

01 Trust inequality reaches an all-time high.

Nigeria's income-based trust gap has widened to 26 points, an all-time high in the country and one of the largest globally, matched only by Indonesia and second only to the United States. The Trust Index among high-income groups stands at 85, compared to 59 among low-income groups.

02 Nigeria stands out as the world's most optimistic.

Belief that the next generation will be better off compared to today has risen 15 points since 2025 to 65%, the highest globally, tied only with Saudi Arabia and well above the global average of 32%.

03 Trade-related job fears surge.

In Nigeria, concern that international trade and tariff conflicts could threaten jobs has jumped 22 points since 2022 to 79% of employees worried, reaching an all-time high and signalling rising sensitivity to global economic pressures.

04 Disinformation fears rank among the highest globally.

Seven in ten Nigerians (72%) worry that foreign actors are deliberately spreading false information to inflame divisions, placing the country among the most concerned globally.

05 Exposure to differing views rises against the global trend.

While most countries are seeing declines in consumption of diverse news sources, Nigeria is one of the few where it is increasing. The share of Nigerians who get information from sources with a different political leaning than their own at least weekly is up 6 points since 2025 to 62%, among the highest globally and well above the global average of 39%.

06 Society is evenly split between open and insular mindsets.

Half of Nigerians (51%) are hesitant or unwilling to trust people who are different from them, while a nearly equal share (49%) remain open, pointing to a society divided in how it engages across differences.

07 Workplace tensions are translating into economic drag.

In Nigeria, a significant share of employees report behaviours that undermine productivity, with 38% saying they would rather switch departments than work under a manager with different values, and 36% saying they would put less effort into helping a team leader succeed if they disagreed with their political beliefs.

08 Trust narrows to familiar and proximal figures.

Among Nigerians with an insular mindset (51%), trust concentrates around immediate and familiar relationships, with 77% trusting their CEO (among employees) and 61% trusting their neighbours. Trust drops beyond that circle, to 59% for journalists and 58% for CEOs more broadly, while government leaders are trusted by just 36% of those with insular mindsets, reinforcing how trust becomes more selective and locally anchored.

09 Insularity and grievance are strongly related.

Half of Nigerians report a moderate or higher sense of grievance, but this is significantly higher among those with an insular mindset. Grievance is 26 points higher in this group, with 63% reporting moderate or higher levels of grievance compared to 37% among those who are open, pointing to a strong link between insularity and perceptions of unfairness in the system.

10 All institutions are expected to broker trust, with employers leading.

There is a clear expectation across Nigerian society that institutions should actively bridge divides. Employers are seen responsible by the widest share, with 89% of employees saying they are obligated to build trust, followed by government (86%), media (84%), NGOs (81%), and business (81%), pointing to a broad-based mandate for trust-building across sectors.