Italy Report





2024 Edelman Trust Barometer

Methodology

Annual online survey in its 24th year

Fieldwork conducted: Nov 3 – Nov 22, 2023

28

32,000+

1,150_{+/-}

Countries Respondents

Respondents per country**

Argentina	Colombia
Australia	France
Brazil	Germany
Canada	India
China	Indonesia

Ireland
Italy | | |
Japan
Kenya
Malaysia

Mexico Netherlands Nigeria Saudi Arabia

Singapore

S. Africa S. Korea Spain Sweden Thailand UAE UK U.S.

Data collected is representative of the general population across age, gender, region and ethnicity/nationality (where applicable) within each country.

Global averages

Unless otherwise indicated, global averages are composed of all 28 countries surveyed.

Statistical significance







Significant change

Indicates a statistically meaningful difference or change in the data that is unlikely to be due to chance or a random fluctuation.

All indicated year-over-year significant changes were determined using a t-test set at a 99%+ confidence level.

Shortened question text

Throughout the report, question text has been edited for readability.

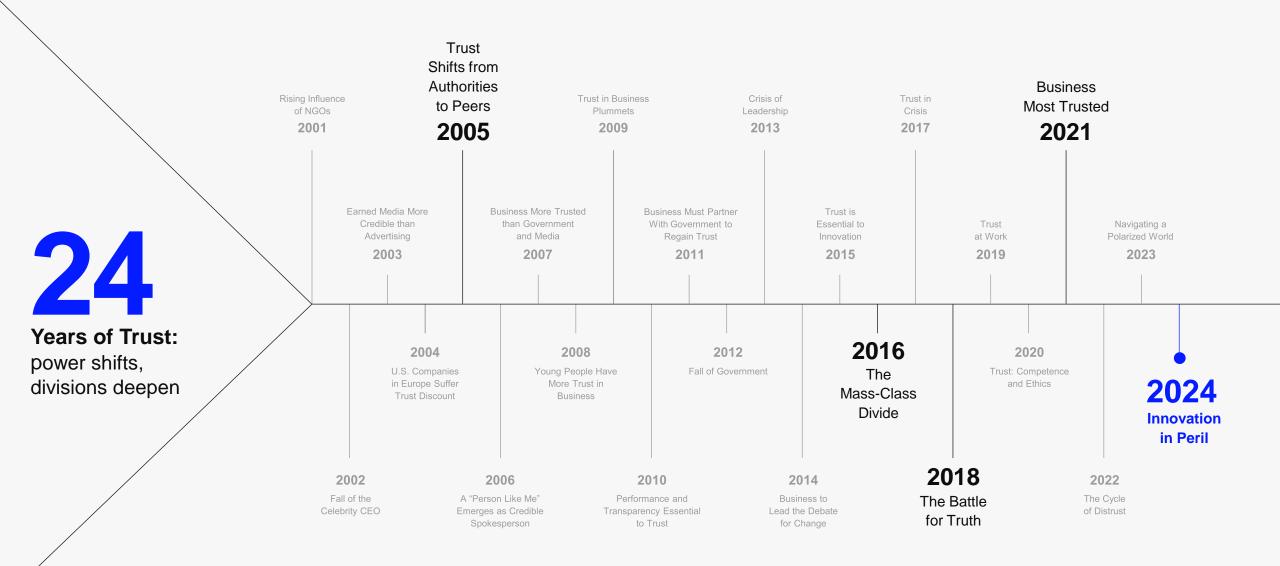
For more details on global averages, country-specific sample information, or to see the full text for any shortened statements, please see the Technical Appendix



28-market global data margin of error: General population +/- 0.7 percentage points (n=32,492)

Country-specific data margin of error: General population +/- 3.3 to 3.9 percentage points (varies by country based on sample size, n=1,109 to n=1,500) Margin of error is calculated at the 99% confidence level



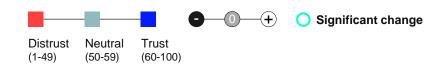




Trust Index 2023 to 2024: **Developing Countries Lead on Trust**

Trust Index

(average percent trust in NGOs, business, government, and media)



2024 Trust Index among

Developing countries 63

Developed countries 49

2024 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. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. General population, 28-mkt avg., and by developed and developing countries. Year-over-year changes were tested for significance using a t-test set at the 99%+ confidence level.

Due to a translation inconsistency in France, the 2023 Trust Index has been imputed using a model. For more details, please see the Technical Appendix.

2023

Japan

S. Korea

Gen	eral population	Gen	eral population
55	Global 28	56	Global 28
83	China	79	China
75	Indonesia	76	India
74	UAE	74	UAE
73	India	73	Indonesia
71	Saudi Arabia	72	Saudi Arabia
66	Singapore	70	Thailand
66	Thailand	68	Malaysia
63	Kenya	67	Singapore
62	Malaysia	64	Kenya
61	Mexico	61	Nigeria
56	Nigeria	59	Mexico
54	Netherlands	56	Netherlands
53	Brazil	53	Brazil
52	Canada	53	Canada
51	Colombia	52	Australia
50	Italy 🌗	50	Italy (
49	Sweden	49	S. Africa
48	Australia	49	Sweden
48	Ireland	47	Colombia
48	U.S.	47	France
47	France	47	Ireland
47	S. Africa	46	Spain
46	Germany	46	U.S.
44	Spain	45	Germany
43	UK	43	S. Korea
42	Argentina	39	Argentina

2024

Japan

UK

39

Greatest changes in

S. Korea

+7 +6

Nigeria

Malaysia

+5

Thailand

Australia

+4 +4

China

Colombia

UK

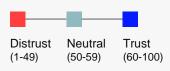


UK now among

least-trusting countries

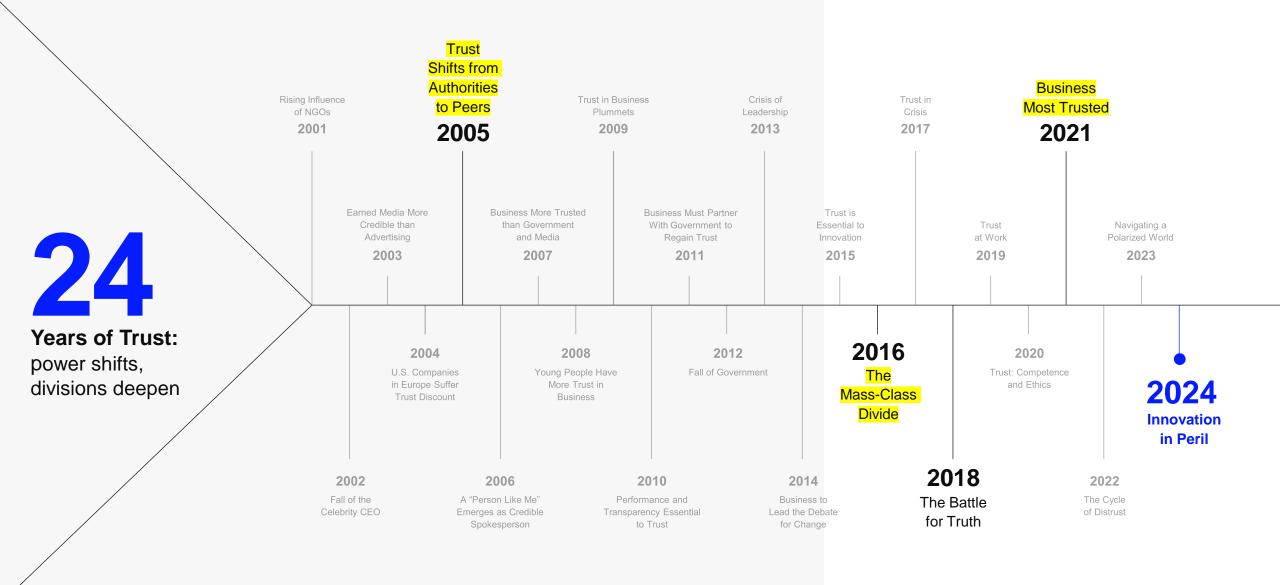
In Italy, Trust Index Rises 10-Points; No Longer Distrusted

Trust Index (average percent trust in NGOs, business, government, and media)



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Europe	41	41	40	45	43	44	45	47	51	49	48	7
Global 20	50	50	49	53	50	51	53	55	57	56	55	5
Italy	40	41	42	49	48	43	46	49	52	53	50	10



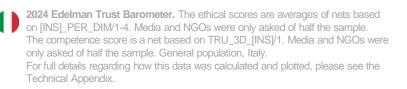




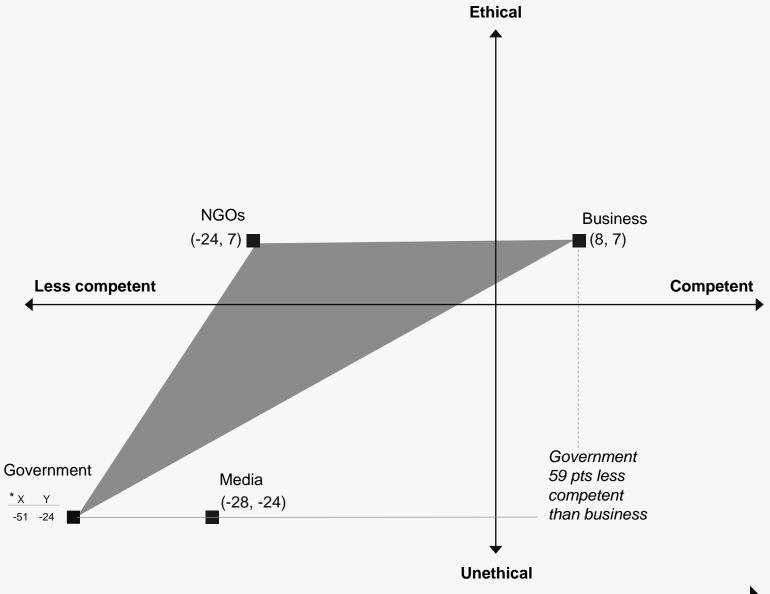


In Italy, Institutions Out of Balance: Government Seen as Far Less Competent and Ethical than Business

(Competence score, net ethical score)



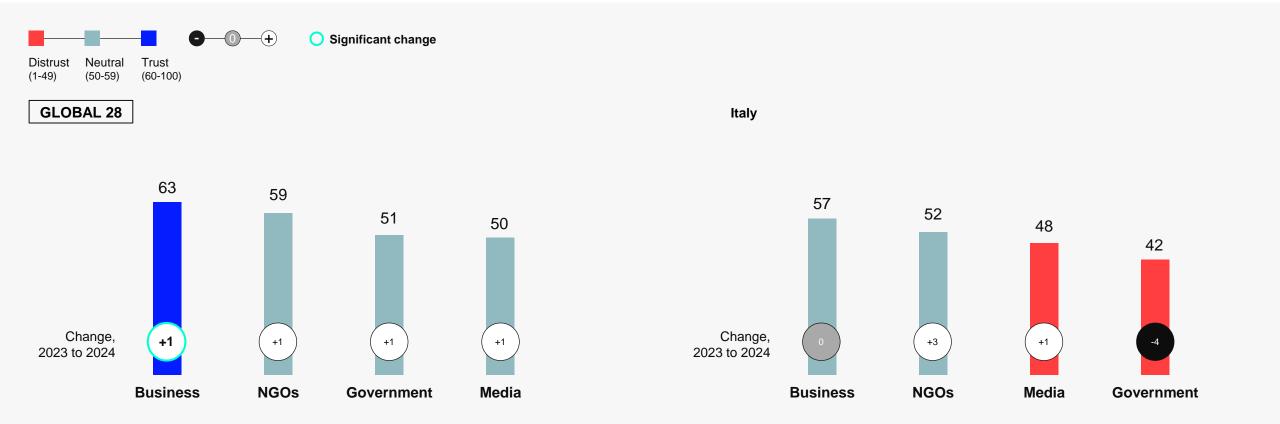
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Business Remains Most Trusted Institution

Percent trust

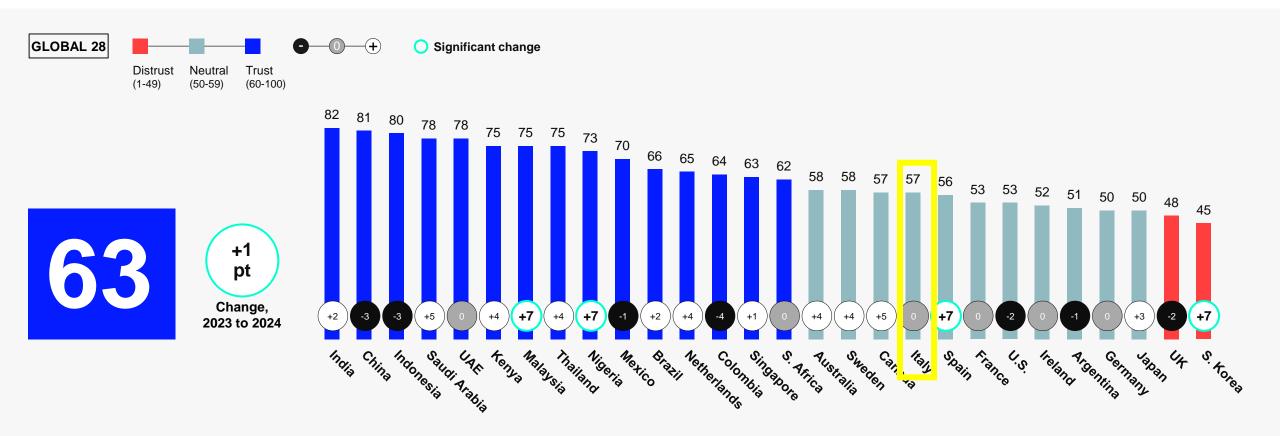


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Business Trusted in 15 of 28 Countries

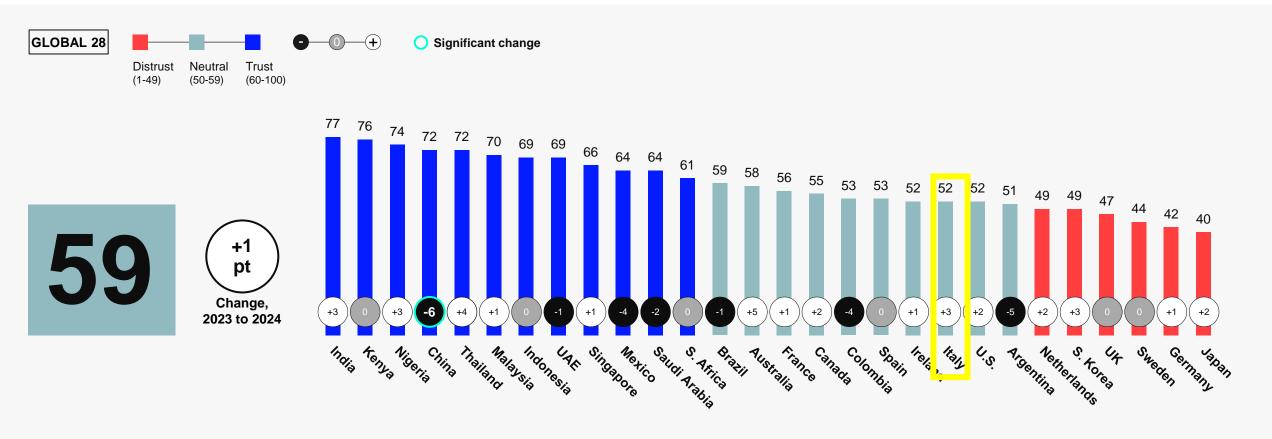
Percent trust in business





NGOs Trusted in 12 of 28 Countries

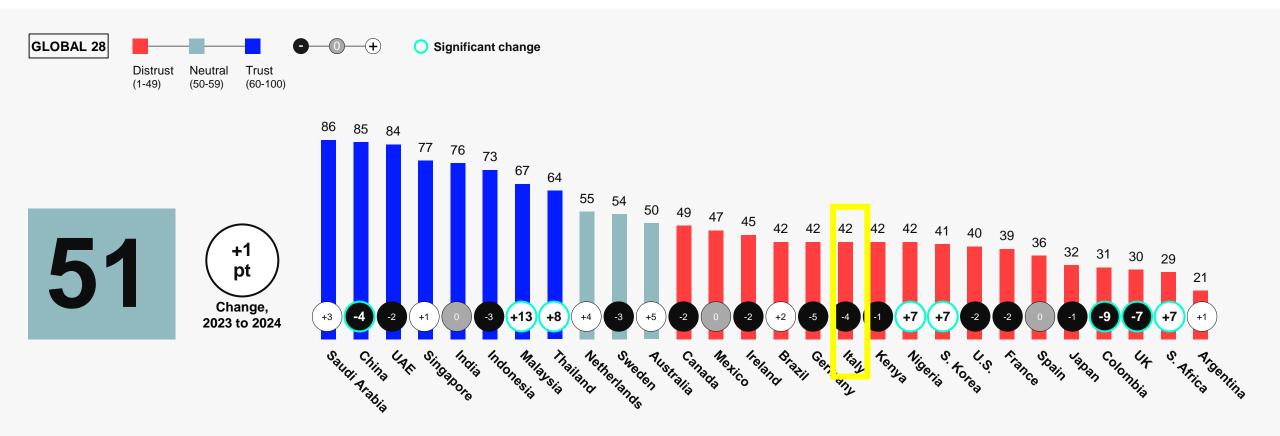
Percent trust in NGOs





Government Distrusted in 17 of 28 Countries

Percent trust in government

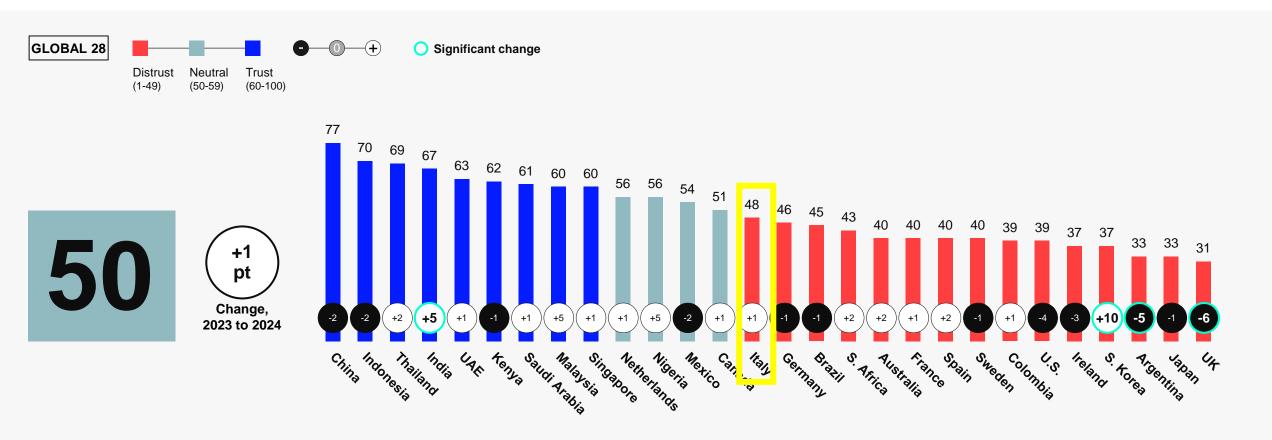


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Media Distrusted in 15 of 28 Countries

Percent trust in media

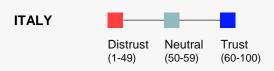






Trust in Institutions: 10 Year Trend

Percent trust, in Italy

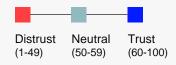


	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Business	45	49	48	57	55	54	53	57	59	59	57	+12
NGOs	51	54	53	58	59	46	44	49	48	54	49	-2
Media	45	43	41	50	48	45	45	49	50	50	47	+2
Government	21	18	27	30	31	27	43	41	51	49	46	+25

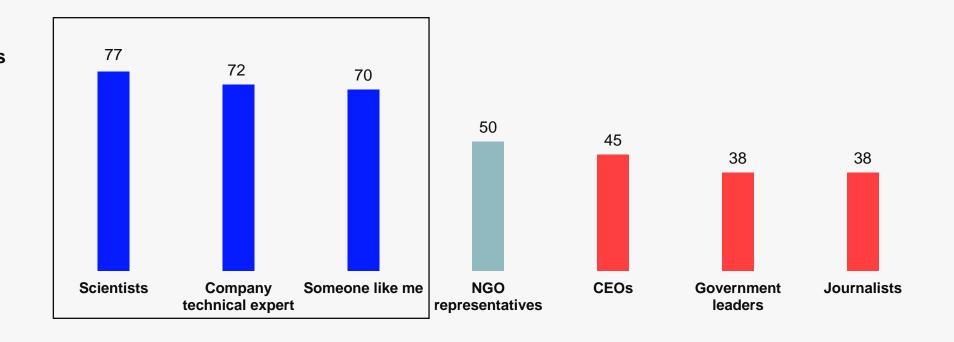


Dispersion of Authority: Peers on Par With Scientists and Experts

Percent trust, in Italy



I trust each to tell me the truth about new innovations and technologies







In Italy, Experts and Academics Seen as the Most Credible Spokespeople

Percent who say each spokesperson is credible, in Italy

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Academics	55	62	59	58	53	57	62	63	53	55	55	0
Technical experts	55	60	55	60	50	54	59	58	50	53	55	0
A person like yourself	57	61	58	61	56	50	54	54	46	<mark>44</mark>	<mark>51</mark>	-6
My CEO	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	46	51	<mark>40</mark>	<mark>49</mark>	-
A regular employee of a company	39	48	39	48	38	40	43	48	34	33	39	0
A company's board of directors	<mark>27</mark>	<mark>32</mark>	<mark>29</mark>	<mark>36</mark>	<mark>28</mark>	<mark>30</mark>	<mark>38</mark>	<mark>36</mark>	<mark>29</mark>	<mark>26</mark>	<mark>33</mark>	<mark>5</mark>
CEOs	<mark>26</mark>	<mark>28</mark>	<mark>29</mark>	<mark>38</mark>	<mark>28</mark>	<mark>33</mark>	<mark>38</mark>	<mark>35</mark>	<mark>31</mark>	<mark>30</mark>	<mark>33</mark>	<mark>7</mark>
Government officials	29	35	29	36	30	30	32	31	34	29	33	4
NGO representatives	51	54	51	48	40	36	34	34	36	34	33	-18
Journalists	-	-	-	26	21	27	27	24	27	21	24	-
An influencer with a small following	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	20	22	15	18	-
Celebrities	-	-	-	-	17	17	19	21	19	12	17	-
A well-known influencer with a big following	-	-	-	-	19	18	21	19	20	12	15	-





Establishment Leaders Not Trusted to Tell Us the Truth

Percent who worry, in Italy





68%

Government leaders

Business leaders

Journalists and reporters

are **purposely trying to mislead people** by saying things they know are false or gross exaggerations



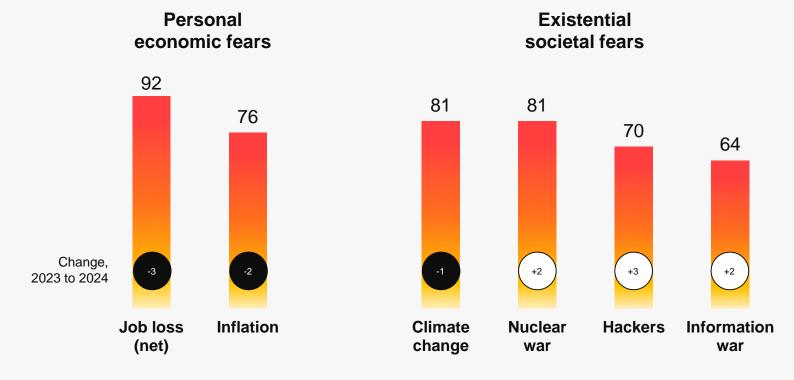


Societal Fears on Par with Personal Economic Fears

In Italy, percent who worry about...





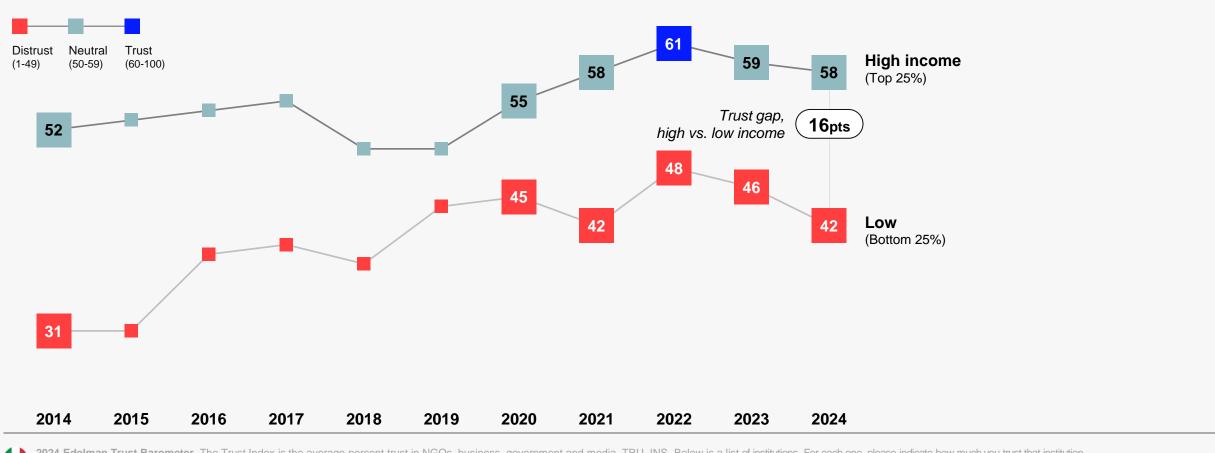






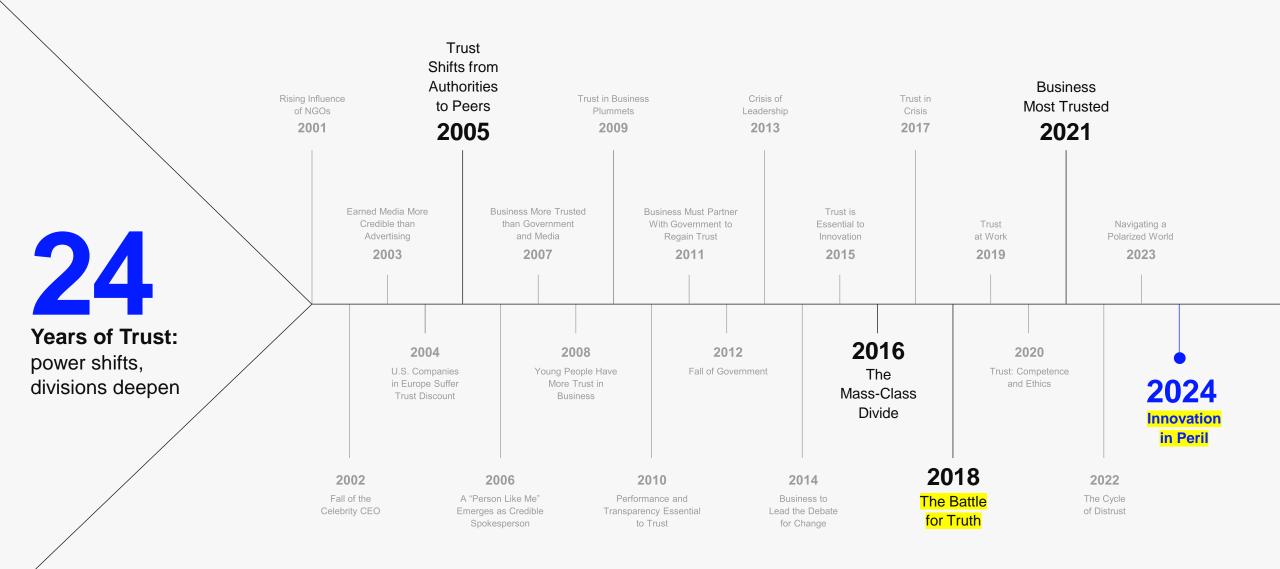
Income-Based Trust Inequality Persists in Italy

Trust Index, Italy





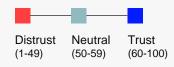






Trust Imbalance: Business Most Trusted to Integrate Innovation into Society

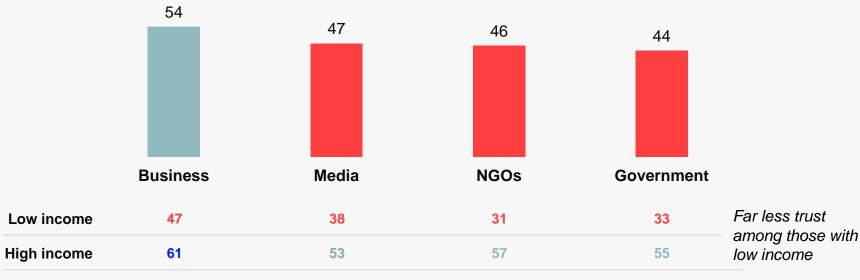
Percent trust, in Italy



I trust each with the introduction of innovations into society, ensuring they are

Safe

- Understood by the public
- Beneficial
- Accessible







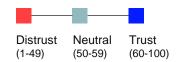
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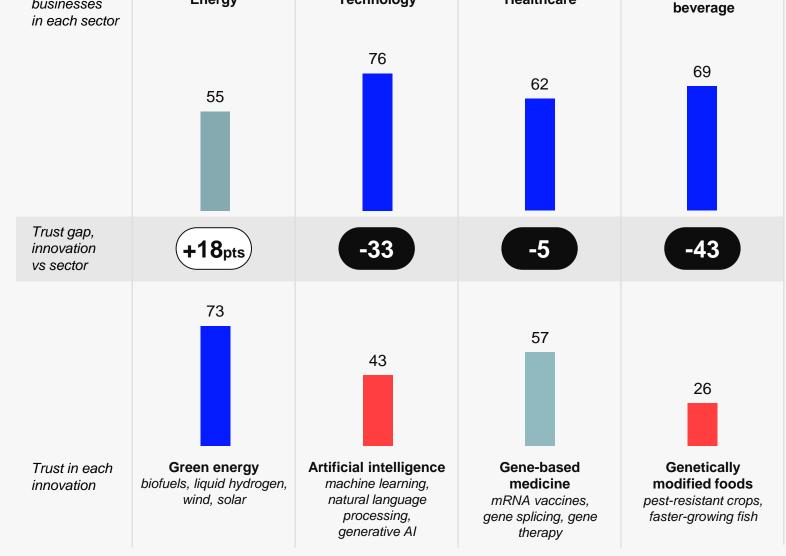
Trust in

businesses

Trust in Industry Sectors Does Not Guarantee Trust in Industry Innovations

Percent trust, in Italy





Technology

Healthcare



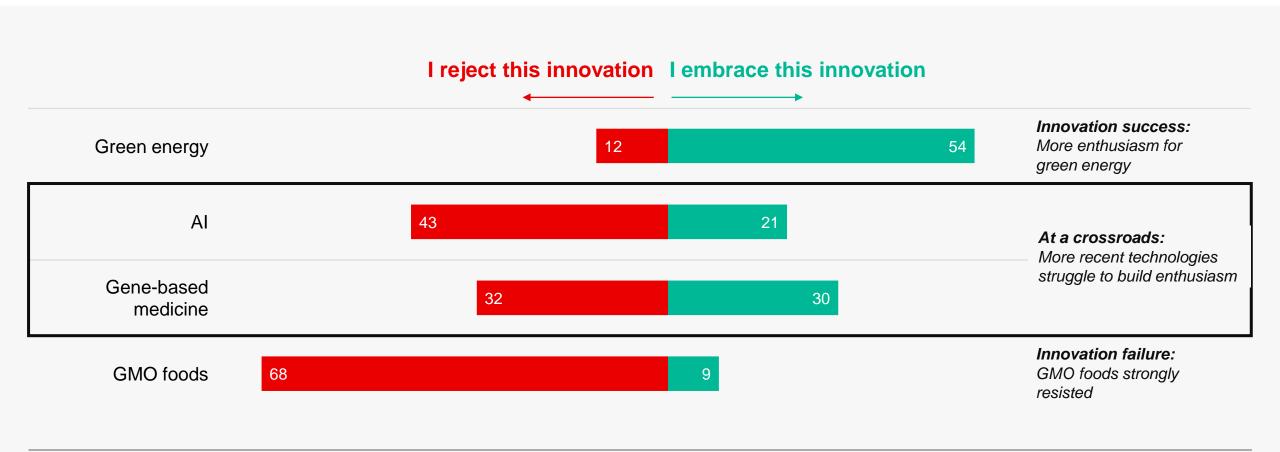
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Food and

Acceptance of Innovation at Stake

Percent who say, in Italy









Government Lacks Competence to Regulate Emerging Innovations

Percent who say this is true

GLOBAL 28

Government regulators lack adequate understanding of emerging technologies to regulate them effectively

59%

Majority in 26 of 28 countries say government not regulating well



Concerned Government Has Too Much Influence on Science

Percent who agree, in Italy

Science has become politicized in this country

Government and organizations that fund research have **too much influence** on how science is done

53%

53%



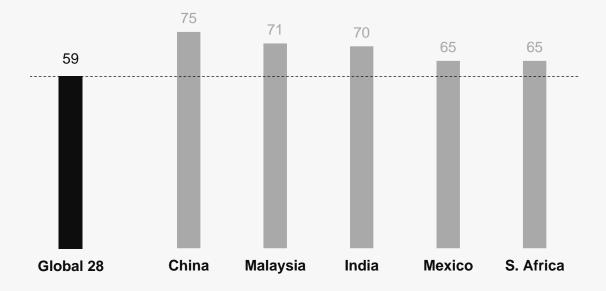
Concerned Government Has Too Much Influence on Science

Percent who agree

GLOBAL 28 Top 5 of 28 countries

Science has become politicized in this country

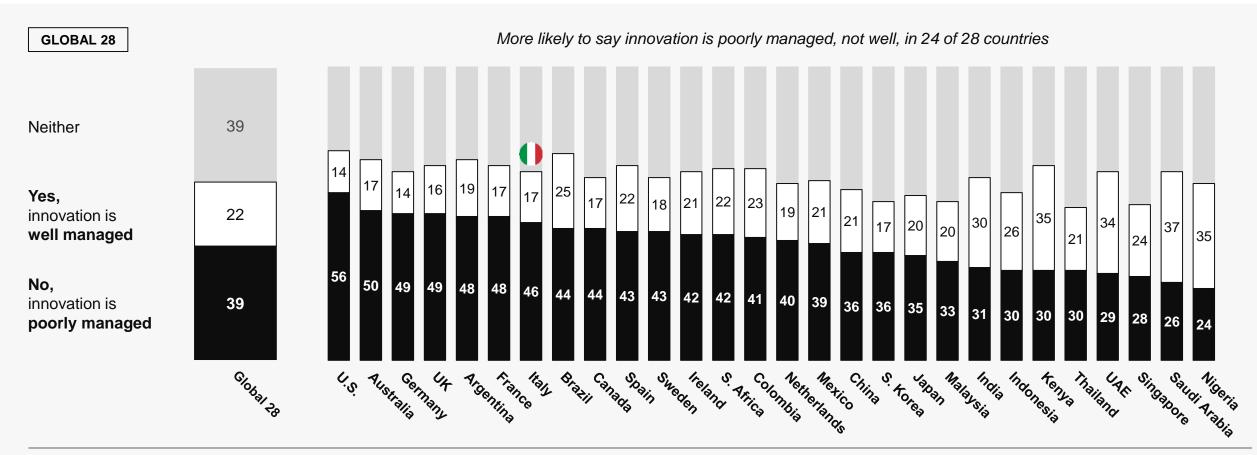
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Nearly All Countries More Likely to Believe Innovation is Mismanaged Rather Than Well Managed

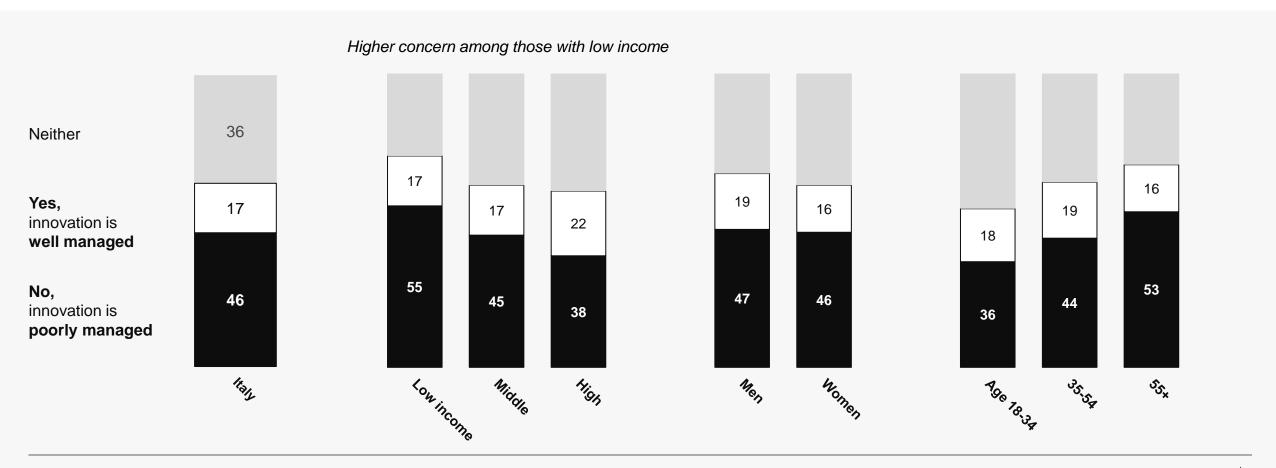
On average, percent who say





In Italy, Concern Innovation is Mismanaged Shared Across Income, Gender, and Age

On average, percent who say, in Italy

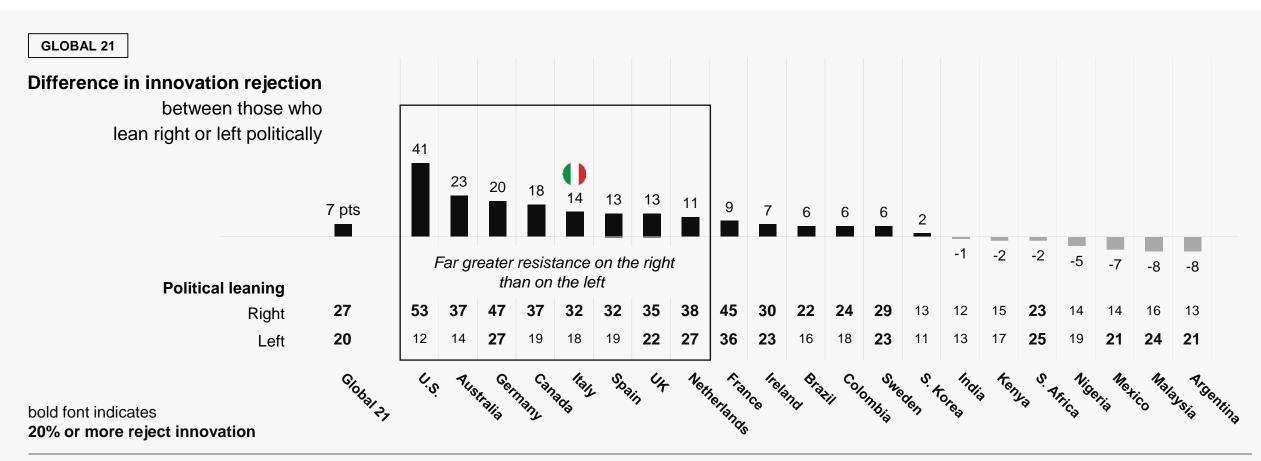






In Western Democracies, Resistance to Innovation Is Political

Percent of respondents who reject innovation, based on their individual average acceptance rating across green energy, AI, gene-based medicine, and GMO foods





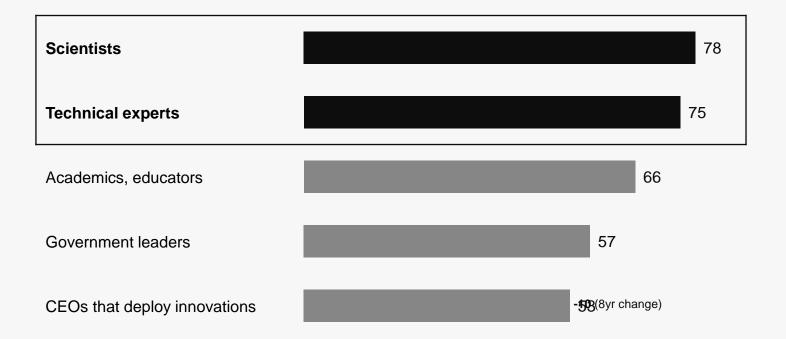


Scientists and Experts Expected to Lead on Implementation of Innovation

Percent who say, in Italy

I believe each **should have a big role** in managing the introduction
of innovation

Showing top 5 of 11 items



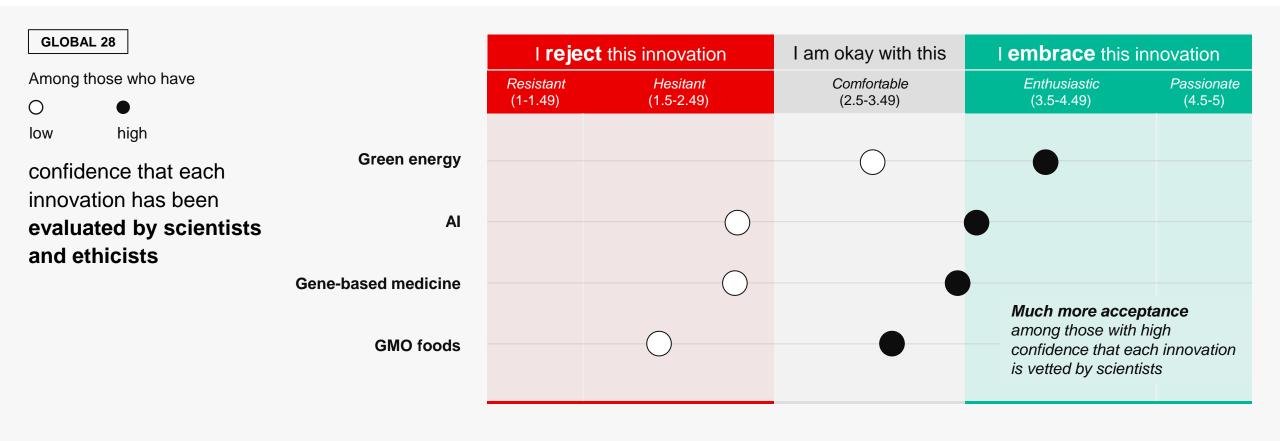




To Earn My Acceptance, Show Me the Innovation Is Vetted by Scientists and Ethicists

Average acceptance rating

for each innovation





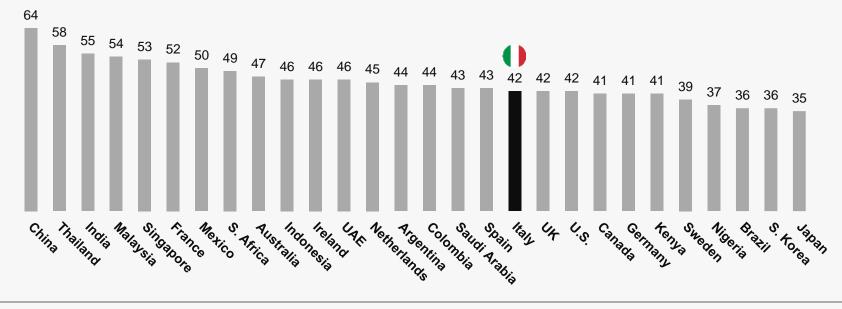
Make the Science Transparent and Accessible to the Public

Percent who agree

GLOBAL 28

Scientists do not know how to communicate with people like me

45%





CEOs: Address Impacts of Innovation in Society

Percent who say

GLOBAL 28

I expect CEOs to manage changes occurring in society, not just those occurring in their business

62%

Among employees,

It is important to me that

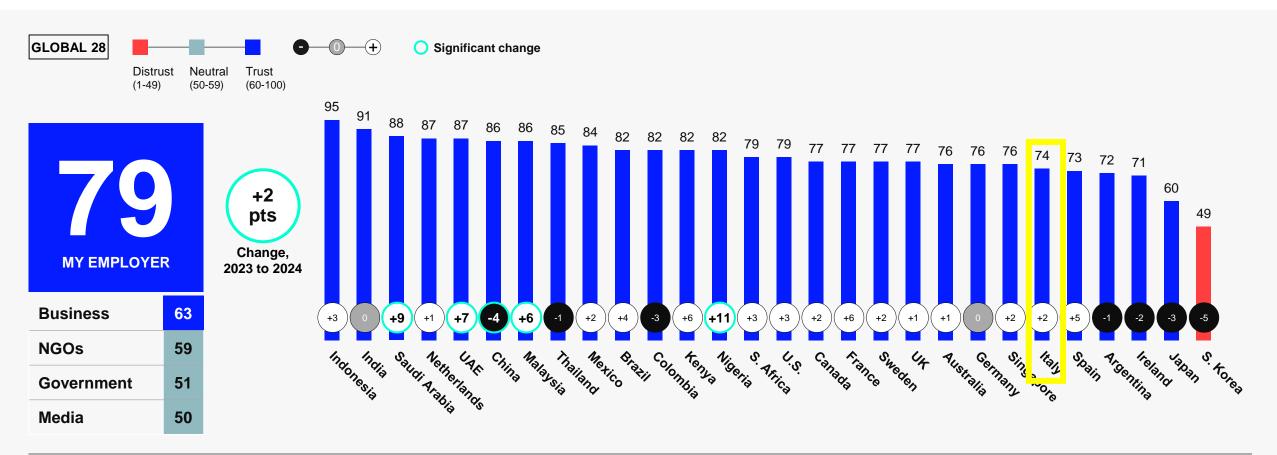
my CEO speaks publicly about issues such as:





My Employer Trusted in 27 of 28 Countries

Percent trust



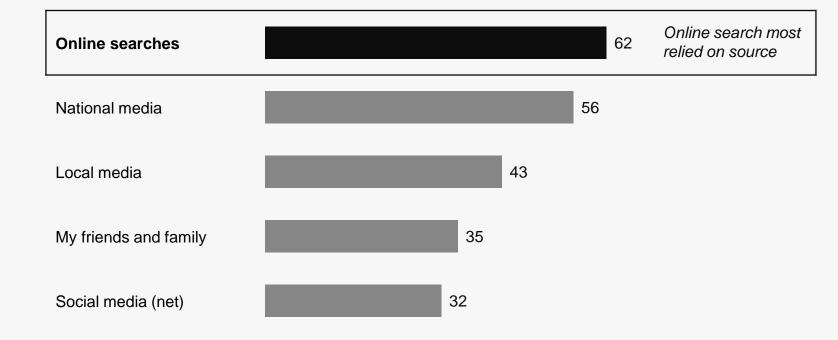


I'm Doing My Own Research: Help Me Find Information I Can Trust

Percent who say, in Italy

This is where I get most of my information about new technologies and innovations

Showing top 5 of 9 items

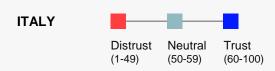






Trust in News Sources: 10 Year Trend

Percent trust in each source for general news and information, in Italy



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Search engines	61	66	68	70	73	69	69	65	59	62	63	+2
Traditional media	51	55	56	61	65	66	69	65	52	54	53	+2
Owned media	38	45	46	53	53	47	53	49	34	37	37	-1
Social media	45	47	48	44	43	37	36	33	30	27	31	-14

In Europe, No News Source Trusted

Percent trust, in Europe



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Traditional media	55	60	55	57	58	65	65	63	53	57	58	+3
Search engines	51	57	57	60	61	55	58	55	49	53	54	+3
Owned media	33	37	39	46	42	35	45	43	34	38	39	+6
Social media	32	35	37	37	34	31	33	29	24	25	26	-6



Globally, Search Engines Only Trusted News Source

Percent trust



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Search engines	59	63	63	64	65	62	65	62	56	59	60	1
Traditional media	61	63	58	59	59	64	66	62	54	58	58	-3
Owned media	42	45	45	49	45	42	50	47	41	44	44	2
Social media	43	45	46	45	42	40	43	41	35	37	38	-5

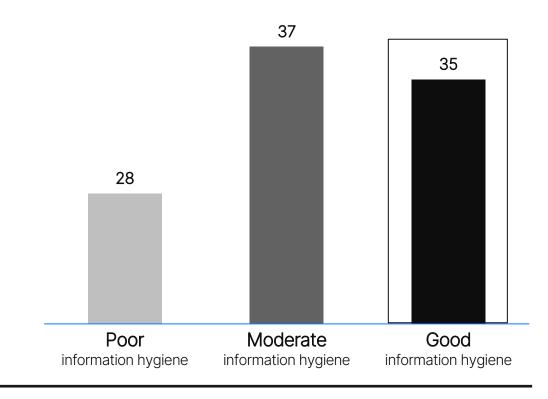


IN ITALY, 1 IN 3 HAVE GOOD INFORMATION HYGIENE

Percent in each segment

Information hygiene:

- 1. News engagement
- 2. Avoid information echo chambers
- 3. Verify information
- 4. Do not amplify unvetted information



67% of respondents share or forward news items that they find to be interesting.

Of those, **only 38%** have good information hygiene



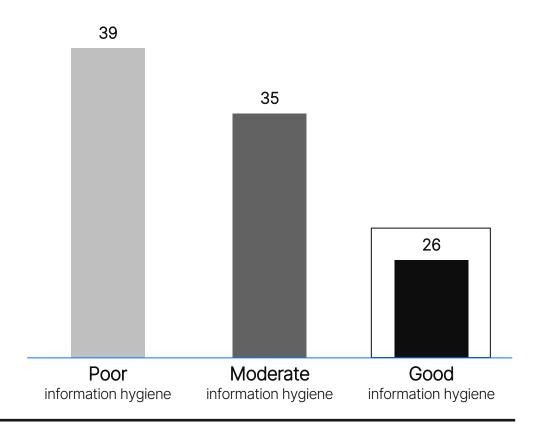


ONLY 1 IN 4 HAVE GOOD INFORMATION HYGIENE

Percent in each segment

Information hygiene:

- 1. News engagement
- 2. Avoid information echo chambers
- 3. Verify information
- 4. Do not amplify unvetted information



57% of respondents share or forward news items that they find to be interesting

Of those, **only 29%** have good information hygiene



Over Past Decade, Demand for Business-Government Partnership on Innovation Surges

Percent who say

GLOBAL 22



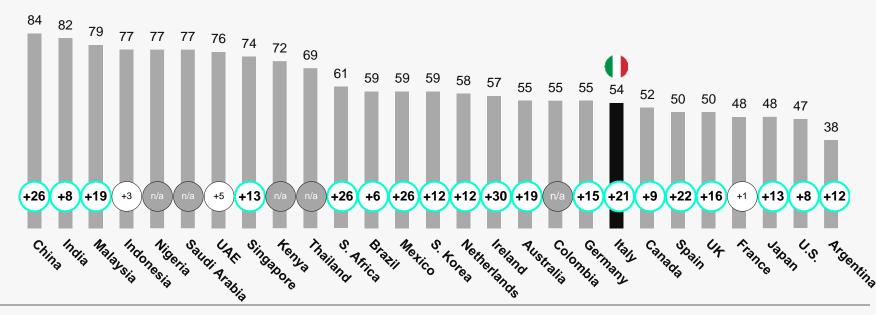
+ 2015 to 2024

Significant change

If business partners with government,
I would trust it more with technology-led changes





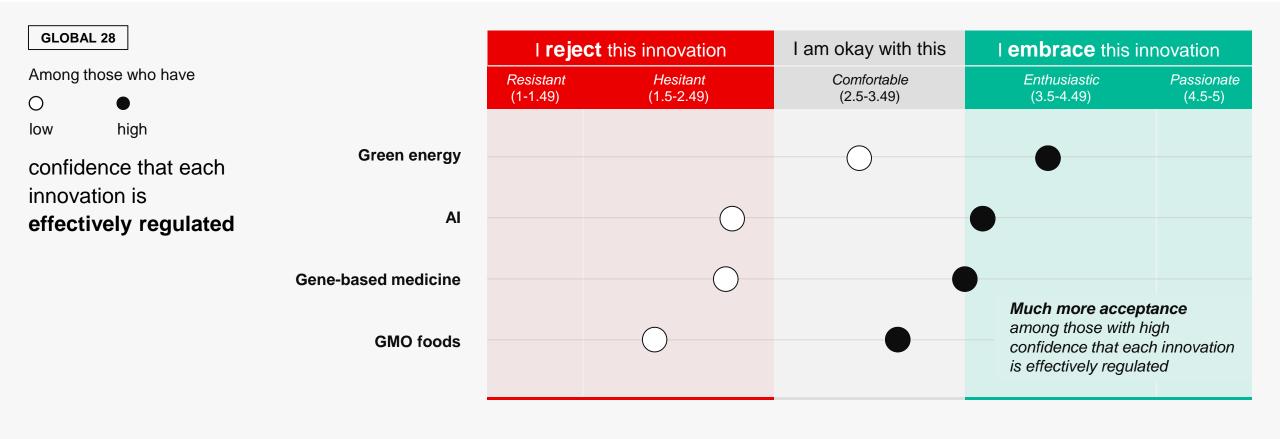




Confidence in Effective Regulation Drives Adoption

Average acceptance rating

for each innovation

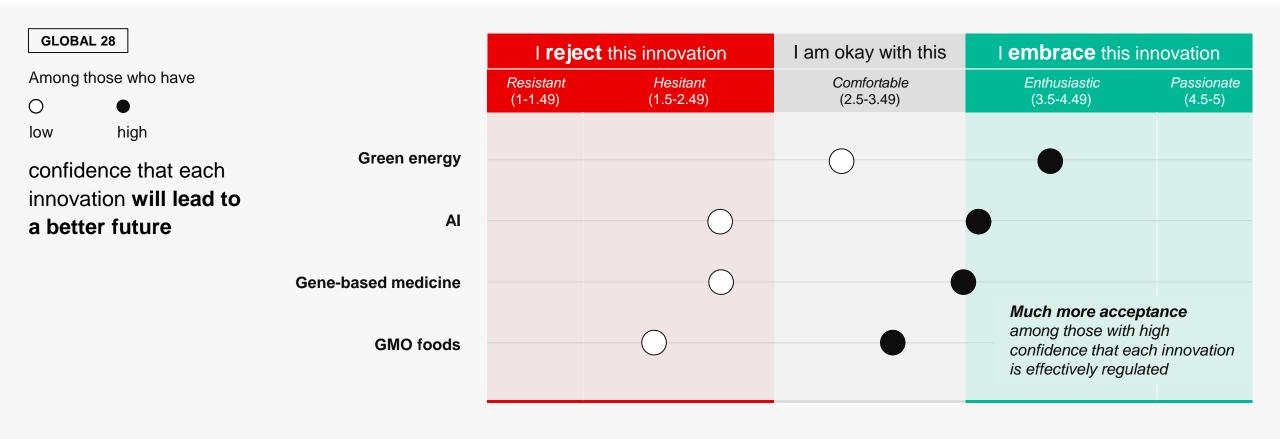




Show Me How Innovation Will Bring Us a Better Future

Average acceptance rating

for each innovation





Restoring Trust in the Promise of Innovation

1

Implementation as important as invention

Mismanaged innovations are as likely to ignite backlash as advance society. With breakthroughs like AI, vaccines, and green energy on the line, explaining the science and managing impacts is essential.

2

Business must partner for change

Business is most trusted to introduce innovation into society, with an emphasis on partnering with government. CEOs need to safeguard jobs and take a stand on emerging ethical concerns.

3

Science must integrate with society

Scientists are still trusted—but increasingly subject to public scrutiny. To build trust in expert recommendations, explain the research, engage in dialogue, and harness peer voices as advocates.

4

Give me control over my future

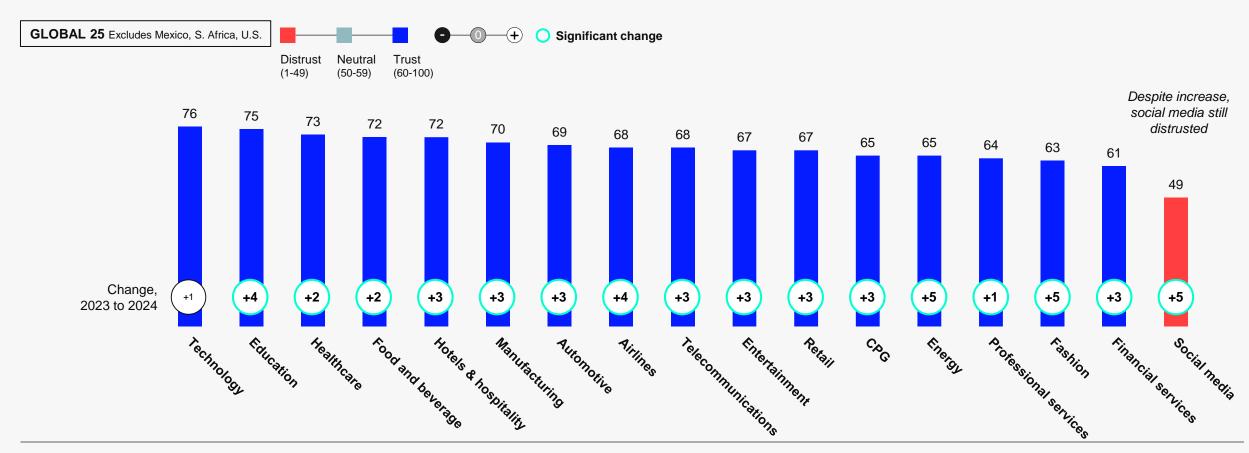
When people feel in control over how innovations affect their lives, they are more likely to embrace them, not resist them. Listen for concerns, be open to questions.



Trust across Industry Sectors and Type of Business

Significant Trust Increases Across Most Industry Sectors

Percent trust in businesses in the following industries to do what is right



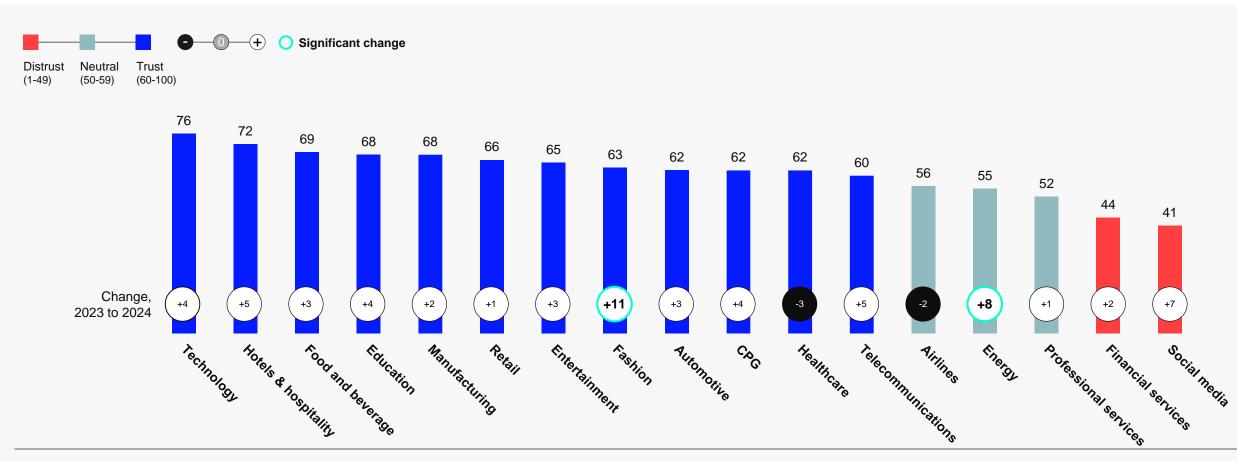
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In S. Africa, the Afrikaans translation for "Food and beverage" was updated in 2024. In Mexico and the U.S., the Spanish translation for "Automotive" was updated in 2024. These language changes mean the 2024 data cannot compared to data from previous years and have been removed from this analysis for all sectors to ensure a consistent global average is shown for each.

In Italy, Significant Trust Increases Within Fashion and Energy Industry Sectors

Percent trust in businesses in the following industries to do what is right, in Italy

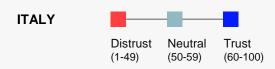






Trust in Industry Sectors: 10 Year Trend

Percent trust, in Italy



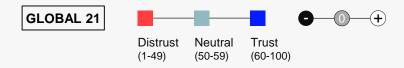
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Technology	72	78	77	78	79	78	78	70	69	73	72	0
Food & beverage	59	63	64	64	64	62	65	62	65	67	66	+7
Manufacturing	-	-	-	70	73	70	76	71	64	68	66	-
lealthcare	-	-	-	50	54	57	59	61	66	68	65	-
Retail	-	-	-	73	72	74	75	70	64	67	65	-
Education	-	-	-	60	63	61	63	60	58	63	64	-
Entertainment	58	66	66	64	65	66	68	64	59	59	62	+4
Automotive	54	63	64	54	63	58	66	61	57	62	59	+5
CPG	55	58	59	57	62	60	62	59	61	55	58	+3
Telecommunications	53	57	60	60	62	57	61	56	58	58	55	+2
Fashion	-	-	-	65	67	66	70	64	57	52	52	-
Professional services	-	-	-	56	61	65	60	57	53	56	51	-
Energy	49	54	56	56	59	62	62	57	54	53	47	-2
inancial services	26	32	36	40	41	43	41	41	42	42	42	+16
Social media	_	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	36	32	34	-





Trust in Industry Sectors: 10 Year Trend

Percent trust



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Technology	74	77	74	76	76	75	79	75	69	73	74	0
Education	-	-	-	68	71	72	71	69	66	69	70	-
Healthcare	-	-	-	65	68	66	69	68	68	70	70	-
Food & beverage	66	67	65	66	69	65	70	68	66	68	69	+3
Manufacturing	-	-	-	68	70	68	71	70	65	68	66	-
Automotive	67	70	67	62	66	63	69	67	61	64	65	-2
Retail	-	-	-	68	70	68	71	69	64	66	64	-
Telecommunications	61	62	60	61	64	64	68	65	62	63	64	+3
Entertainment	64	66	65	66	66	64	69	65	60	62	63	-1
CPG	61	62	61	62	64	61	66	63	60	61	62	+1
Professional services	-	-	-	64	67	69	68	67	62	64	62	-
Energy	58	58	57	59	62	63	65	63	60	61	59	+1
Fashion	-	-	-	64	65	64	65	63	56	56	56	-
Financial services	48	49	49	53	55	55	58	57	53	55	56	+8
Social media	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	43	42	-



Trust in Industry Sectors: 10 Year Trend

Percent trust, in Europe

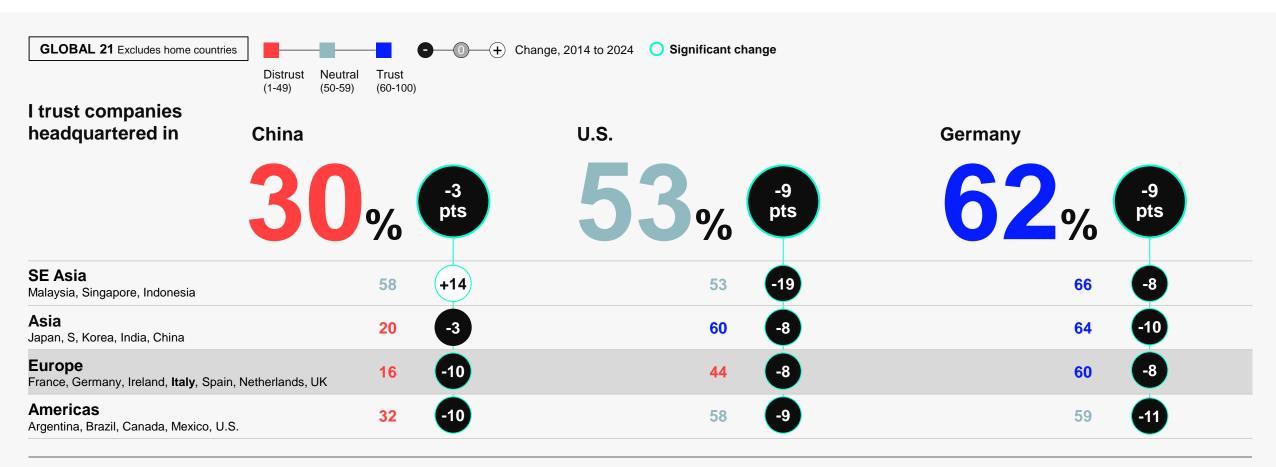


	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10yr change
Healthcare	-	-	-	60	63	62	65	65	68	71	70	-
Education	-	-	-	65	68	69	66	65	63	67	68	-
Technology	67	70	68	71	70	68	73	68	63	66	67	0
Food & beverage	60	61	60	62	63	58	63	61	60	62	63	3
Manufacturing	-	-	-	63	66	65	67	66	61	64	63	-
Retail	-	-	-	67	68	67	67	66	60	64	61	-
Entertainment	60	64	63	65	65	60	66	61	56	59	60	0
Professional services	-	-	-	57	60	64	61	61	55	58	56	-
Telecommunications	52	53	53	54	56	56	61	58	55	54	56	4
CPG	55	55	55	57	59	52	56	54	54	54	55	0
Automotive	55	60	59	48	56	50	58	56	52	53	54	-1
Fashion	-	-	-	58	58	57	58	56	49	48	48	-
Energy	46	44	46	49	53	53	56	53	53	48	43	-3
Financial services	28	29	31	37	40	41	44	44	41	43	43	15
Social media	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	31	31	-



10-Year Shift: Less Trust for Companies Headquartered in Global Powers

Percent trust in companies headquartered in each country, among respondents from outside each country being rated

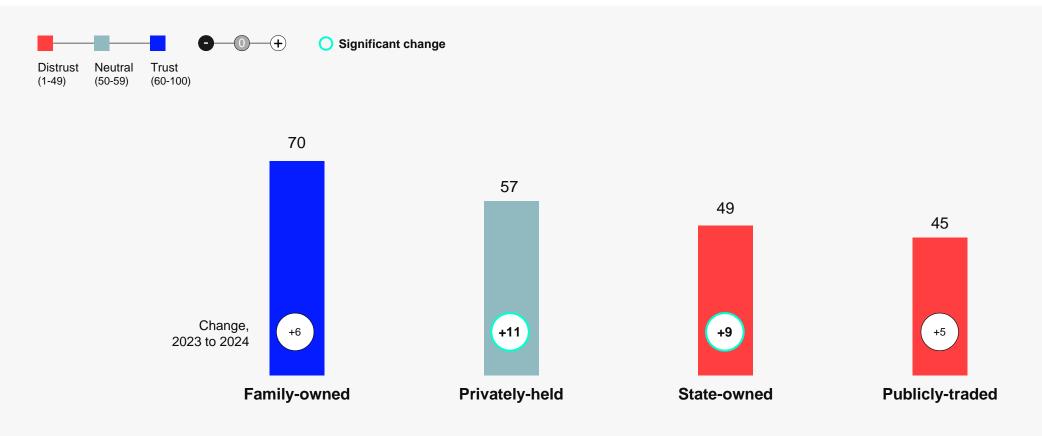






In Italy, Family-Owned Businesses Most Trusted

Percent trust in each type of business to do what is right, in Italy

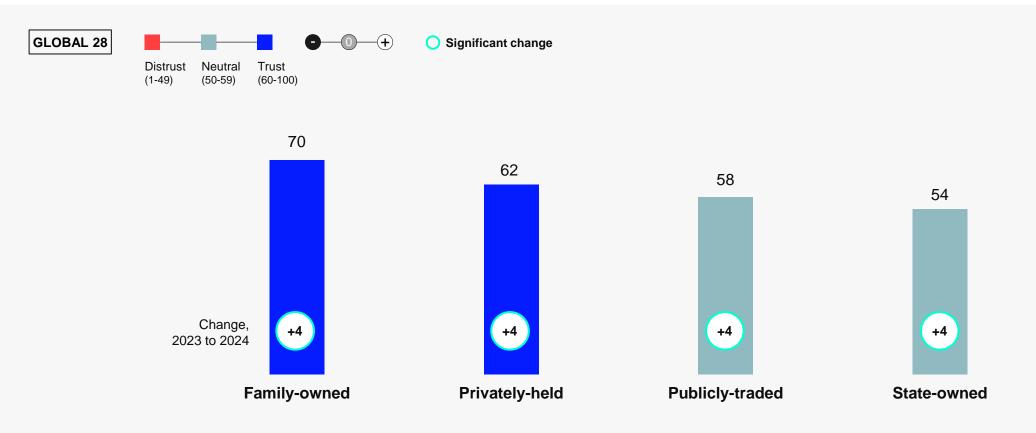






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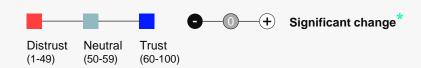
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Family-Owned Business Most Trusted Type of Business

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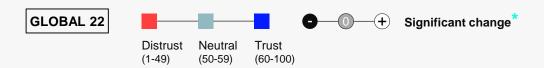
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	10yr change
Family-owned	80	74	76	79	-	77	75	66	68	64	70	-10
Privately-held	59	58	58	61	-	60	56	51	54	46	57	-2
State-owned	37	31	39	47	-	51	42	44	47	40	49	+12
Publicly-traded	44	41	47	52	-	49	50	44	43	40	45	+1





Family-Owned Business Most Trusted Type of Business

Percent trust in each type of business to do what is right



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	10yr change
Family-owned	70	66	68	70	-	70	69	63	67	66	68	-2
Privately-held	57	53	56	58	-	60	59	55	57	56	60	+3*
Publicly-traded	55	49	52	56	-	58	58	53	55	53	56	+1*
State-owned	49	44	47	53	-	56	52	50	51	49	53	+4*



2024 EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER Top Findings

Trust Index: Italy leads on Trust in Europe thanks to Business. Most industry sectors up.

- 2 Scientists, technical experts are trusted sources (to lead on innovation but not only).
- Board of Directors and CEOs' trust increased in 10 years (as spokespersons on key societal issues). My employer's trust boomed.

- Personal economic fears and income-based trust inequality persist in Italy.
- Innovation should be linked to effective regulation and benefit for the community.
- Trust in news sources: the drop in social media. 38% Italians have a good information hygiene. 40% of young people doesn't have a clear opinion on how innovation is managed.



WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING 2024

REBUILDING TRUST AMID UNCERTAINTY

At a moment of growing fragmentation and polarization, the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting 2024 served as a platform for advancing **dialogue**, **cooperation** and **action-oriented partnership**.

More than 450 sessions and workshops took place during the Annual Meeting 2024, facilitating dialogue, debate and alignment across many perspectives. Over the course of the week, the Forum and its partners also launched or advanced more than 50 high-impact initiatives, serving as ongoing platforms for multi-year collaboration across geographies and industries.

"We must rebuild trust – trust in our future, trust in our capacity to overcome challenges, and most importantly, trust in each other," said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum. "Trust is not just a feeling; trust is a commitment to action, to belief, to hope."

The Forum announced it will hold a special meeting, hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on "Global Cooperation, Growth and Energy for Development" on 28-29 April 2024 in Riyadh.

GENERAL SENTIMENT:

We are facing a completely new reality

We are all learning by doing, trying to understand this complexity

We need to adapt ourselves to this new reality. Challenges will not stop, they will change

We are moving to a non-normality

APPROACH:

Urgency is our only saviour

Leaders need to pull together



WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING 2024

REBUILDING TRUST AMID UNCERTAINTY

AGREEMENT:

A future of growth and prosperity is possible only balancing GDP with innovation, resilience, sustainability and inclusion.

Building on momentum from the UNFCCC COP28 meeting, participants focused their discussions on driving energy efficiencies and addressing energy demand and protecting and restoring nature. You cannot impose changes on people. You have to do the changes with people. From climate crisis to health crisis.

Discussions on emerging technology at the meeting addressed balancing potential benefits with concerns about security, privacy, safety, accountability, and inclusive and ethical use. "Humans are going to have better tools". "We're still very focused on each other".

Investments in the economy, technology, or the environment cannot succeed without the equivalent investment in people and equitable opportunities. Participants advanced projects on jobs and skills, digital inclusion and healthcare, among others. "The Reskilling Revolution" was timely when the Forum launched the initiative four years ago, and it is now even more urgent," "As tech adoption continues at pace, increasing people's employability and providing them with greater control of their prosperity and earning potential is critical to creating a future that is better for the many, not the few."

Women are second-class citizens when it comes **to health**. Closing the gap could be worth \$1 trillion.

By 2050, the global population aged above 60 is projected to more than double from 1 billion in 2020 to 2.1 billion, underscoring the urgent need for strategic approaches to ageing. There' a clear need for a holistic approach that balances health, financial stability and social considerations, and underscores the importance of collaborative, multistakeholder engagement focused on individual needs. The aim is to build sustainable, resilient solutions for the rapidly ageing global demographic.

