

Trust & Confidence



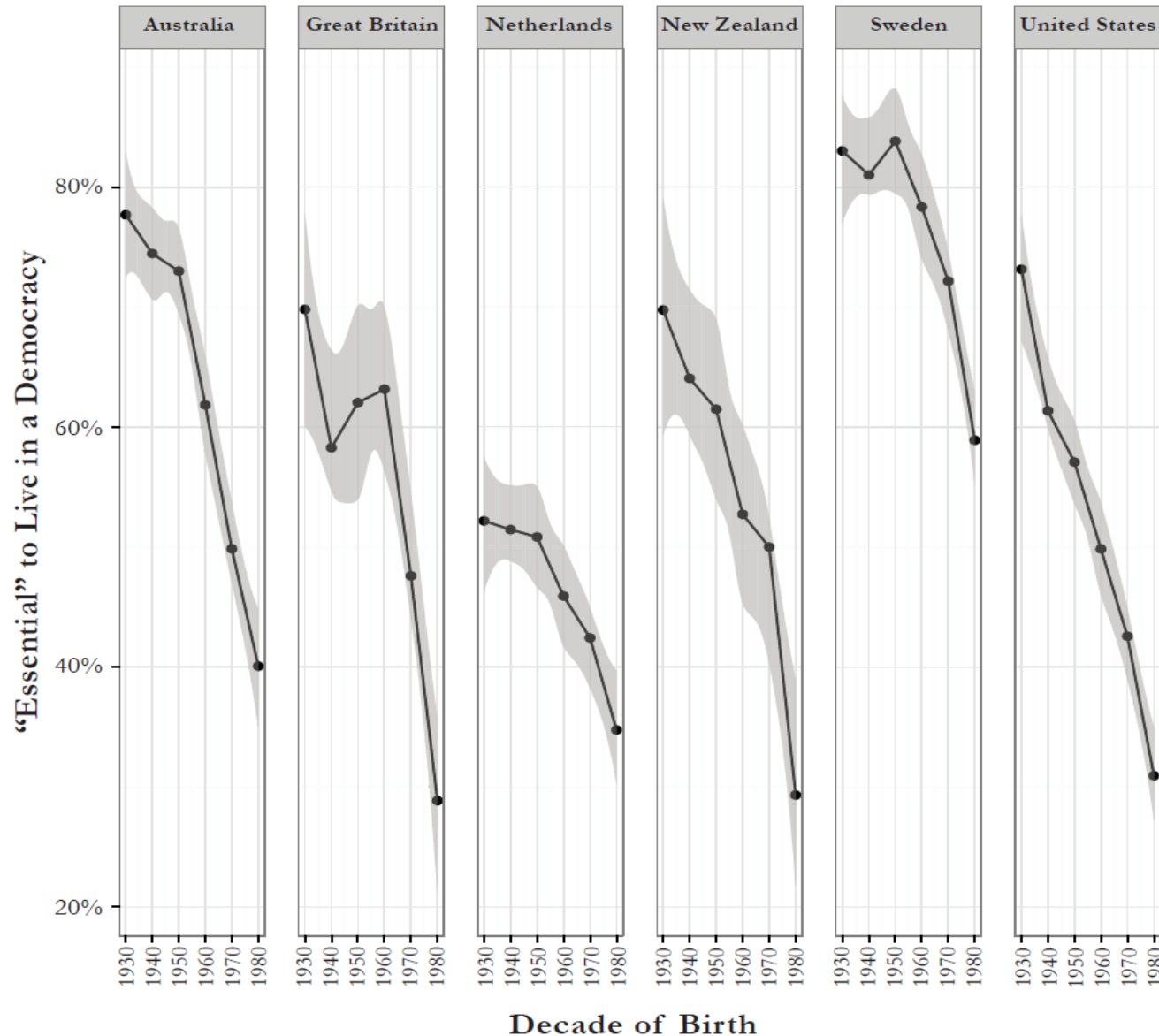
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Erosion of faith and trust in our democracies

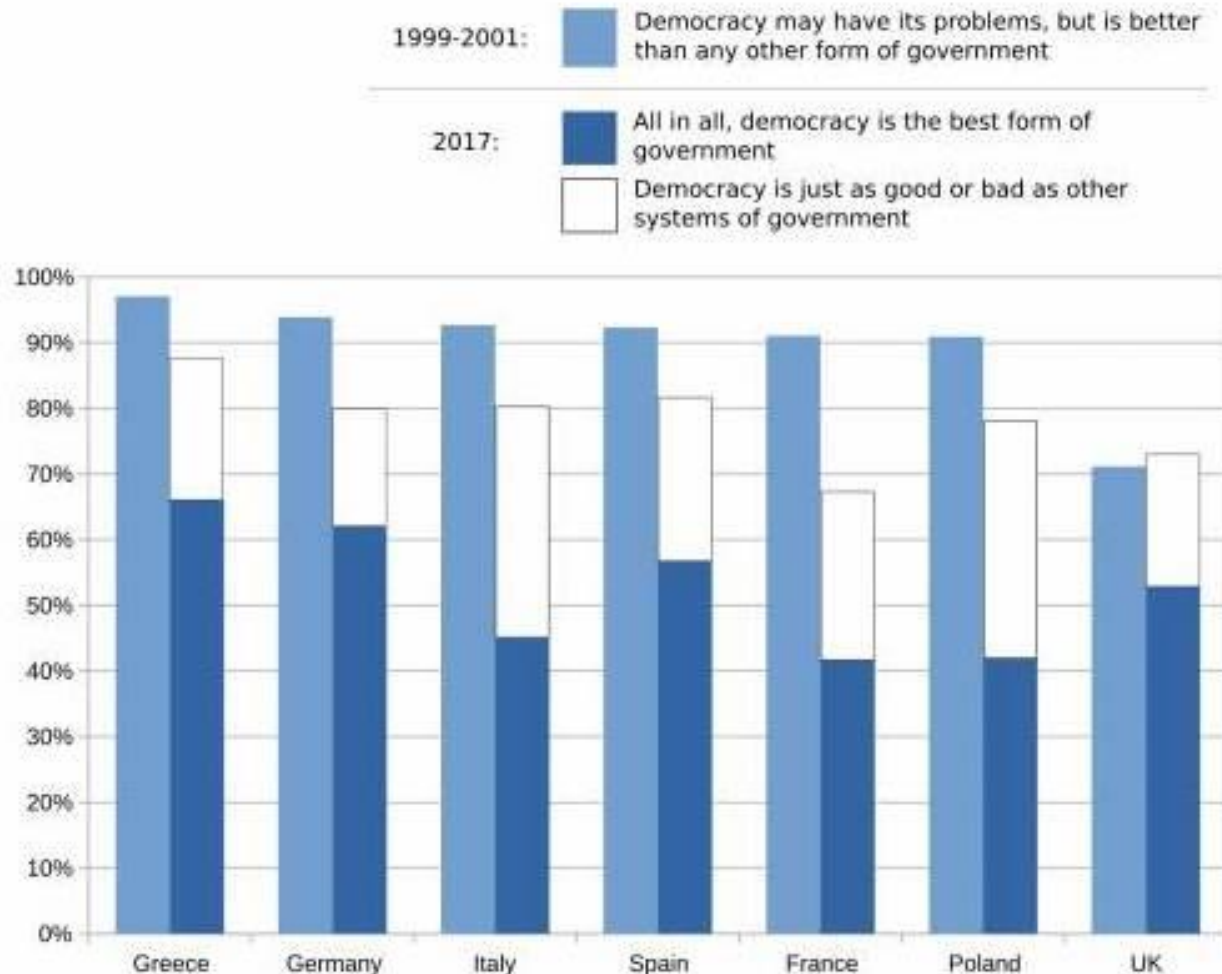
**FIGURE 1—ACROSS THE GLOBE,
THE YOUNG ARE LESS INVESTED IN DEMOCRACY**



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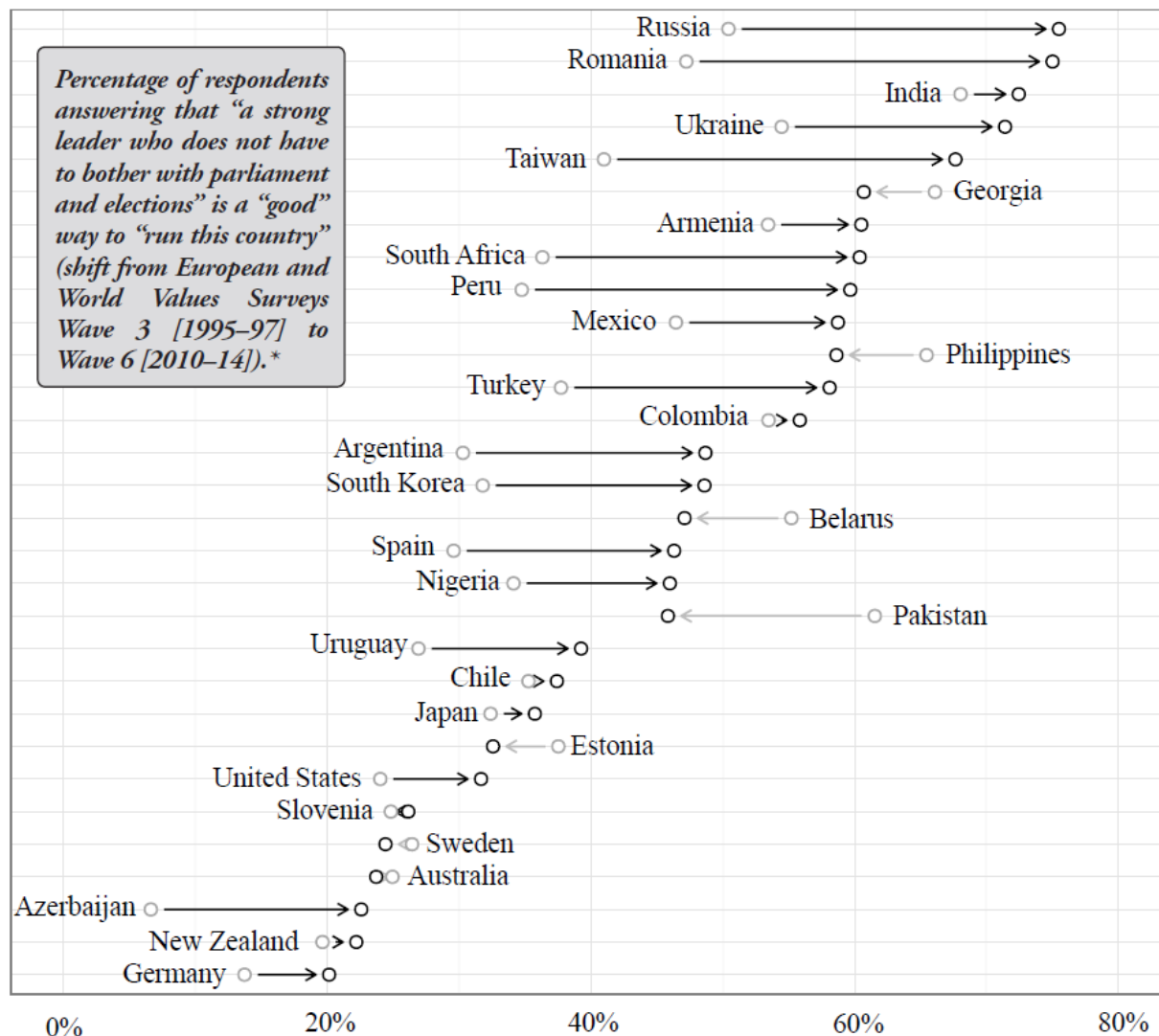
Figure 3: Support for Democracy among European Youth (16-26) Respondents, 1999-2001 and 2017.



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FIGURE 2—GLOBAL RISE IN SHARE OF CITIZENS WISHING FOR A STRONG LEADER “WHO DOES NOT HAVE TO BOTHER WITH ELECTIONS”



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- Is this "deconsolidation" of democracies inevitable?
- What can we do to prevent it?

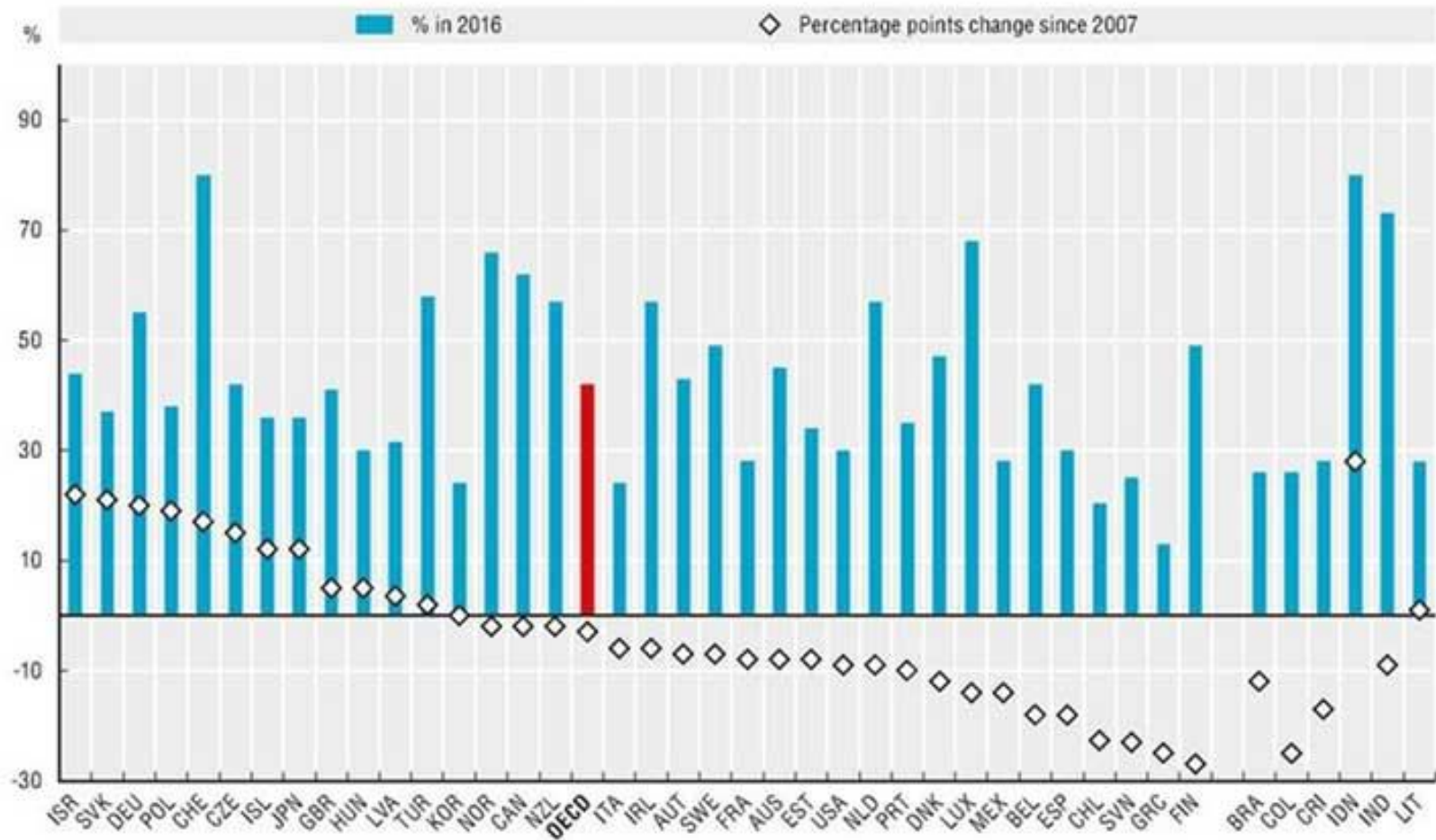
In other words

How can we heal our democracies ?



Deconsolidation of democracies is not inevitable

13.1. Confidence in national government in 2016 and its change since 2007



Source: Gallup World Poll.

StatLink  <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888933533606>

Bring the power back to citizens by co-creating

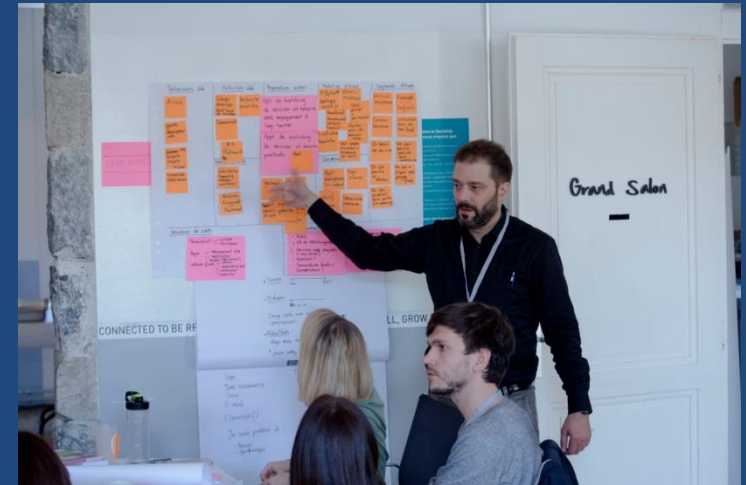
- Tangibility of institutions is required



- To fight cynicism we need to co-create services and institutions



Social Up (*Hospice général*)



Different initiatives around the world

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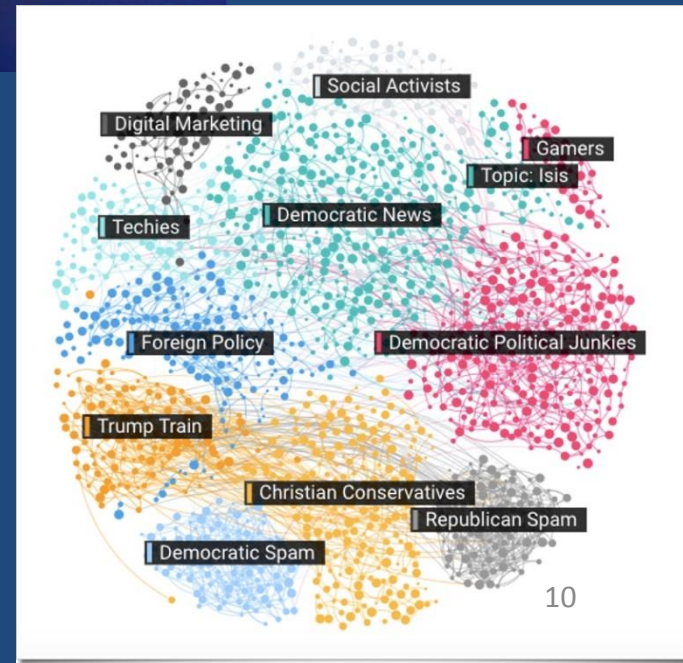


**MIND
LAB**



Design
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Manipulation by algorithms



CHVote an Evoting public & open source

- System entirely public and owned by the state of Geneva
- Almost 15 years of experiences (first use in January 2003)
- 126 uses with success (referendums and elections)
- Oppenness step by step:
 - 2010 : passive access to the source code
 - 2016 : active access to the source code, with publication of the code on Github plateforme.

Transparency

Co-creation



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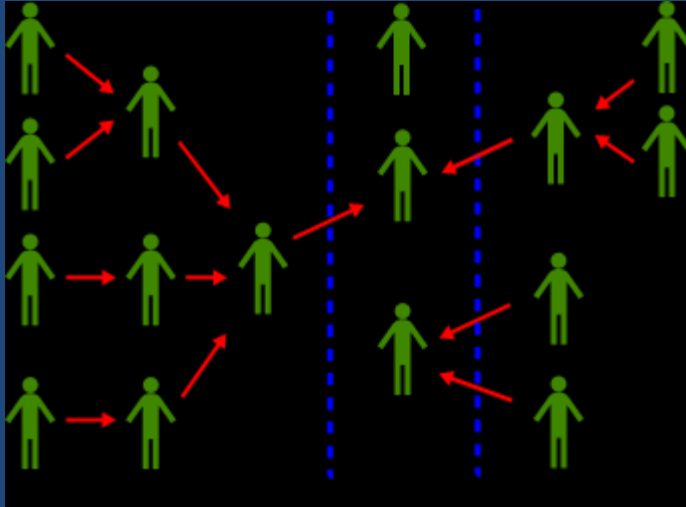


" We should not assume that democracies will always be able to improvise a solution to whatever challenges they face. There is nothing about democracy that guarantees this will happen"

(Source: D. Runciman, The Confidence Trap, 2013, p. 195)

Ideas to renovate our democracies

Liquid Democracy



Civic techs



Week of Democracy in Geneva



**Both political institutions and citizens
must take their destinies in their hands**





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