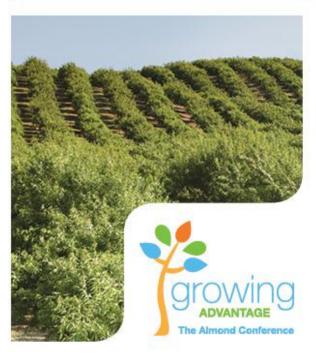


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# Values, Trust and Science Building Public Support in an Age of Radical Transparency and Unbridled Social Media

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## Freedom to Operate

## Social License

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**Definition:** The privilege of operating with minimal formalized restrictions (legislation, regulation, or market requirements) based on maintaining public trust by doing what's right.

**Public Trust:** A belief that activities are consistent with social expectations and the values of the community and other stakeholders.

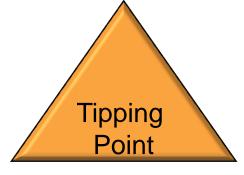
## The Social License To Operate



Flexible Responsive Lower Cost

#### **Social License**

- Ethics
- Values
- Expectations
- Self regulation



Single triggering event Cumulative impact Rigid Bureaucratic Higher Cost

#### **Social Control**

- Regulation
- Legislation
- Litigation
- Compliance

#### **Groundwater Contamination**



#### KMPH Special Report: What's Really In Your Water?

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The Problem Is Clear: The Water Is Filthy



Jim Wilson/The New York Time

Students at Stone Corral Elementary in Seville, Calif. The school budgets \$100 to \$500 a month for bottled water

By PATRICIA LEIGH BROWN

Published: November 13, 2012

## Study sets off flurry of new concerns and regulations aimed at farmers

### **Food Safety**



## Food Safety Concerns Remain Constant

Roseanne Harper Oct. 23, 2012



"Today's consumer is aware their health is in the hands of commercialized businesses that may not have you best interest at heart."

#### **Natural Resource Availability**



## Western Growth Trends: Pressure on People and Resources

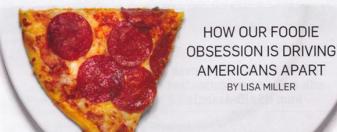


"Water scarcity, population growth, energy competition, and a growing urban-rural divide pose enormous challenges to the human and natural resources of the West."

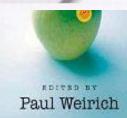




### **The Dinner Divide**









#### BY MICHAEL GRUNWALD

Politicians and Big Business are pushing biofuels like corn-based ethanol as alternatives to oil. All they're really doing is driving up food prices and making global warming worse and you're paying for it



## Earning and Maintaining the Social License (Sapp/CMA)



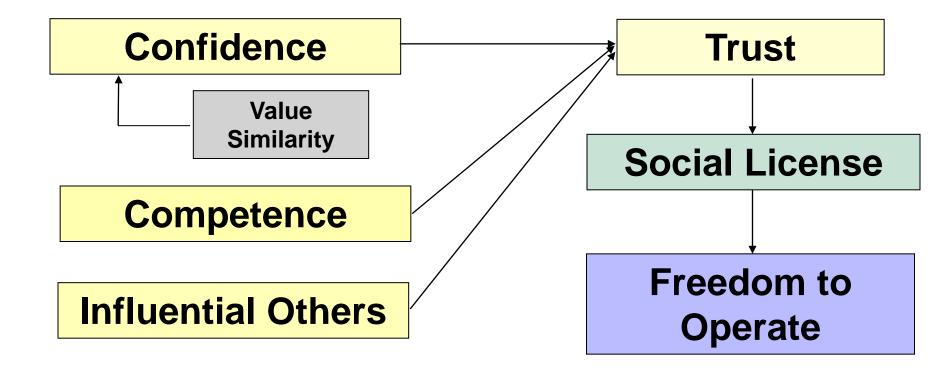
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## Trust

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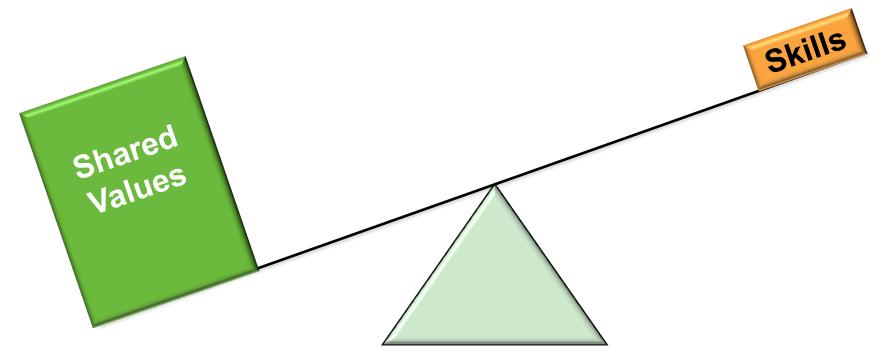




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## What Drives Consumer Trust?





Shared values are 3-5X more important in building trust than demonstrating competence

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### What Does It Mean?

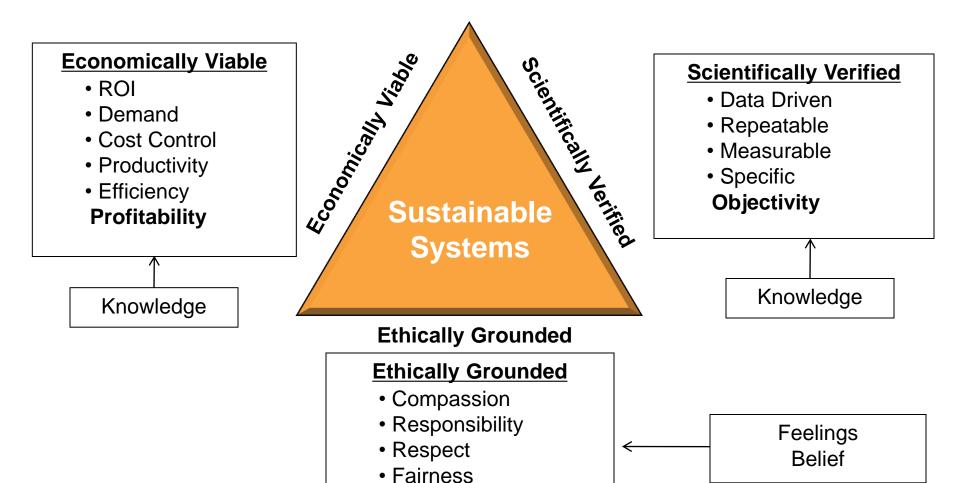


"They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

- Theodore Roosevelt

## Sustainable Balance



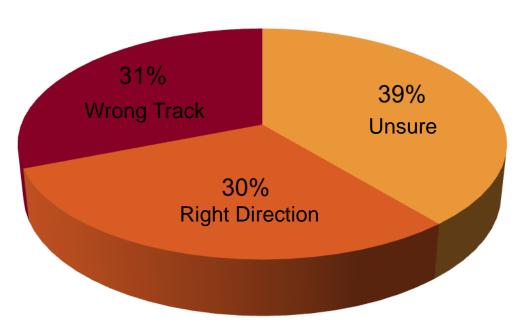


Truth

**Value Similarity** 

## Food System Right Direction/Wrong Track





N=2001 2012 Consumer Research



#### **EARLY ADOPTERS**

Roughly 40% believe the food system is on the wrong track



# California Consumer Concerns About Life and Current Events



#### 6 out of 7 Most Concerning Life Issues are Beyond the Consumer's Direct Control







Earlier Adopters were more concerned about most issues than later adopters

Imported Food Safety (55%)

- Food Safety (53%)
- Crop Chemical Residue (52%)
- Enough to Feed U.S. (48%)
- Environmental Sustainability in Farming (47%)
- Humane Treatment of Farm Animals (45%)
- Enough to Feed People Outside U.S. (31%)

Lowest concern was for having enough food to feed people in developing countries (31%)

\*Top Box ratings (8-10)

### Levels of Concern About the Food System 🐫 are Growing Faster than Other Concerns



Change in Top Concerns 2011-2012

**Change in Food System Concerns** 2011-2012

U.S. Economy (+2%) Rising Health Care Costs (+2%)Rising Cost of Food (+2%) Rising Energy Costs (+1%)

> U.S. Unemployment (-1) Personal Financial Situation (-1)

Safety of Imported Food (+4%)Food Safety (+5%)

Enough to Feed U.S. (+2%)

Humane Treatment of Farm Animals (+2%) Enough to Feed OUS

(+2%)

**Environmental** Sustainability in Farming (+5)



Actions Taken by
California Consumers
When Questions Arise
About Food Safety



## Consumers Search Online for Info and Talk to Family and Friends when Food Safety Question Arises

Action Taken (Top Mentions)	% Likely*		Most likely
Search for more info online	46%	h l	actions
Tell friends and family	43	]   '	
Look online at independent expert web site	38	<b> </b>	
Look online at traditional news media web site	42		
Immediately stop buying product until learn	38	EAF	RLY ADOPTERS
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Seek info from friends and family	34		
Look online at product mfg. web site	35		
Look online at government web site	34	3.	
Look online at advocacy web site	33	4.	
			traditional news media web site

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## Transparency No Longer Optional

Someone is watching everything you do all the time

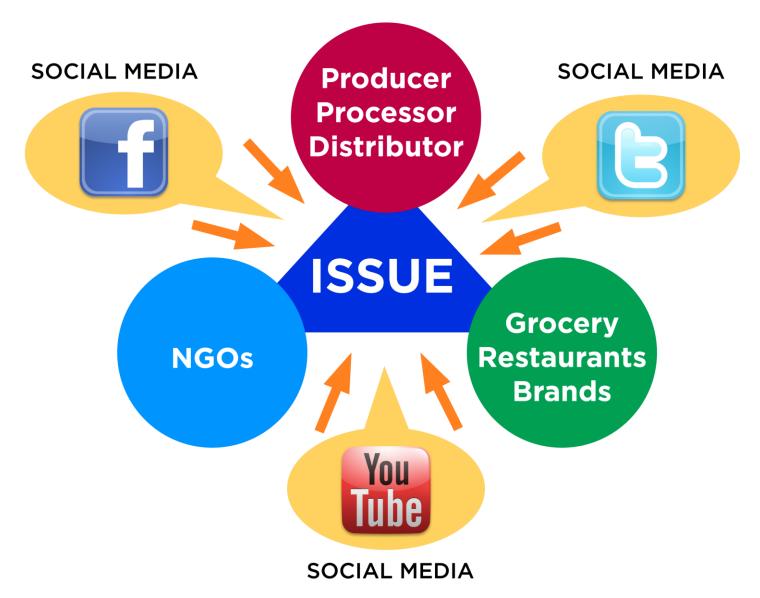
## An Age of Radical Transparency



- Employees, consumers, customers, bloggers, social media food communities, activists, NGOs and others can all directly influence the public conversation about almonds at the speed of Twitter.
- The question is no longer, "will you be transparent?" but "how will you manage your reputation in an age of radical transparency?"

## Today's Integrated System





## Creating Alignment

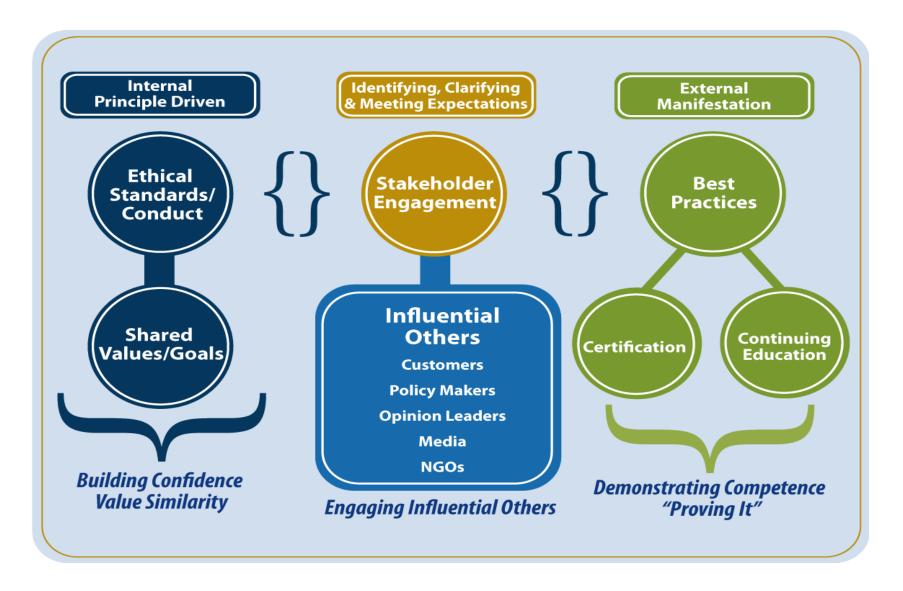




Radical transparency demands authentic alignment

## Integrated Trust Model







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## Questions