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# ENGAGING EMPLOYEES WHEN YOU CAN'T VOLUNTEER IN-PERSON

Strategies for Social Impact in Light of COVID-19



# WEBINAR OVERVIEW

## AGENDA

- Welcome & Overview
- Message from the CEO
- Insights from the POL Network
- Strategies for Engaging Employees
- Strategies for Recognizing Employees
- Sustained Crisis Communications
- Additional Resources & Support

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THE WORLD'S LARGEST VOLUNTEER SERVICE ORGANIZATION

# POINTS OF LIGHT OVERVIEW

## MISSION & VISION

The points of light mission is to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world. We envision a world in which everyone discovers the power to make a difference, creating healthy communities in vibrant, participatory societies.

## ACCELERATING PEOPLE-POWERED CHANGE

Points of Light and our Global Network help forge new connections, inspiring and accelerating people-powered change in communities around the world. We believe everyone has the power to create change. ***Every action, no matter how small, is significant.***

### EMPOWERING MILLIONS OF VOLUNTEERS

We inspire and equip individuals and families to be a force that transforms the world, connecting them with opportunities to serve and recognizing their efforts.

### EQUIPPING HUNDREDS OF NONPROFITS

We work with nonprofits, sharing insights, innovations and training to better facilitate action among partners and volunteers.

### ENGAGING COMMUNITY-MINDED CORPORATIONS

We partner with leading companies to share best practices and set the standard for corporate volunteerism and the way businesses engage in their communities.

## QUICK FACTS

30 Years Experience

Offices in Atlanta (HQ), New York City and Washington DC

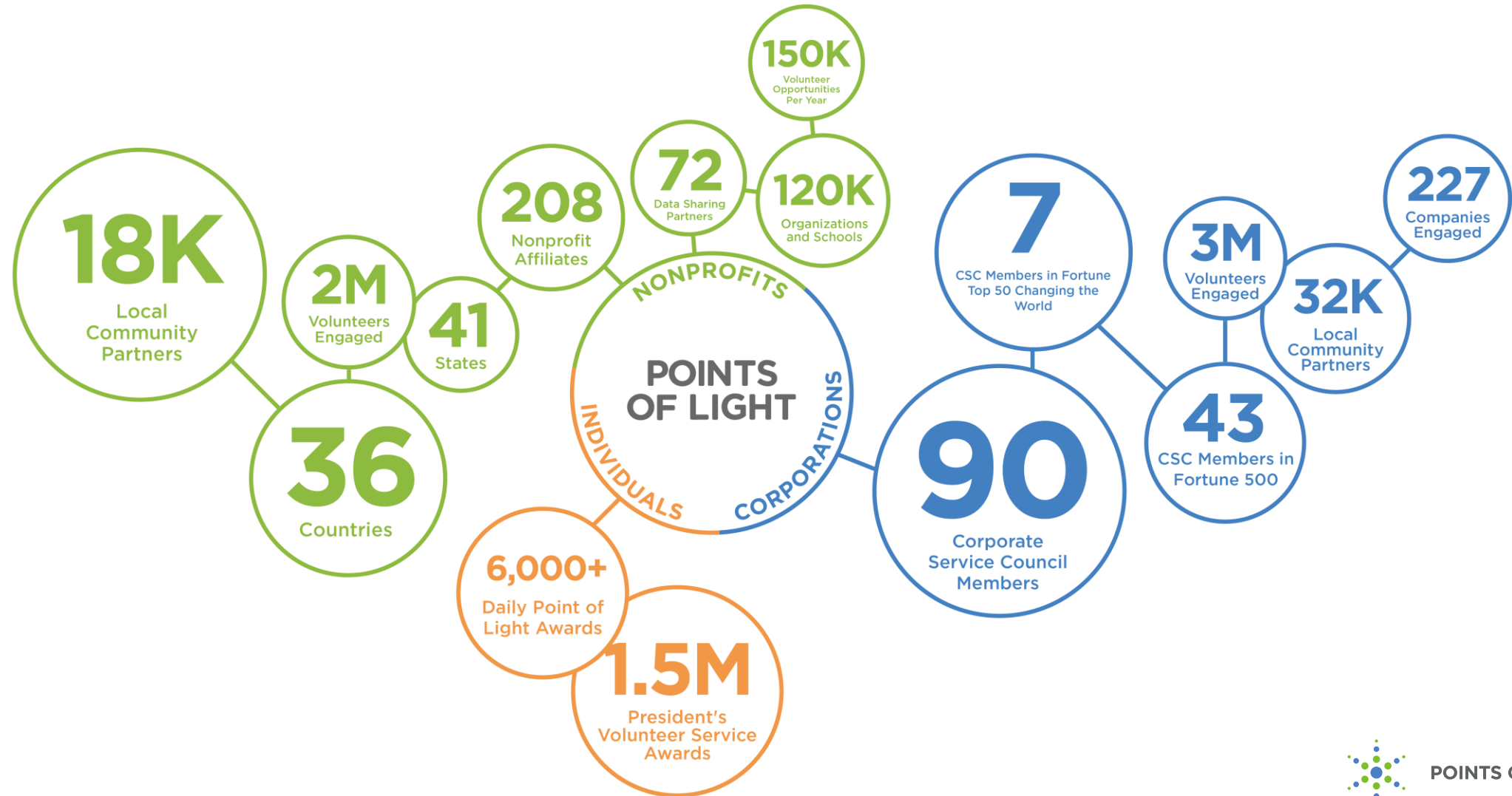
208 affiliates in 37 Countries

65+ Full Time Employees



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# A GLOBAL COMMUNITY FOR IMPACT



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# NATALYE PAQUIN

President & CEO, Points of Light



# EVERY ACTION MATTERS

Points of Light defines civic engagement as more than standard volunteerism. In a **normal** operating environment, people are engaged through all types of civic activities.

However, **the landscape has changed**. Restrictions on daily life in response to COVID-19 mean we need to reexamine this civic circle because we strive to meet people where they are, even in times of disaster.



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SCALING IMPACT & SUPPORT

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GLOBAL INSIGHTS

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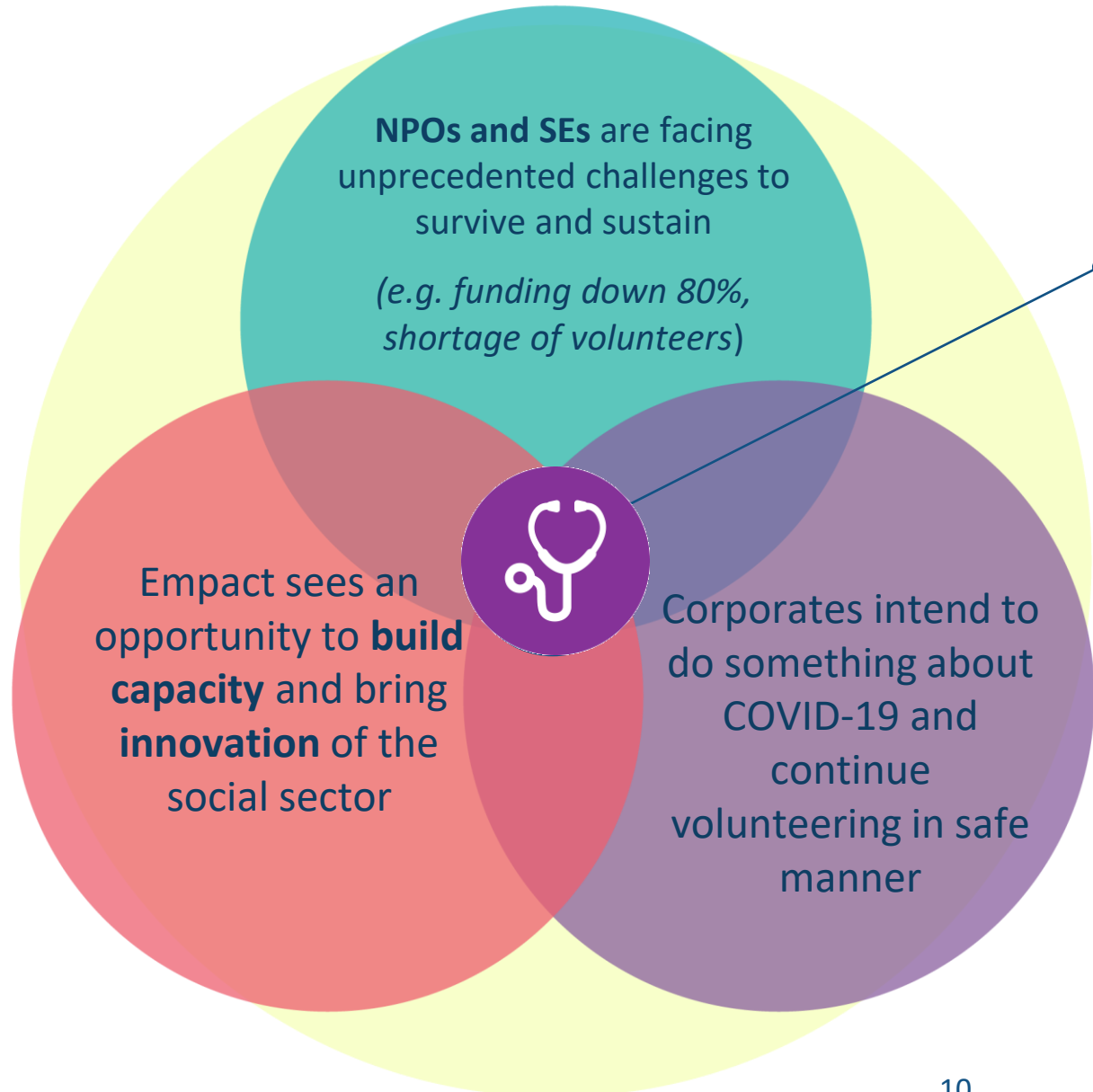


# Employee Volunteering When You Can't Serve in Person

*POL Webinar*



# Virtual ProBono Business Clinics - The Why



## Business Clinics Objectives:

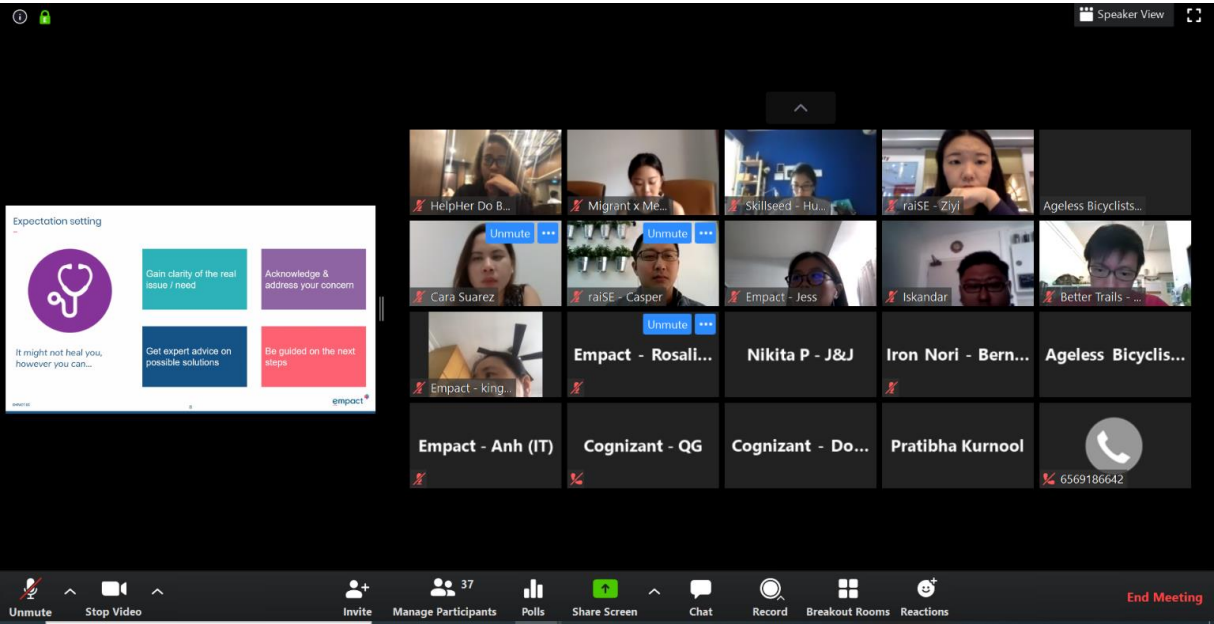
- Support NPO/SE leaders to gain clarity in key functional areas (cash flow management, technologies)
- Co-create solutions that can be implemented

# How does the clinic session look like currently?

2.5 Hrs Vol Briefing + Actual Session

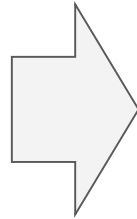
10 – 20 Participants

10 – 20 Volunteers



3 days before the clinic	
30 min	Volunteer briefing
Actual day of volunteering	
30 min	Context setting and getting to know each other
45 min	One - one consultation (1 organisation to 1 or 2 volunteers)
45 min	Share reflection and cross learning as a group

## What's after the clinics?



Follow up on possible implementation support (new volunteering opportunities)

Track progress and feature case studies (to inspire others who do not have the opportunities)

Consolidate common topics into training (Virtual Probono School - e.g. BCP)

Raise awareness of needs among other resource providers (Matching resources)

# What does it mean for our corporate partners?

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**Engage**

staff meaningfully and in a safe manner especially during social distancing period

**Contribute**

critically needed expertises for the survival of their community partners

**Innovate**

new ways to impact the community (both short term and long term) and develop staff

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COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

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# JONATHAS BARRETO

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# STRATEGIES FOR RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF A DYNAMIC WORKFORCE



Move from in person to virtual community engagement



Review and rethink internal policies and processes related to community engagement



Build and strengthen advocacy and awareness campaigns



Focus on employee recognition and storytelling





MOVE FROM IN PERSON TO VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# PROVIDE VIRTUAL & REMOTE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



How can you support a local community?

## Virtual Volunteering Opportunities

Offering a variety of volunteer opportunities is one way to ensure that employees find at least one thing in which they'd feel comfortable participating. Has your company thought about incorporating virtual activities for your remote staff or those who have difficulty getting out of the office?

When you think about volunteers, the typical image of a team planting a community garden, revitalizing a local park or painting a lively mural at a school comes to mind. Yet all around the globe, at any given time, thousands (if not millions) of engaged citizens volunteer virtually — using their computers, the Internet, even their smart phones.

Virtual volunteers can complete short-term or long-term tasks, in whole or in part, typically off-site from the organization or person being assisted. If you've got access to a computer, thousands of different volunteer projects and roles are available to you — from your home, the library, a coffee shop, anywhere with an Internet connection.

Below is a robust resource list categorized by activity, impact area or beneficiaries.

### ARCHIVES, GENEALOGY & MAPS

[Ancestry.com's World Archives Program \(AWAP\)](#) provides free software to its volunteers to access already-scanned images and transcribe them into a common, publicly-searchable database. The Ancestry World Archives Project's online volunteers use their passion for genealogy to help others discover their roots.

[Carnamah Historical Society virtual volunteering initiative](#) uses online volunteers to help with transcription and indexing projects to make historical records more discoverable and searchable.

[Map Rectifier Project](#) by the New York Public Library. This geo-rectification toolkit creates layered digital maps utilizing all the information available about a certain geography from sources as varied as Google's satellite imagery and centuries-old fire insurance land maps. Volunteers index information that records how many floors a building once had or what a street was named at different points in time, and the resulting layered digital map shows the aggregate results.

[The National Map Corps \(TNM Corps\)](#), part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks citizen volunteers to collect data on structures and use it to add new features, remove obsolete points and correct data for The National Map database.

[OpenStreetMap](#) is a free editable map of the whole world. It is made by online volunteers. Anyone can contribute to its geographical database.

[Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens](#) is an online database of thousands of images in the Smithsonian's Collections Search Center. By correctly tagging an image regarding the types of plants in the image, the structures, objects, people, or any details you notice, you help make that image more useful to professional catalogers in museums, archives and libraries.



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MOVE FROM IN-PERSON TO VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# PROVIDE VIRTUAL & REMOTE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



[Start a Project](#) [Register an Organization](#) [Find Ways to Volunteer](#)

[Sign In](#)

## COVID-19 Response

As we support the health and well-being of our communities through social isolation, we recognize that the desire to help others by giving back remains strong.

In addition, the needs of our neighbors and communities grow in times of crisis.

We are committed to helping meet those needs while taking the appropriate precautions to keep people safe.

Please click below for a list of volunteer opportunities you can do from your home and keep checking back here for more COVID-19 response opportunities as they develop.

[Volunteer from Home](#)

[www.allforgood.org](http://www.allforgood.org)



MOVE FROM IN-PERSON TO VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# FOCUS ON SBV & PRO BONO VIRTUAL PROJECTS



## GLOBAL PRO BONO NETWORK

The Global Pro Bono Network serves to promote knowledge sharing, mutual support and collaboration among pro bono providers from around the world.

[READ MORE](#)

34

COUNTRIES

52

ORGANIZATIONS

1

REGIONAL

2

GLOBAL



How can you share skills with your local community?



# TACKLE INTERNAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS

## Review employee volunteering strategy

- Create or revamp employee champion/leader strategy
- Update or create strategies to efficiently leverage volunteer management platform
- Listen to employees and community about their interests and suggestions to improve the EVP

## Develop, update and promote policies

- Make sure that your VTO policy is inclusive to non-traditional volunteering
- Create or review your dollars-for-doers program to include virtual volunteering
- Develop a special matching grants campaign to support relief organizations

**How can you improve your strategy and infrastructure to support employees and the community in times of crisis?**

REVIEW & RETHINK INTERNAL POLICIES/PROCESSES RELATED TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# SHIFT FOCUS FROM DIRECT SERVICE TO EDUCATION & TRAINING



Education/training about specific social issues



Virtual presentations from nonprofit partners -  
“listening/learning campaign”



Board service training and matching

**How can you build community engagement and social impact skills with your employees and local community?**

SOCIAL IMPACT IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

# BUILD AND STRENGTHEN ADVOCACY & AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

- Promote the 2020 Census and voter education/registration (even more critical with the COVID-19 pandemic!)
  - [ReadyNation](#), [2020Census.gov](#), [The Civic Responsibility Project](#)
- Advocate for issues of importance to your company
  - [End Hunger in 30](#), [Polaris](#) (*end human trafficking*)
- Transition your company-wide Day of Service to a Day of Purpose





APRIL 2020

# GLOBAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

In light of COVID-19, it is more important than ever to recognize and celebrate the impact of volunteer service. Communities still need support and depend on volunteers for that support.



## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- Plan a virtual volunteer activation
- Recognize your volunteers
- Post on social media, corporate websites, or other channels using #LocalLight
- Visit [www.pointsoflight.org/global-volunteer-month](http://www.pointsoflight.org/global-volunteer-month)

# STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

- Provide virtual and remote volunteer opportunities
- Focus on SBV and pro bono virtual projects
- Tackle internal capacity building projects
- Shift focus from direct service to education and training
- Build and strengthen advocacy and awareness campaigns



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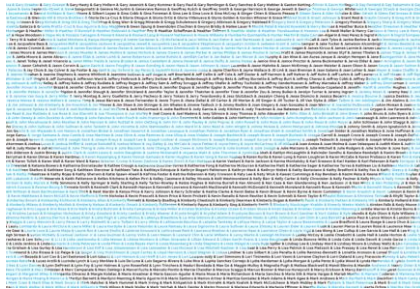
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# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION & STORYTELLING



## Daily Point of Light Award

Millions of people act on their power to do good every day, using their hearts, hands and minds to help strengthen communities and solve persistent problems. We recognize their individual stories and lift them up to inspire others so we may each, in our own way, answer the call to make a difference. [Learn more.](#)



## President's Volunteer Service Award

The PVSA program allows certifying organizations to recognize their most exceptional volunteers who positively impact communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too. [Learn more.](#)



## L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth

L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth honors extraordinary women who selflessly volunteer their time to serve their communities. [Learn more.](#)

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Special Report:  
Trust and  
the Coronavirus

## Edelman Trust Barometer 2020



**2020 Edelman Trust Barometer  
Special Report**

# **Trust and the Coronavirus**

## **10-market online Survey**

- **Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, S. Africa, S. Korea, U.K. and U.S.**
- All data is nationally representative based on age, region and gender
- 10,000 respondents (1,000 per market)

**Timing of Fieldwork: March 6 – March 10, 2020**

### Margin of error

- 10-market global data margin of error: +/- 1.0% (N=10,000)
- Market-specific data margin of error: +/- 3.1 (N=1,000)

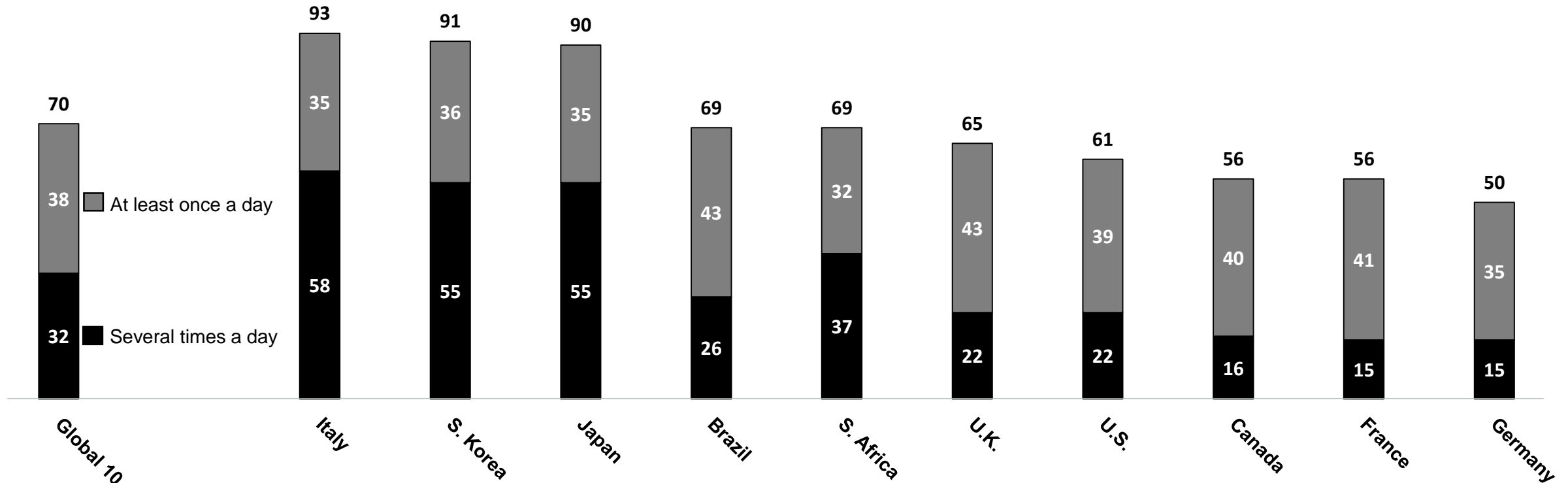
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# LOOKING FOR TRUSTWORTHY INFORMATION

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# 7 IN 10 FOLLOWING CORONAVIRUS NEWS DAILY

Percent who say they follow coronavirus news at least once a day or several times a day





# WORRY ABOUT RELIABILITY OF CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Percent who agree

I worry that there is **a lot of fake news** and false information being spread about the virus

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74%

It has been **difficult for me to find reliable and trustworthy information** about the virus and its effects

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45%

We need to hear **more from scientists** and less from politicians

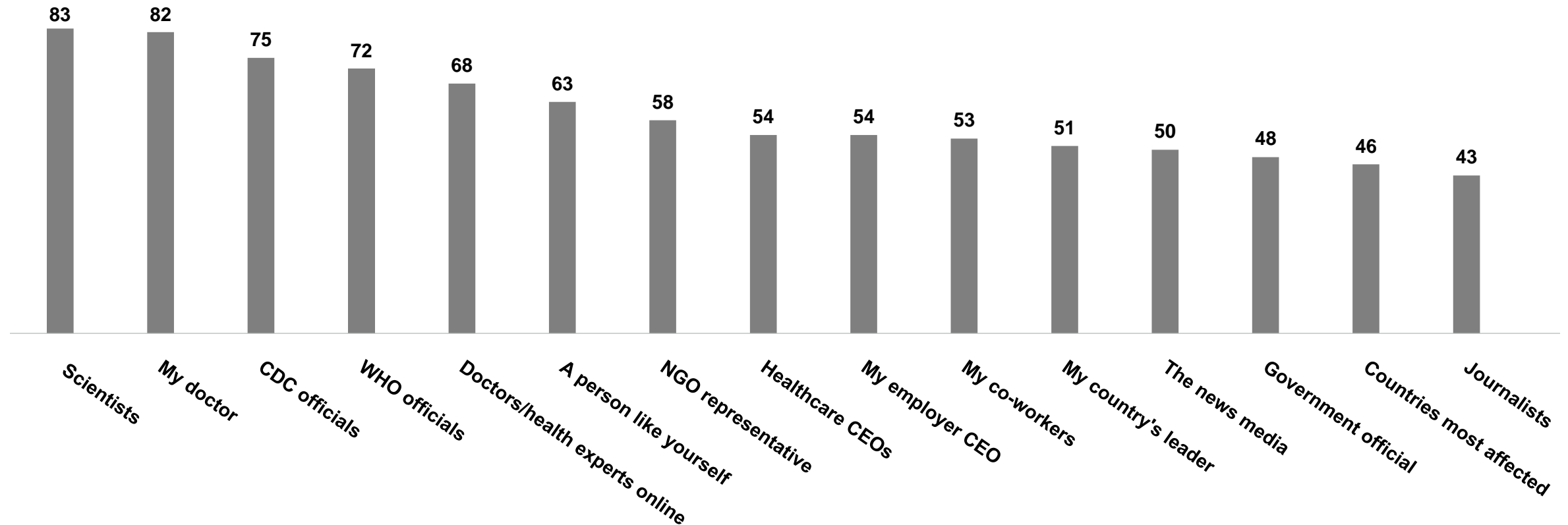
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85%



# MOST TRUSTED SPOKESPEOPLE: SCIENTISTS, HEALTH OFFICIALS AND DOCTORS

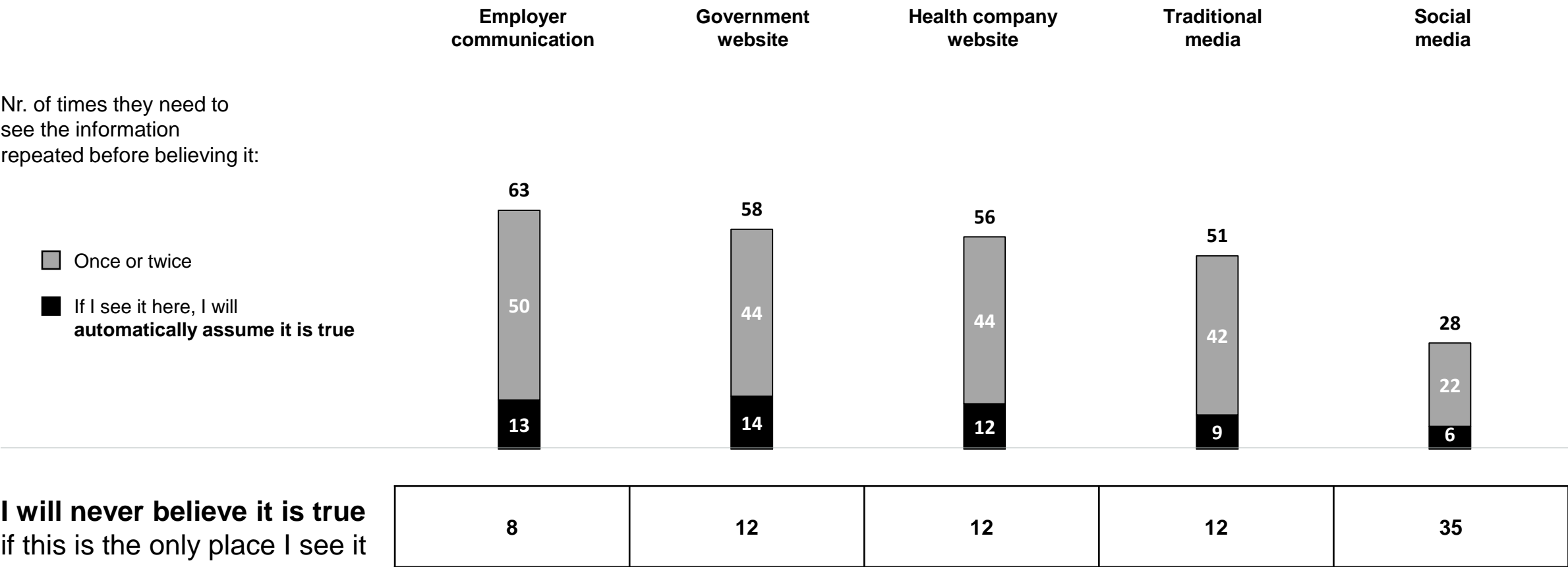
Percent who trust each information source to tell the truth about the virus



2020 Edelman Trust Barometer Special Report: Trust and the Coronavirus. Q13. Please indicate how much you trust each of the following sources to tell you the truth about the virus and its progression. 9-point scale; top 4 box; trust. Question shown to those who have heard of the virus (Q1/1). 10-mkt avg. "My employer CEO," "HR executive," "Sr. executives," and "Co-workers" were only asked of those employed (Q43/1). Data collected between March 6 and March 10, 2020.

# EMPLOYERS BELIEVED MOST READILY

Percent who report they believe coronavirus information from each source



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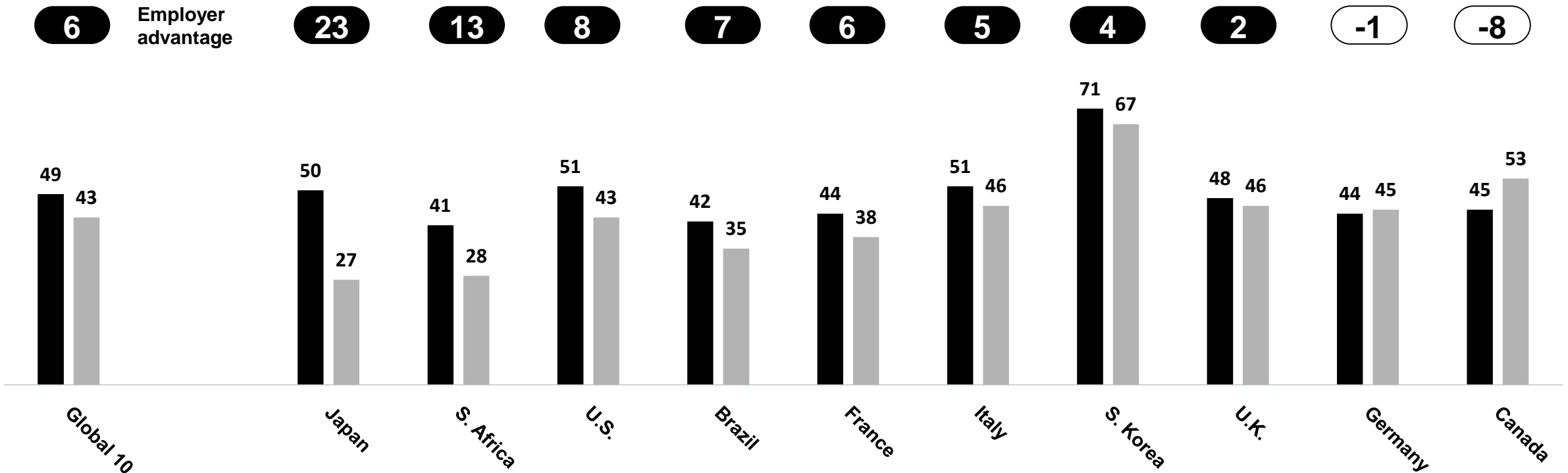
**A CRITICAL ROLE FOR BUSINESS**

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# MY EMPLOYER SEEN AS BETTER PREPARED THAN MY COUNTRY

Percent who say each is well-prepared for the viral outbreak

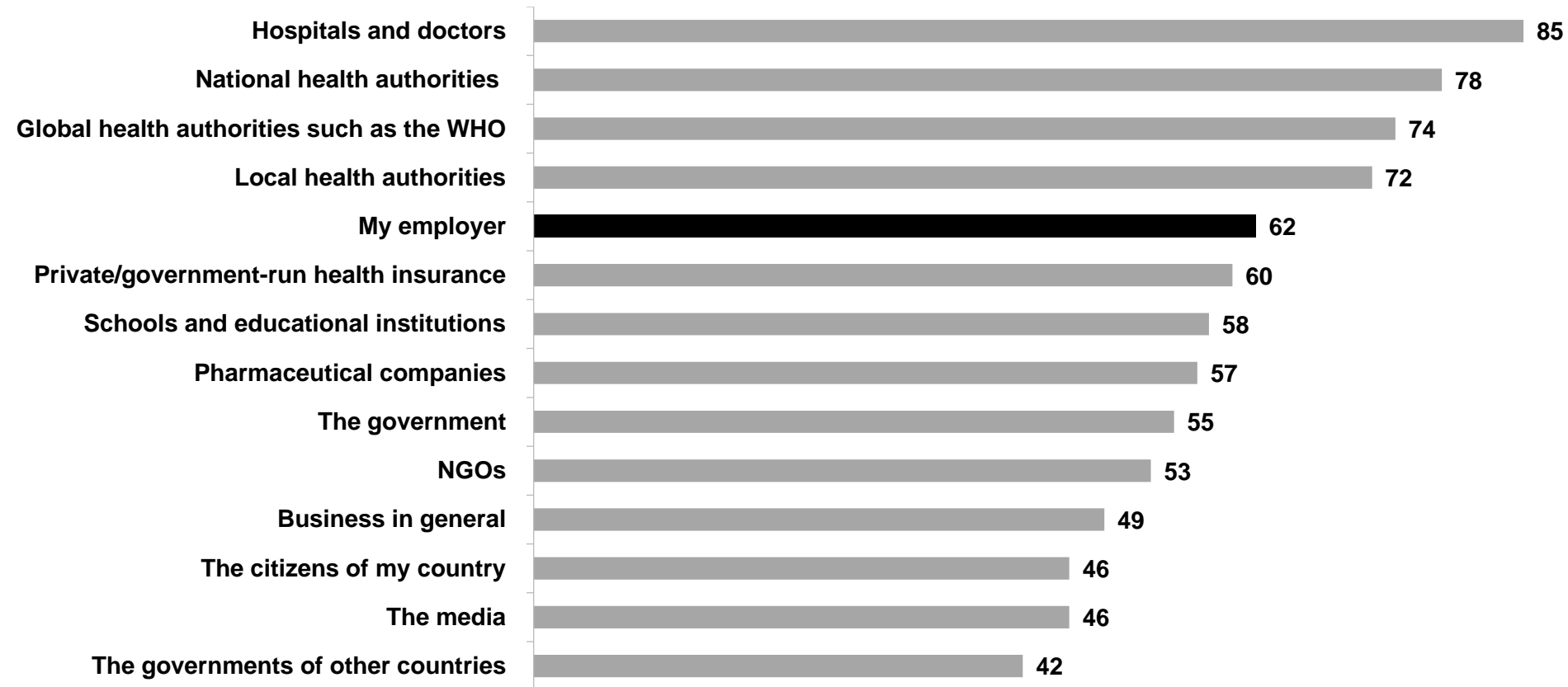
■ My employer ■ My country



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# AFTER HEALTH AUTHORITIES, EMPLOYERS MOST TRUSTED TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY

Percent who trust each to respond effectively and responsibly to the coronavirus outbreak



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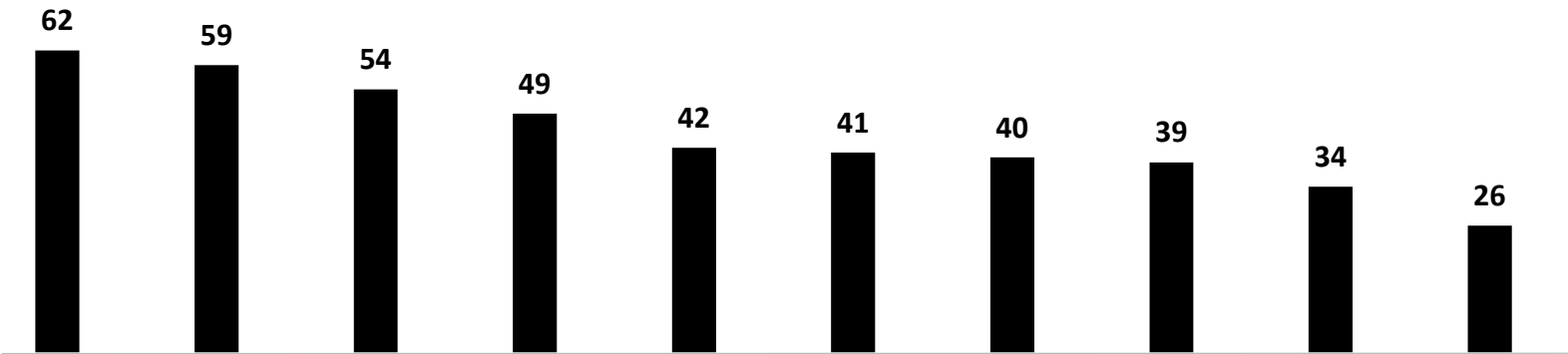
# GOVERNMENT SEEN AS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN PARTNERED WITH BUSINESS

Percent who trust each the most to effectively lead efforts to combat the virus

	Global 10	Germany	Brazil	Italy	S. Africa	Canada	U.S.	Japan	U.K.	France	S. Korea
Business alone	5	4	6	3	7	3	8	7	2	4	5
Government alone	20	11	19	21	15	22	13	15	23	17	42

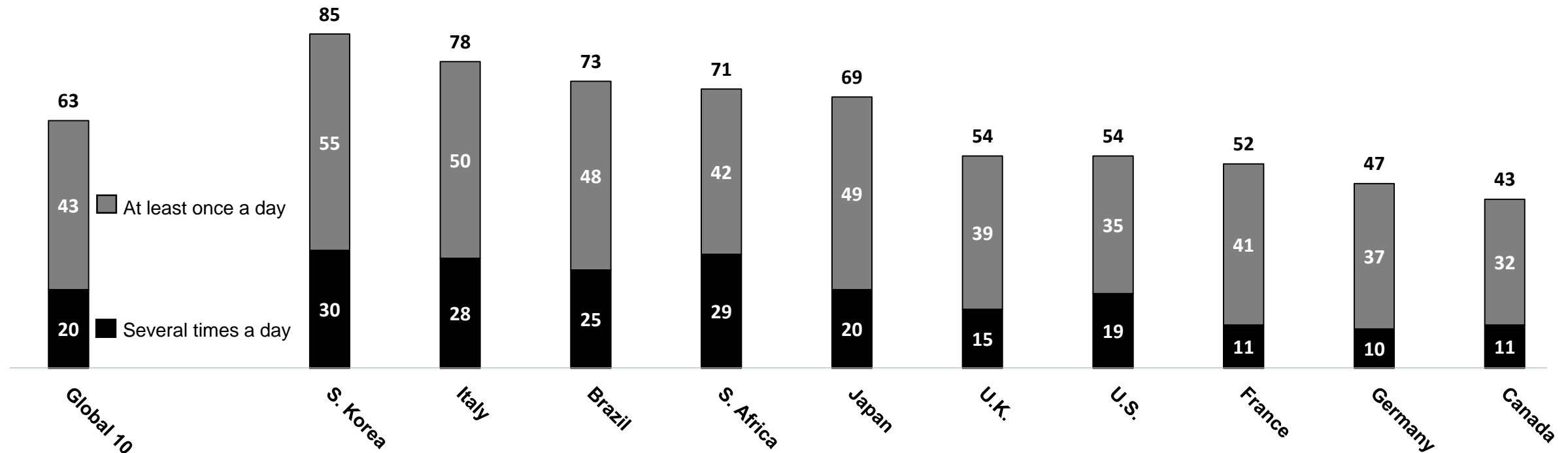
Government and business  
working together  
as a team

45%



# LOOKING FOR DAILY UPDATES FROM MY EMPLOYER

Percent who say they want their employer to update information about the virus at least once a day or several times a day



# MAINTAINING TRUST DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

**1.**

**Business and government must partner to respond effectively**

**2.**

**Take steps to protect employees, customers and the local community**

**3.**

**Communicate trustworthy information daily**

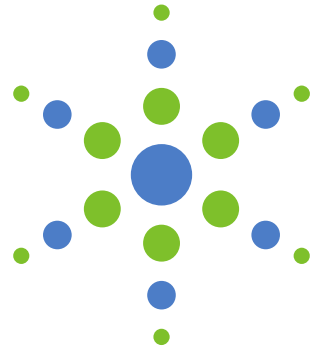
**4.**

**Leverage scientists and other authoritative spokespeople**



# FURTHER SUPPORT & RESOURCES

- The webinar presentation, recording and resource links will be shared
- In the coming weeks we will be compiling additional strategies, ideas and resources to share with organizations
  - *How you can help* – *Let us know your ideas and strategies to help accelerate and centralize knowledge sharing within the business community*
- For companies, look for an invitation to join the Community for Employee Civic Engagement (CECE) online platform for additional learning opportunities and resources



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