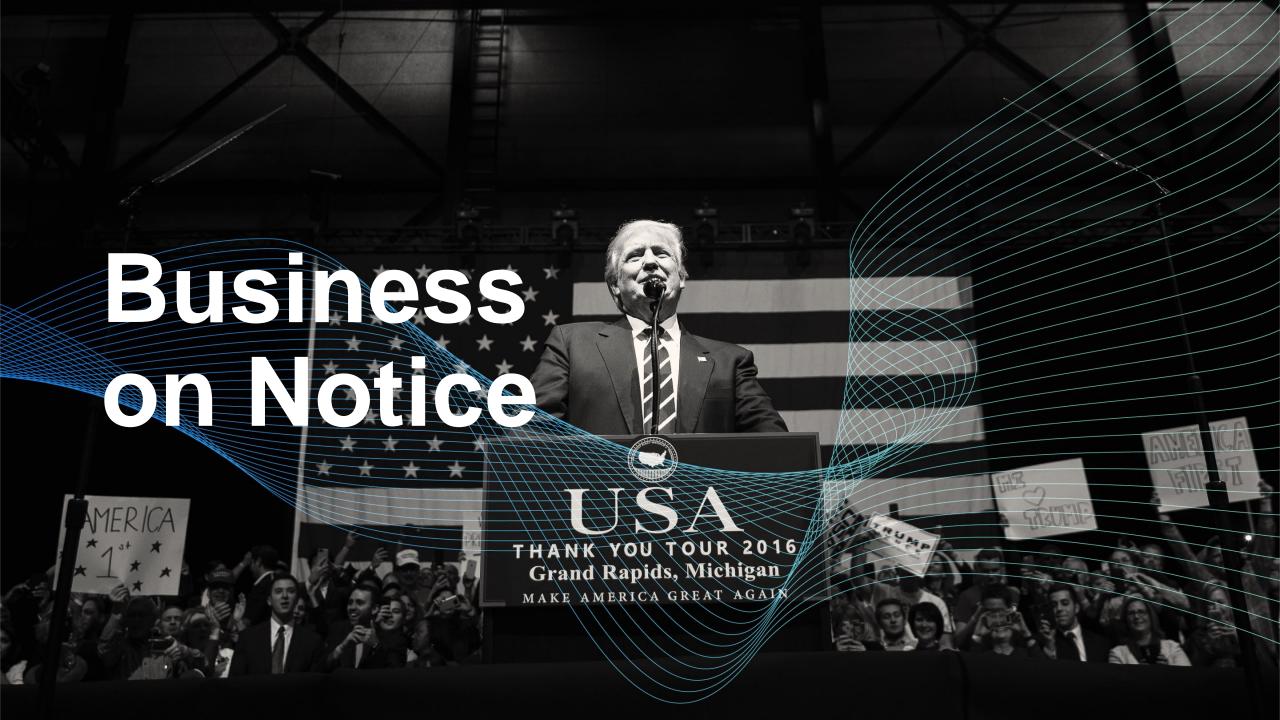
Percent who rate each spokesperson as extremely/very credible, and change from 2016 to 2017



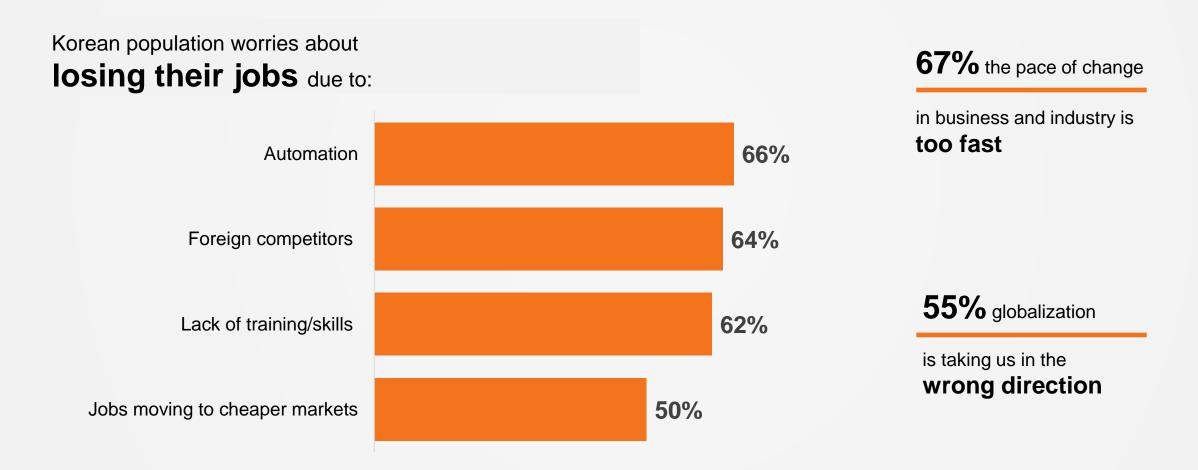








## **Business Plays a Role in Stoking Societal Fears**







## **Support for Anti-Business Policies**

#### **Protectionism**

2in5 agree

"We should not enter into free trade agreements because they hurt our country's workers."

#### **Protectionism**

73% agree

"We need to prioritize the interests of our country over those of the rest of the world."

#### **Slower Growth**

76% agree

"The government should protect our jobs and local industries, even if it means that our economy grows more slowly."





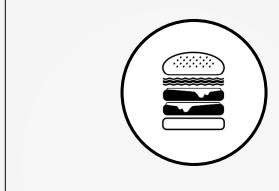
## **License to Operate at Risk**



71%

agree that the pharmaceutical industry needs more regulations

Regulation



82%

agree that policy makers should tax foods that negatively impact health

**Tax Policy** 



60%

do not agree that financial market reforms have increased economic stability

Reform













#### First, Do No Harm Actions business can take that would most damage trust in a better future (top 5 most-selected) Pay Pay bribes to **Reduce costs Reduce costs Move profits** government by cutting by lowering executives to other product officials to hundreds of jobs countries to quality win contracts times more avoid taxes than workers



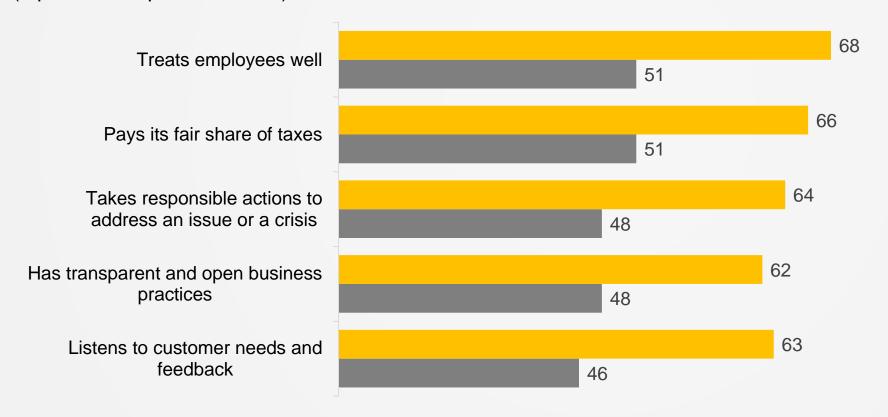


# When the System is Failing, Companies Must Do More

System Failing

General Population

Percent who rate each attribute as important in **building trust in a company** (top 5 most important shown)



On average

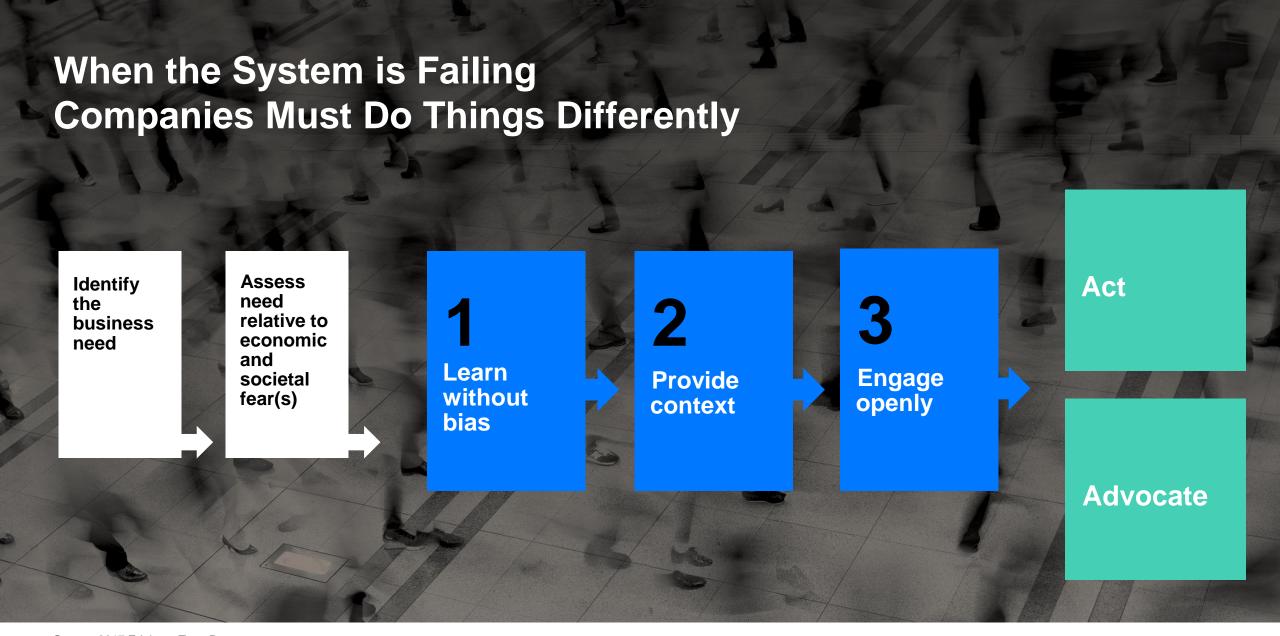
+16<sub>pts</sub>

higher expectations

Among those who have lost faith in the system, expectations are higher across the board

Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Q80-639. How important is each of the following attributes to building your TRUST in a company? Use a 9-point scale where one means that attribute is "not at all important to building your trust" and nine means it is "extremely important to building your trust" in a company. (Top 2 Box, Importance) Data displayed is mean Top 2 Box rating for the listed items. Items were included if they were considered important by 50% or more of those who believe the system is failing. General Population and cut by "the system is failing segments," South Korea.

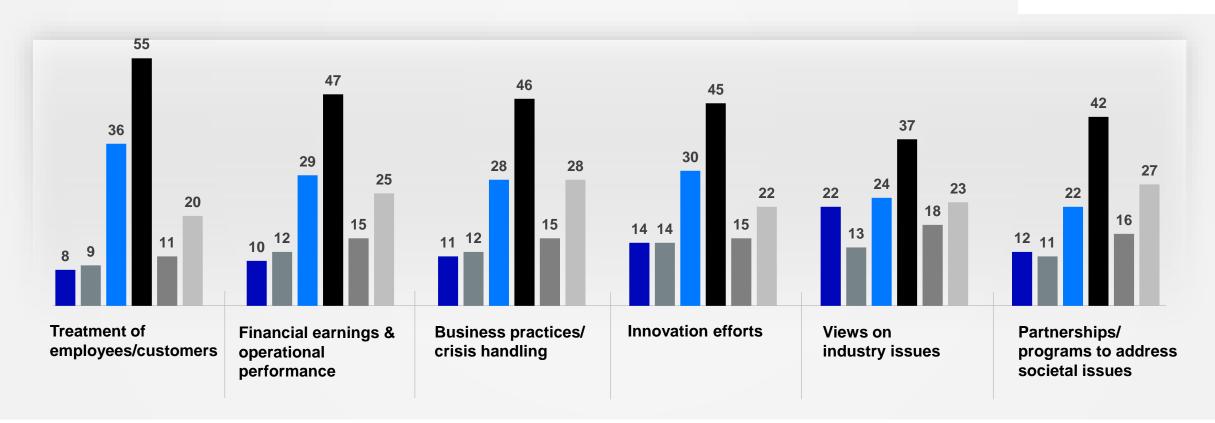






## Most trusted spokesperson to communicate each topic

Company CEO
Senior executive
Employee
Activist consumer
Academic
Media spokesperson

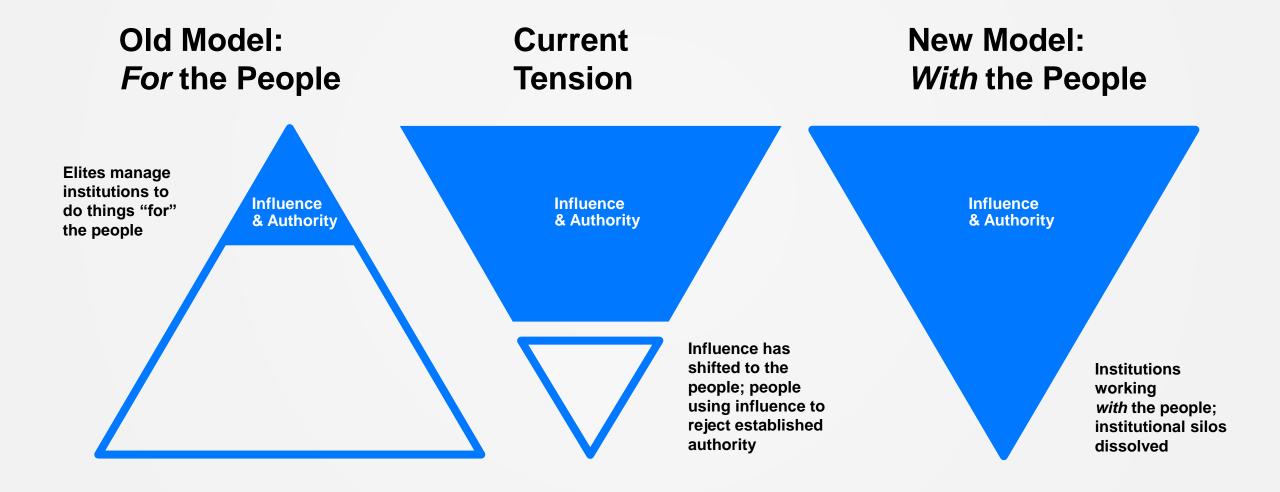


Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer. Q610. Who do you trust MOST to provide you with credible and honest information about a company's financial earnings and operational performance, and top leadership's accomplishments? Q611. A company's business practices, both positive and negative, and its handling of a crisis? Q612. A company's employee programs, benefits and working conditions, and how a company serves its customers and prioritizes customer needs ahead of company profits? Q613. A company's partnerships with NGOs and effort to address societal issues, including those to positively impact the local community? Q614. A company's innovation efforts and new product development? Q615. A company's stand on issues related to the industry in which it operates? General Population, South Korea, question asked of one-quarter of the sample.

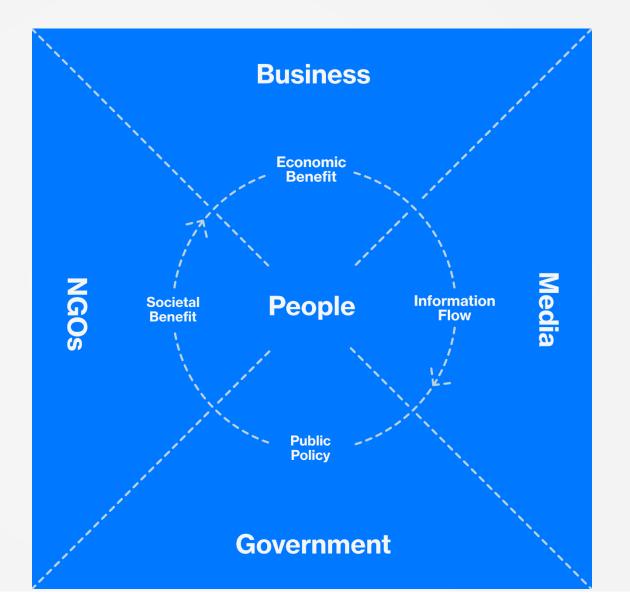




### **A Fundamental Shift**



# With the People: The New Integrated Operating Model







# **Thank You**



