

The Most Reputable Countries in the World

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- Country Reputation Management Intro
- 2016 Country RepTrak[®] Results
- Country Learning and Trends
- The Importance of Country Reputation



Country reputation drives key stakeholder support

As in the case of companies, **countries also have their own reputation** which has an impact their performance.



MORE FDI



BETTER DIPLOMACY





MORE FOREIGN TALENT



BETTER EXPORTS





...which ultimately drives value creation







Country RepTrak[®] Model: Reputation & Value Creation

Having a strong reputation **improves support**. An increasingly globalized world with intensified competition makes country reputations matter more than ever. Attracting **FDI**, **tourists**, **high skilled workforce** and being able to **sell the products of the country abroad** are facilitated by having a strong country reputation. This model shows the correlation between supportive behaviors and external reputation overall for 2016.



I would recommend visiting the country

would recommend living in the country

I would recommend **working** in the country

I would recommend **investing** in the country

I would recommend **buying** products/services originating from the country

I would recommend studying in the country

I would attend to an event

The 2016 Country RepTrak[®]

Stakeholder Group (Target)

- G8 general public balanced to the country population on age and gender and controlled for region
- People who were "somewhat" or "very" familiar were allowed to rate a country.

Country Selection:

- Largest gross domestic products (public release)
- Largest populations
- Countries selected due to relevant events
- Countries all have to be visible among the general public in order to be able to rate them

Data Collection Method:

CAWI (online interviews).

Sample:

• More than 58,000 ratings collected in Q1 2016



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2016 Country RepTrak[®] Results



Top 10 Countries in the World









Strong 70-79

- Sweden ranks first in 2016
- Even though it ranks first, Sweden is on par with Canada and Switzerland as countries with best reputation
- 7 of the top 10 countries are in Western Europe, 2 in Australia/New Zealand region, and 1 in North America
- What do these countries have in common? They are on the top lists for happiest countries, peaceful and socially progressive (same sex marriage, best education, healthcare)

Normative Scale	
Excellent/ Top Tier	80+
Strong/ Robust	70-79
Avg./ Moderate	60-69
Weak/ Vulnerable	40-59
Poor/ Lowest Tier	<40





Top 10 Countries Overtime (2014-2016)

Rank	2016	2015	2014	
1	SWEDEN 懀	CANADA	SWITZERLAND	
2	CANADA	NORWAY	CANADA	
3	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN	SWEDEN	
4	AUSTRALIA	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND	
5	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA	
6	FINLAND	FINLAND	NORWAY	
7	NEW ZEALAND	NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	
8	DENMARK	DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND	-
9	IRELAND 🕇	NETHERLANDS	NETHERLANDS	
10	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	GERMANY	

- The top 10 country list is stable since 2015
- Only countries that had a significant impact are Sweden with a 1.7 point jump and Ireland with a 2.1 point jump
- Ireland is a new country on the list, while Belgium dropped from the Top 10 list and dropped 4 points overall
- Why is Sweden #1?
- A great place for families with 16 months of parental leave and free day care services
- Invests in green living
- Favorable economic growth
- A safe country for women
- High transparency in the media
- Beautiful nature and fresh air

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Statistically significant score difference between 2015 and 2016 T



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Poor/ Lowest Tier

Only 14 Countries have a Strong Reputation, and 50 Countries have a Weak or Poor Reputation

Rank	Country	2016 RepTrak [®] Pulse
1	Sweden	78.34
2	Canada	77.82
3	Switzerland	77.00
4	Australia	76.84
5	Norway	76.18
6	Finland	75.16
7	New Zealand	74.68
8	Denmark	74.25
9	Ireland	74.11
10	Netherlands	73.90
11	Austria	72.44
12	Italy	71.68
13	United Kingdom	71.08
14	Japan	70.97
15	France	69.32
16	Belgium	67.95
17	Spain	67.73
18	Germany	67.55
19	Portugal	66.53
20	Singapore	60.12
21	Czech Republic	58.73
22	Costa Rica	58.60
23	Peru	58.56
24	Brazil	57.75
25	Taiwan	57.69

Rank	Country	2016 RepTrak [®] Pulse
26	Thailand	57.00
27	Poland	56.71
28	United States of America	56.32
29	Argentina	55.66
30	Dominican Republic	55.33
31	Malaysia	55.17
32	Philippines	55.04
33	Puerto Rico	54.55
34	Chile	54.55
35	Panama	53.87
36	Paraguay	53.59
37	Indonesia	53.43
38	Cuba	52.11
39	Morocco	51.99
40	Greece	51.51
41	Venezuela	50.64
42	Ecuador	50.63
43	Mexico	50.33
44	India	50.29
45	South Korea	50.28
46	United Arab Emirates	50.27
47	Bolivia	49.86
48	Uruguay	49.57
49	South Africa	49.21 Ex
50	Guatemala	48.66 St
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The Countries with Weak and Poor Reputation are the ones that are under a dictatorship or in a state of instability

Rank	Country	2016 RepTrak [®] Pulse
51	Israel	47.43
52	Honduras	47.30
53	Qatar	46.87
54	El Salvador	45.57
55	Egypt	45.22
56	Romania	44.11
57	China	44.08
58	Turkey	42.73
59	Ukraine	42.54
60	Colombia	42.46
61	Kazakhstan	41.58
62	Nicaragua	41.08
63	Angola	40.95
64	Algeria	40.52
65	Russia	39.82
66	Nigeria	36.37
67	Saudi Arabia	36.32
68	Pakistan	31.03
69	Iran	29.74
70	Iraq	24.56



Normative Scale

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71% of countries studied have a below average reputation





Largest Reputation Improvements since 2015:

Since 2015, France's Reputation Sees the Largest Jump

- France (+4.9 points)
- Russia (+4.7 points)
- Peru (+2.9 points)
- Bolivia (+2.3 points)
- Italy (+2.3 points)
- Czech Republic (+2.2 points)
- Portugal (+2.2 points)
- Paraguay (+2.1 points)
- Ireland (+2.1 points)
- Iraq (+2.1 points)

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Emerging Markets such as Russia, China India and Turkey View Their Reputation to be Higher than it is perceived Externally



External respondents see Russia, China and India as lacking the global aspect as well as safety

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- For Turkey, safety is an issue too as well as presenting itself as a welcoming country
- Another country that also has a large gap between its self and external image is the US
 - Externally the US is seen to lack in safety, appealing lifestyle and being a responsible participant in the global community

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Since 2015, Turkey saw a 7 point Drop in Reputation

Largest Reputation Drops since 2015:

- Turkey (-7.0 points)
- Saudi Arabia (-4.7 points)
- Belgium (-4.3 points)
- Greece (-3.9 points)
- Nicaragua (-3.7 points)
- Egypt (-3.4 points)
- India (-2.4 points)
- Ecuador (-1.9 points)
- Morocco (-1.7 points)
- United Arab Emirates (-1.7 points)
- Germany (-1.4 points)

On the other Hand, South Africa, Italy and Brazil View Their Reputation to be Lower than it is perceived Externally



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Largest and most powerful countries don't earn best reputations...

Rank	POPULATION	GDP
1	CHINA	USA
2	INDIA	CHINA
3	USA	JAPAN
4	INDONESIA	GERMANY
5	BRAZIL	UK
6	PAKISTAN	FRANCE
7	NIGERIA	INDIA
8	BANGLADESH	ITALY
9	RUSSIA	BRAZIL
10	MEXICO	CANADA

BLUE: In the Top 10 by Reputation



...but they are the Happiest, most Peaceful and least Corrupted countries

Rank	HAPPINESS	PEACE INDEX	LEAST CORRUPT
	DENMARK	ICELAND	DENMARK
2	SWITZERLAND	DENMARK	FINLAND
	ICELAND	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN
4	NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND	NEW ZEALAND
	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS
6	CANADA	FINLAND	NORWAY
	NETHERLANDS	CANADA	SWITZERLAND
8	NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN	SINGAPORE
9	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA	CANADA
10	SWEDEN	CZECH REPUBLIC	GERMANY



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Sources: World Happiness Report 2016 (SPSN – UN), Global Peace Index 2015 (Institute for Economics & Peace) and Corruption Perceptions Index 2015 (Transparency International)

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What Drives Country Reputation?





Country Brand: The Way a Country is Branded is Faster and Global

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Snapchat's Country Stories allow Snapchat users to define and 'brand' a country and cities within the country.

- Countries are investing more and more in attracting stakeholders
 - Qatar World Cup
 - Dubai Expo 2020
 - Brazil Summer
 Olympics
- Country Brand Challenge having a consistent story and communication



Countries' Reputations take a long time to build but can drop in an instant



February 17, 2016

Military convoy attack in Ankara

29 dead, 60 injured

Military buses were the target of this attack by the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (TAK) in the Turkish capital close to military headquarters.

March 19, 2016

Istanbul blast on popular street 5 dead, 36 injured

A suicide bomber hit one of the city's most popular shopping streets filled with cafes, restaurants and foreign consulates. Officials said either the PKK or Isil were to blame.

March 13, 2016

Bus stop bombing in Ankara 37 dead, 125 injured

Less than four weeks after the last attack, Ankara was hit by another car bombing, this time by a busy transit hub close to a park and administrative buildings. TAK claimed responsibility.

April 27, 2016

Female suicide bomber attacks city of Bursa 13 injured

A suicide bomber blew herself up near Bursa's 14th century Grand Mosque, a historic symbol of the city that was the first capital of the Ottoman empire.







CANADA FEARS PHOTO OF PRIME MINISTER WITH PANDAS COULD WORSEN AMERICAN REFUGEE CRISIS

By Andy Borowitz, MARCH 7, 2016



Turkey's tourism industry counts cost of unrest as holiday bookings fall by 50%

Summer holiday bookings to Turkey have been significantly affected following a spate of recent attacks as holiday companies shift their focus to other Mediterranean countries



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Which Means More Opinions and More Stakeholders





Key Drivers of Reputation

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The Countries with Best Reputation are Leaders in Effective Government, Appealing Environment and Advanced Economy

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RANK	EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT	SCORE	RANK	APPEALING ENVIROMENT	SCORE		RANK	ADVANCED ECONOMY	SCORE
1	SWEDEN	76.8	1	CANADA	80.2		1	JAPAN	77.8
2	SWITZERLAND	75.6	2	SWEDEN	79.4		2	SWEDEN	76.7
3	NORWAY	75.1	3	ITALY	79.1		3	SWITZERLAND	75.0
4	FINLAND	74.6	4	AUSTRALIA	78.5		4	GERMANY	73.5
5	CANADA	74.4	5	NORWAY	78.2		5	FRANCE	72.9
6	DENMARK	73.6	6	SWITZERLAND	78.1		6	CANADA	72.8
7	NETHERLANDS	72.7	7	IRELAND	77.4		7	NORWAY	72.6
8	AUSTRALIA	71.6	8	FINLAND	77.1		8	UK	72.0
9	AUSTRIA	71.2	9	NEW ZEALAND	77.0		9	NETHERLANDS	71.8
10	NEW ZEALAND	70.7	10	NETHERLANDS	76.0		10	FINLAND	71.7



Being welcoming, safe and beautiful are the top 3 drivers of a country's reputation

EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT 37.1%

APPEALING ENVIROMENT
36.0%

ATTRIBUTE	WEIGHT
Safe place	7.1%
Ethical country	6.4%
Responsible participant in the global community	6.4%
Effective government	6.1%
Progressive social and economic policies	6.1%
Operates efficiently	5.7%
Favorable environment for business	5.2%

ATTRIBUTE	WEIGHT
Friendly and welcoming	7.3%
Beautiful country	6.9%
Appealing lifestyle	6.6%
Enjoyable country	6.5%

ADVANCED ECONOMY 26.9%

ATTRIBUTE	WEIGHT
Contributor to global culture	5.5%
High quality products & services	5.4%
Well-educated and reliable workforce	5.3%
Well-known brands	4.7%
Values education	4.6%
Technologically advanced	4.2%









Sweden has strong scores for all attributes ; Iraq's lowest score is in a key driver – safe country



Latin American, Australasia and South European Countries have a Higher Reputation than their Attributes' score ; the opposite is true for the Persian Gulf, USA, Turkey and East Asia

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EMOTIONAL DISCONNECT

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COUNTRY	2016 REPTRAK® PULSE	ATTRIBUTE SCORE	∆ between pulse and attribute score	COUNTRY	2016 REPTRAK® PULSE	ATTRIBUTE SCORE	∆ between pulse and attribute score
PERU	58.6	53.6	+ 4.9	USA	56.3	64.2	-7.9
AUSTRALIA	76.8	72.5	+4.3	SAUDI ARABIA	36.3	43.1	-6.8
CUBA	52.1	48.4	+3.8	RUSSIA	39.8	46.0	-6.2
NEW ZEALAND	74.7	71.0	+3.7	CHINA	44.1	50.0	-5.9
IRELAND	74.1	71.0	+3.1	SOUTH KOREA	50.1	55.1	-4.8
PORTUGAL	66.5	63.5	+3.1	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	50.3	53.8	-3.5
ITALY	71.7	68.8	+2.9	TURKEY	42.7	46.2	-3.4
BRAZIL	57.8	54.9	+2.8	QATAR	46.9	50.3	-3.4
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	55.3	52.6	+2.8	IRAN	29.7	32.8	-3.1
THAILAND	57.0	54.2	+2.8	GERMANY	67.6	70.4	-2.8

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2016 Country RepTrak[®] Results -Attributes

In 2016, Safety, the Second Important Attribute; is the Attribute that Moves the Reputation Needle





Year	Country is a SAFE PLACE	VISIT Country	LIVE in Country
2016	65.2	69.2	66.8
Δ	-8.1	-5.0	- 4.7
2015	73.3	74.2	62.1



TURKEY	
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Year	Country is a SAFE PLACE	VISIT Country	LIVE in Country
2016	37.3	49.7	35.3
Δ	-8.4	-7.4	- 4.1
2015	45.7	57.1	39.5



- Belgium's reputation dropped by 4 points in 2016, and the biggest drop being in the safety attribute
 - Brussel's terrorist attack presents the city as unsafe and has an umbrella effect to the whole country
- A similar case is Turkey where there were two major bombings in Istanbul, one in January and a second one in March

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In the case of France, the Emotional Trumps the Decline in Safety After the Paris Attacks



Year	Country is a SAFE PLACE	VISIT Country	LIVE in Country
2016	59.0	75.6	64.7
Δ	-4.1	+1.0	+3.3
2015	64.1	74.5	61.4







A sense of unity after the Charlie Hebdo shootings and Paris attacks • Despite the fact that France experienced a 4 point drop in the safety attribute, France's reputation and respondents' willingness to visit and live in the country increased since 2015

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The Importance of Country Reputation



Places benefit from a strong reputation....

Countries have **reputations** which drives their performance.

More tourists



Attract foreign investment



Increase exports



Improve public diplomacy



Attract knowledge & talent





Strong reputation leads to support from various stakeholders



· Benefit of the doubt

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Value Creation: Relationship between Reputation and Declared Intentions







The Top 10 Countries in Reputation are the ones that are getting the Top Support

RANK	VISIT	INVEST	LIVE	WORK	BUY	STUDY	ATTEND/ORGANIZE EVENT
1	CANADA	SWITZERLAND	SWITZERLAND	SWITZERLAND	SWITZERLAND	CANADA	SWITZERLAND
2	SWEDEN	SWEDEN	CANADA	CANADA	SWEDEN	UNITED KINGDOM	CANADA
3	SWITZERLAND	CANADA	SWEDEN	SWEDEN	JAPAN	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN
4	ITALY	FINLAND	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA	CANADA	SWEDEN	DENMARK
5	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN	DENMARK	FINLAND	FINLAND	FINLAND	AUSTRALIA
6	NORWAY	NORWAY	NORWAY	DENMARK	GERMANY	NORWAY	NORWAY
7	IRELAND	AUSTRALIA	FINLAND	NORWAY	ITALY	AUSTRALIA	FINLAND
8	NEW ZEALAND	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND	UNITED KINGDOM	NORWAY	DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND
9	FINLAND	DENMARK	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND
10	AUSTRIA	AUSTRIA	ITALY	AUSTRIA	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS



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