



# 2019 EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER

Canada

#TrustBarometer



# 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER

## Methodology

Online Survey in 27 Markets

33,000+ respondents total

1,500 respondents in Canada

+/-2.53 margin of error for general population in Canada

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

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

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

Employee MOE: 27-market = +/- 0.8% (N=16,944)

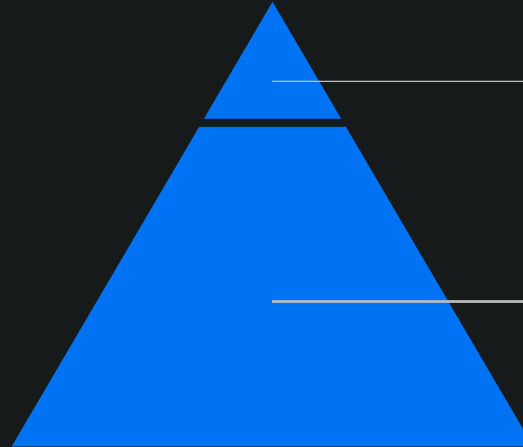
Market-specific = +/- 3.2 to 4.6% (N=min 446, varies by market)

## General Online Population

1,150 respondents per market

Ages 18+

All slides show general online  
population data unless otherwise noted



## Informed Public

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

Represents 16% of total global population

Must meet 4 criteria

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

## Mass Population

All population not including informed public

Represents 84% of total global population

## 2019 Focus on Employer-Employee Relationship

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

Oversample of employees of multinational companies: 500 respondents per market

# TRUST IN RETROSPECT

<b>2001</b> Rising Influence of NGOs	<b>2002</b> Fall of the Celebrity CEO	<b>2003</b> Earned Media More Credible Than Advertising	<b>2004</b> U.S. Companies in Europe Suffer Trust Discount	<b>2005</b> Trust Shifts from "Authorities" to Peers	<b>2006</b> A "Person Like Me" Emerges as Credible Spokesperson	<b>2007</b> Business More Trusted Than Government and Media	<b>2008</b> Young Influencers Have More Trust in Business	<b>2009</b> Business Must Partner with Government to Regain Trust
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<b>2010</b> Trust is Now an Essential Line of Business	<b>2011</b> Rise of Authority Figures	<b>2012</b> Fall of Government	<b>2013</b> Crisis of Leadership	<b>2014</b> Business to Lead the Debate for Change	<b>2015</b> Trust is Essential to Innovation	<b>2016</b> Growing Inequality of Trust	<b>2017</b> Trust in Crisis	<b>2018</b> The Battle for Truth	<b>2019</b> <b>Trust at Work</b>
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# GLOBAL DISTRUST CONTINUES

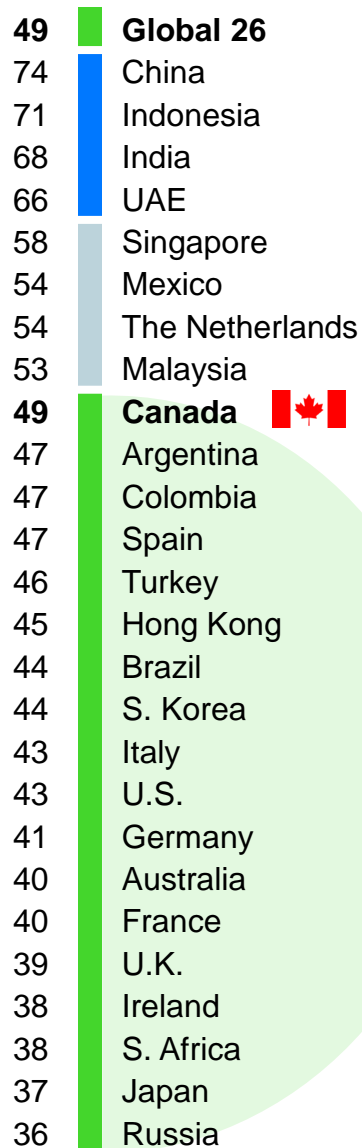
Trust Index

Global Trust Index increases 3 pts to neutral

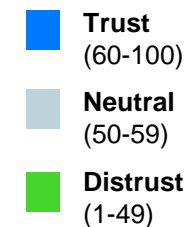
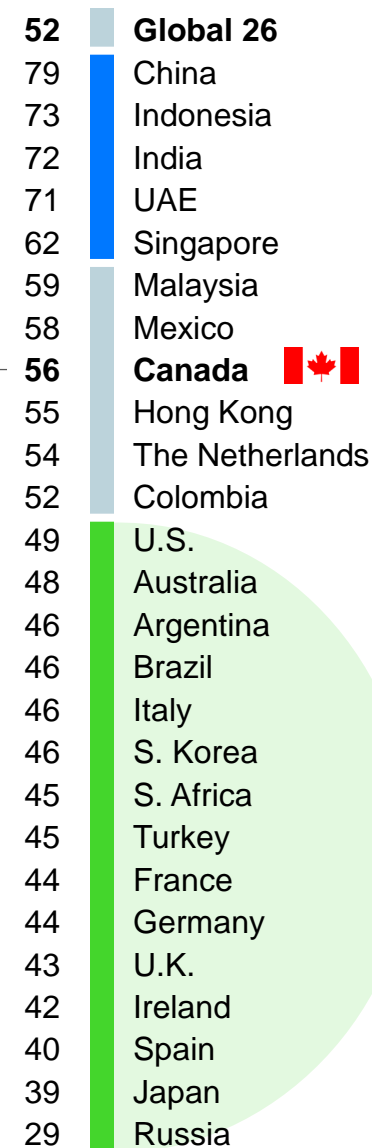
15 of 26 markets are distrusters, down 3 from 2018

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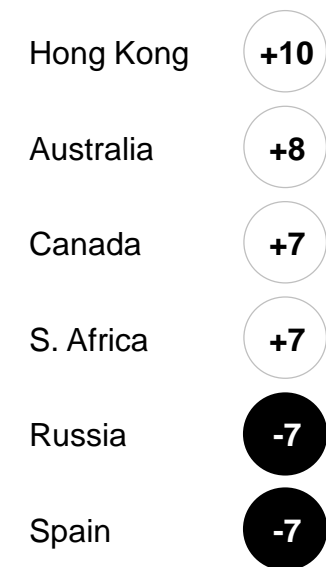
## ▲ 2018 General Population



## ▲ 2019 General Population



### Biggest changes in



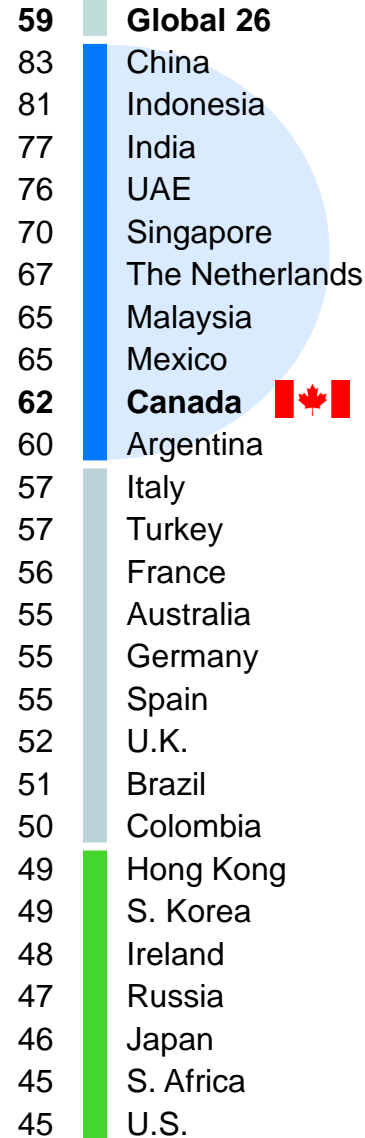
# TRUST RISES FOR INFORMED PUBLIC

Trust Index

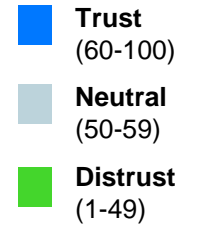
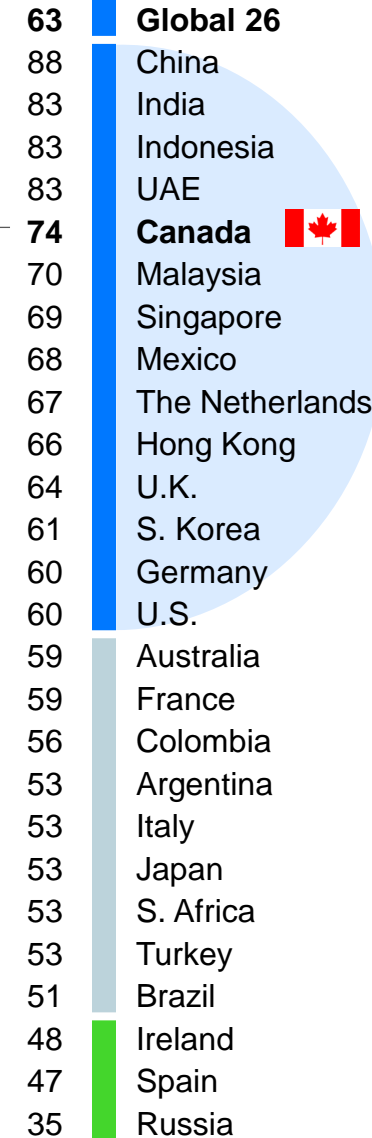
A 4-point increase in the global Trust Index

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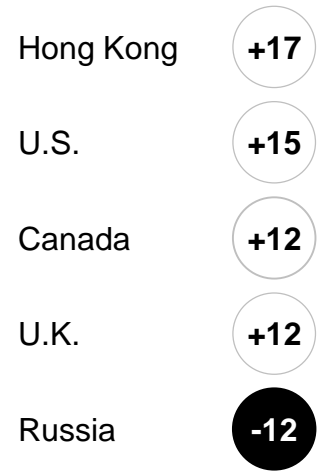
## 2018 Informed Public



## 2019 Informed Public

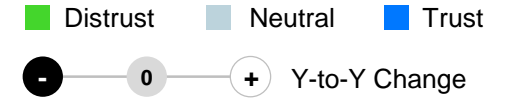


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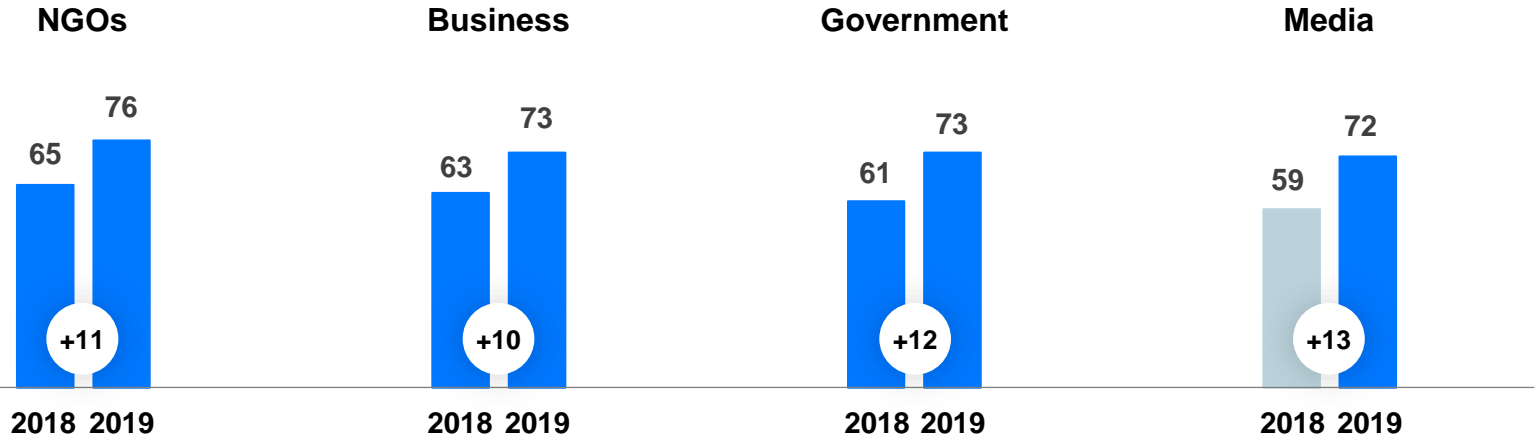


# A REBOUND IN TRUST

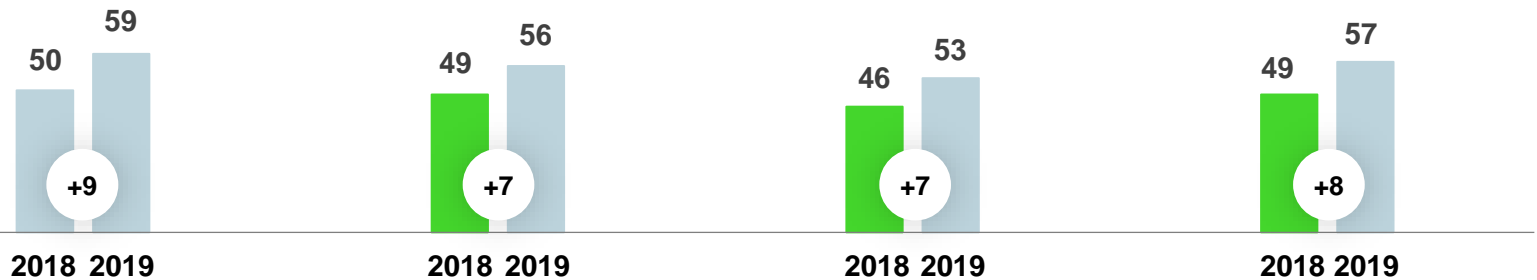
Per cent trust



 Informed public



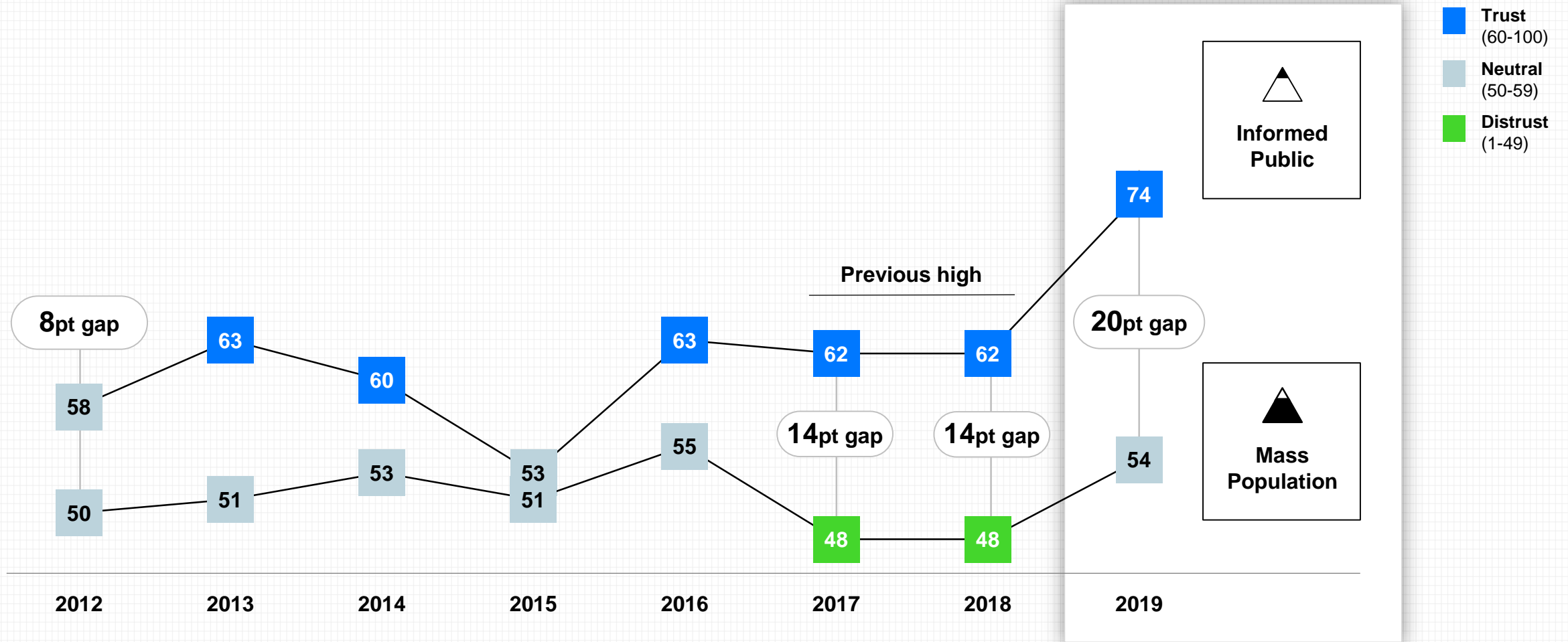
 General population



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# TRUST INEQUALITY AT RECORD HIGH IN CANADA

Trust Index, Canada



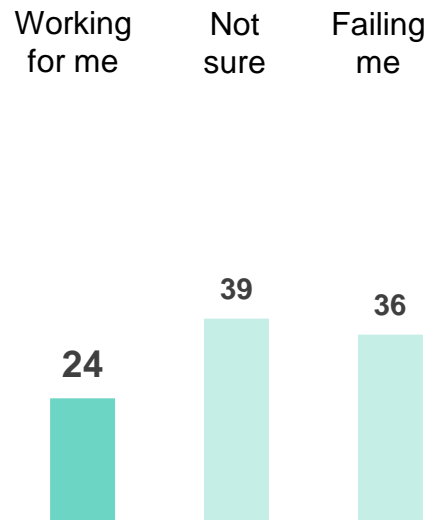
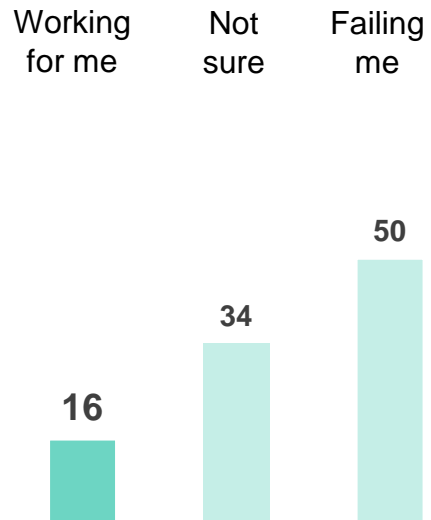
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# MASS POPULATION BELIEVES THE SYSTEM IS FAILING THEM

## ▲ Mass population

## △ Informed public

Per cent in Canada who agree the system is...



How true is this for you?



	▲	△
<b>Sense of injustice</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Desire for change</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>
Lack of confidence	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>
Lack of hope	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>



2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. "System failing" measure. For full details on how the "system failing" measure was calculated, please refer to the Technical Appendix. POP\_MDC. Below is a list of statements. For each one, please rate how true you believe that statement is using a nine-point scale where one means it is "not at all true" and nine means it is "completely true". 9-point scale; top 4 box, true. Informed public and mass population, Canada. 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].



# FEARS ABOUT JOB SECURITY

Per cent of Canadian employees who worry about job impacts due to each issue

	Not having the <b>training</b> and skills necessary to get a good paying job	<b>Automation</b> and/or other innovations taking your job away	International conflicts about <b>trade policies</b> and <b>tariffs</b> hurting the company you work for
All employees	53%	52%	53%
Multinational employees	57%	57%	64%

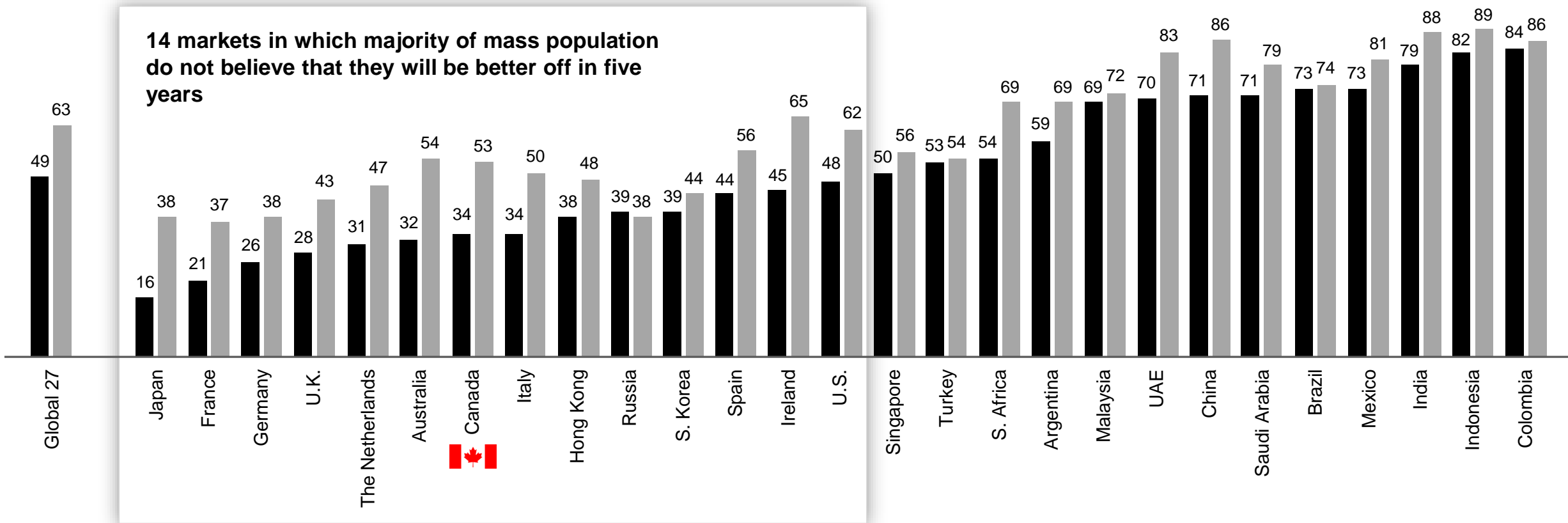


2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. POP\_EMO. Some people say they worry about many things while others say they have few concerns. We are interested in what you worry about. Specifically, how much do you worry about each of the following? Please indicate your answer using a nine-point scale where one means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

# CANADA SHARES DEVELOPED WORLD'S PESSIMISM TOWARDS FUTURE

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

■ Mass population ■ Informed public

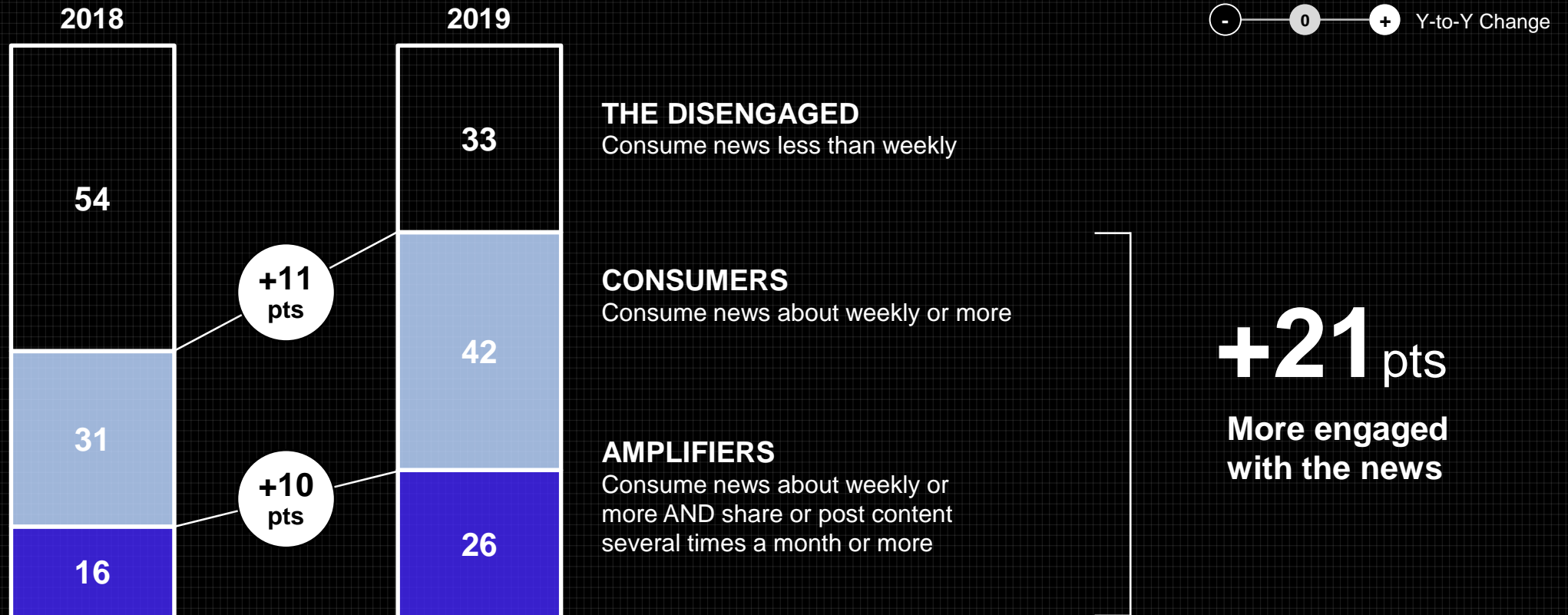


A grayscale photograph of a person sitting at a desk, using a laptop. The person's hands are visible on the keyboard. Overlaid on the image are several blue, wavy, parallel lines that flow from the left side towards the right, creating a sense of motion and digital connectivity. The background is slightly blurred, showing a window with light coming through.

# Seeking Answers

# CANADIANS ARE SEEKING ANSWERS

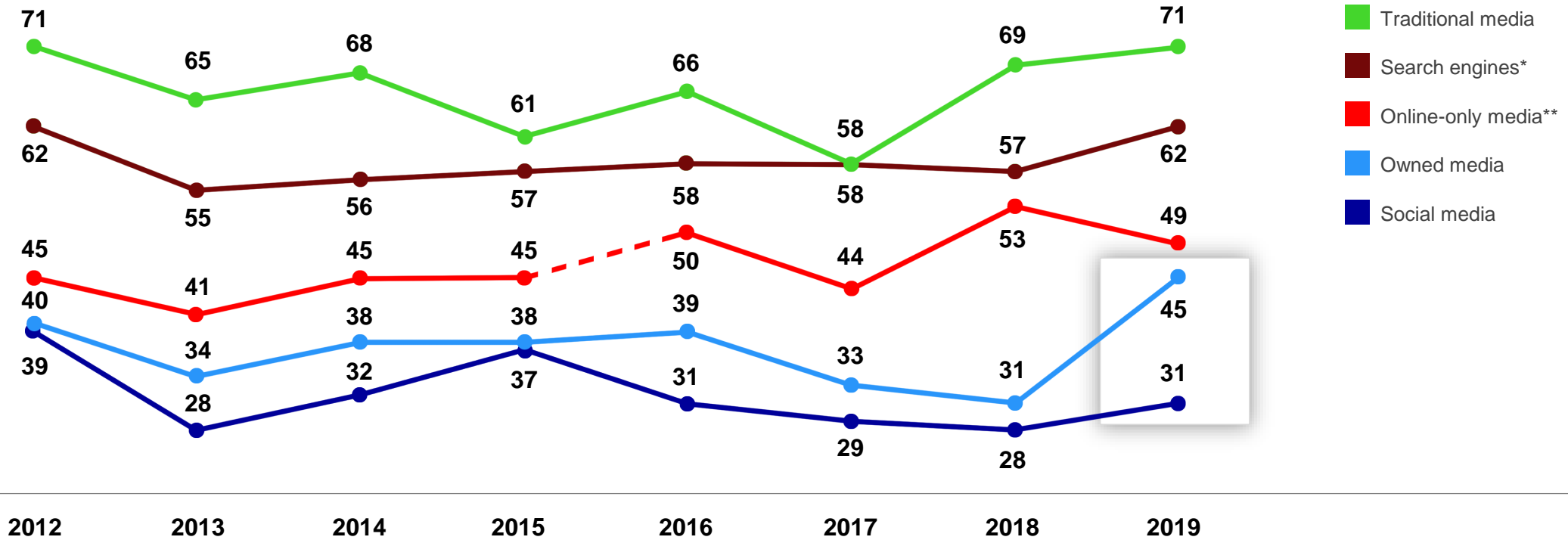
How often do you engage in the following activities related to news and information?



2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. News Engagement Scale, built from MED\_SEG\_OFT. How often do you engage in the following activities related to news and information? Indicate your answer using the 7-point scale below. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Canada. For details on how the News Engagement Scale was built, please refer to the Technical Appendix.

# TRADITIONAL MEDIA MOST TRUSTED IN CANADA

Per cent trust in each source for general news and information



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

\*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.”

# Canadians still concerned about fake news

**71%**  **+6pts**

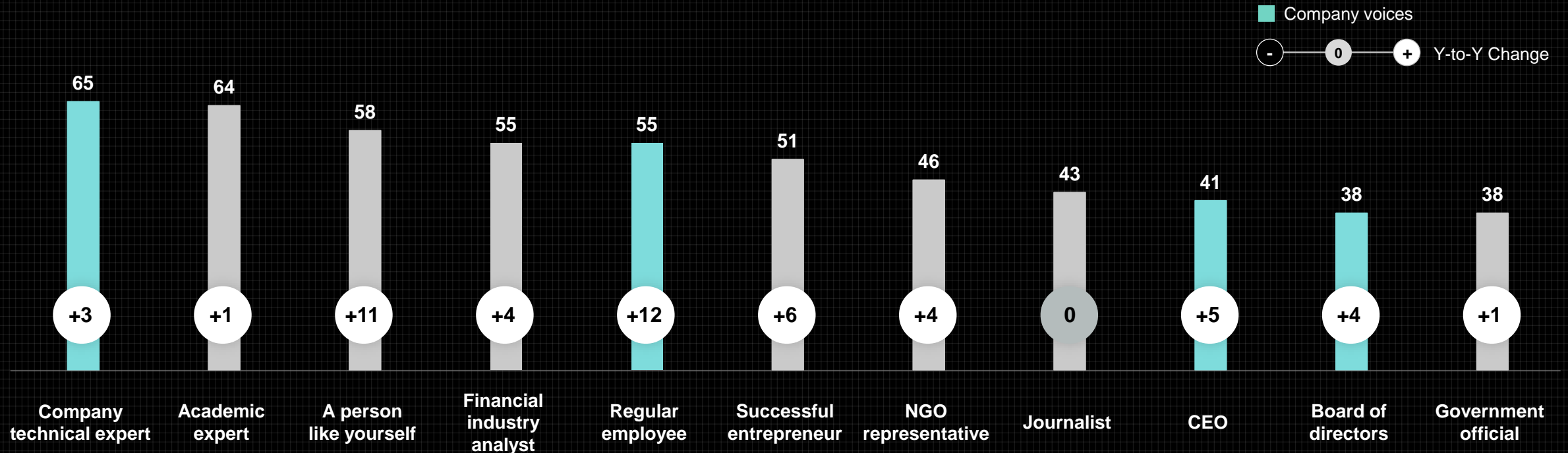
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worry about false information  
or fake news being used  
as a weapon



# EXPERTS MOST CREDIBLE SPOKESPEOPLE

Per cent who rate each spokesperson as very/extremely credible, and change from 2018 to 2019, in Canada



2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. CRE\_PPL. 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. 4-point scale; top 2 box, credible. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Canada.

A black and white photograph of two men in business attire. The man in the foreground is on the right, looking towards the left. The man in the background is on the left, looking towards the foreground. A blue, wavy, wireframe graphic flows across the image, starting from the left and moving towards the right, passing behind the text. The text is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font.

# **Evolving Expectations of Business and Leaders**



# COMPANIES CAN IMPROVE SOCIETY—AND ALSO DO WELL

# 76%

of Canadians believe that a company can take specific actions that both increase profits and improve the economic and social conditions in the communities where it operates.

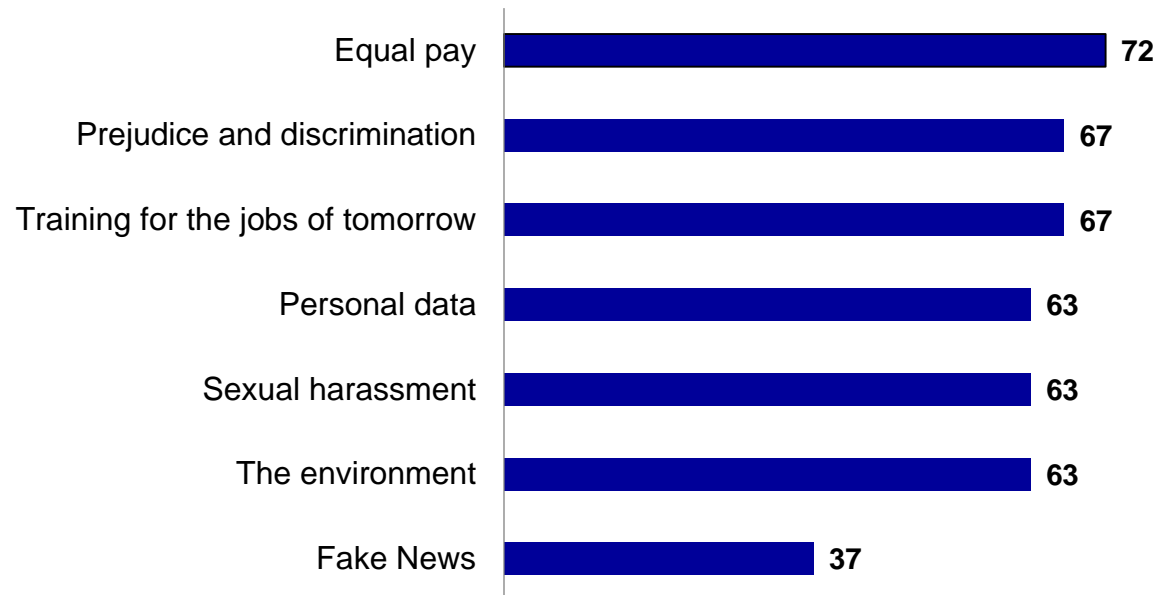


# HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF CEOs

Per cent in Canada who say that CEOs should take the lead on change rather than waiting for government to impose it

**79%**  **+11pts**

Per cent in Canada who agree CEOs can create positive change in:



# EXPECTATIONS EXTEND TO EMPLOYERS

# 67%

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

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



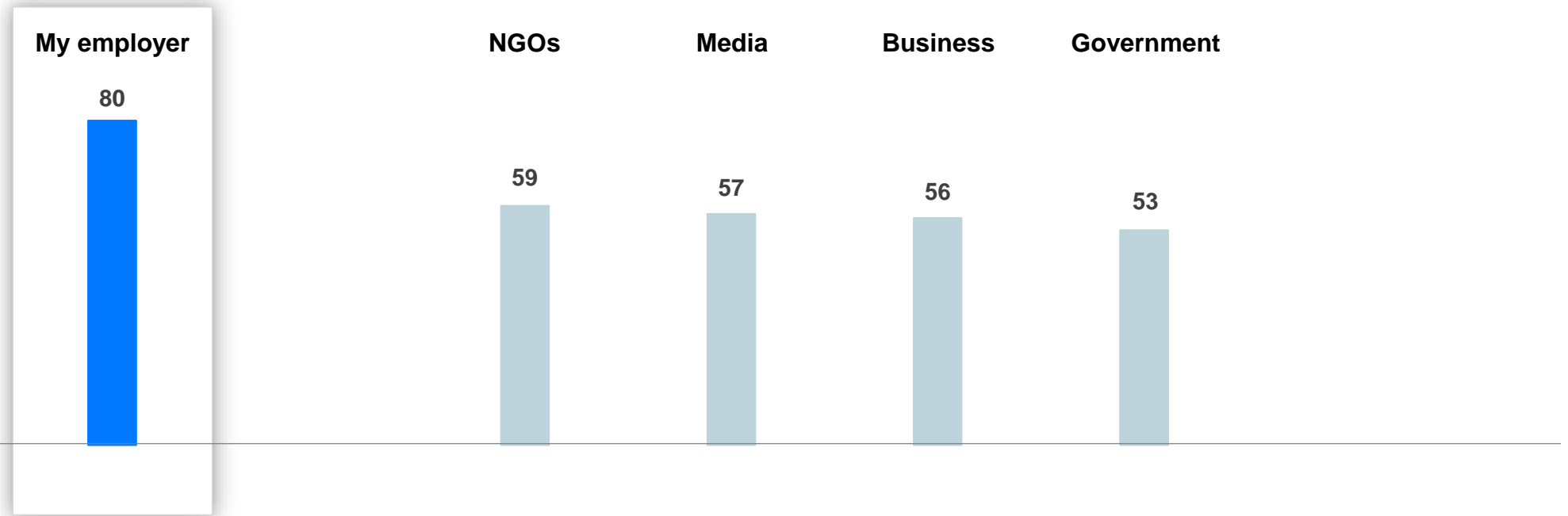
2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. CEO\_DIR. On which of the following occasions do you believe it is critically important to hear directly from the CEO or head of the organization you work for? Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population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

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

# EMPLOYERS REMAIN A HAVEN FOR TRUST

Per cent trust

■ Distrust ■ Neutral ■ Trust

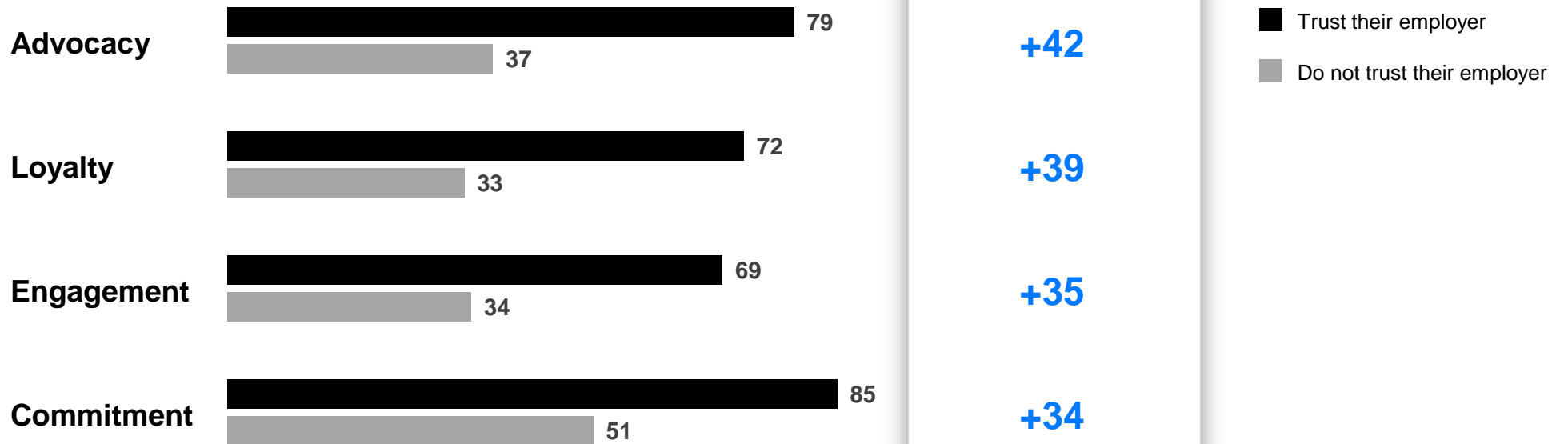


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# TRUST ADVANTAGE SUPPORTS EMPLOYER RESILIENCE

Per cent of Canadian employees who engage in these types of behaviors on behalf of their employer



2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. EMP\_ENG. Thinking about your current employer, to what extent do you agree with the following statements? 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, Canada, cut by those who trust their employer (codes 6-9) and those who do not (codes 1-5; 99). TRU\_INS. [YOUR EMPLOYER] Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right using a nine-point scale where one means that you “do not trust them at all” and nine means that you “trust them a great deal”. Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, Canada. Advocacy is an average of (EMP\_ENG/3-5); Loyalty is an average of (EMP\_ENG/1-2); Engagement is an average of (EMP\_ENG/10-15); Commitment is an average of (EMP\_ENG/6-9). See the tech appendix for a complete list of the items that went into each employee KPI dimension.

# EMPLOYERS AS A TRUSTED GUIDE

Per cent who agree

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

All employees **54%**

Multinational employees **64%**



# EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS NOW INCLUDE SOCIETAL CHANGE

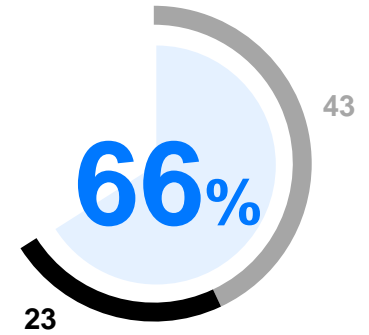
Per cent of Canadian employees who expect each from a prospective employer

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

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

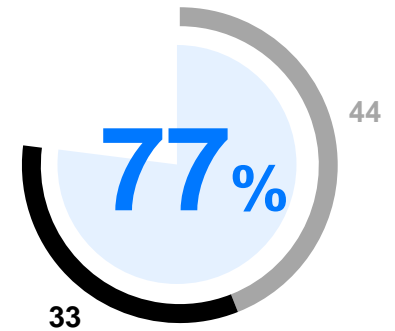
## Shared Action

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



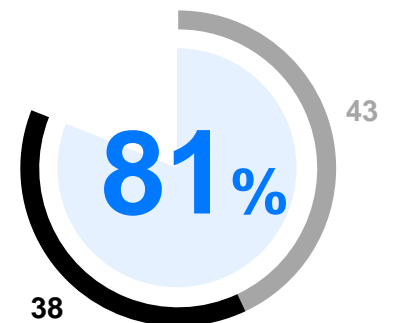
## Personal Empowerment

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



## Job Opportunity

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



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



# Key takeaways



1

# LEAD WITH PURPOSE



2

**ENGAGE  
ON ISSUES  
THAT MATTER MOST  
TO CANADIANS**



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# ESTABLISH YOUR ORGANIZATION AS A TRUSTED SOURCE



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# ACTIVATE THE EMPLOYEE- EMPLOYER RELATIONSHIP

