

Presenter

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What feedback should companies seek from Japanese customers?

Customer feedback helps you understand what you're doing right. What do your customers love and appreciate that keeps them coming back?

Customer feedback also helps you understand what you're doing wrong. This information can benefit your sales team, service and support agents, and product design team.

What feedback should companies seek from Japanese customers?

- Product feedback: why did they like your product, and what made them buy it?
- New product feature requests
- How did they find out about you?
- First time discovering the brand?
- What is their favorite product from your brand?
- What other similar brands do they like?
- How was the customer experience at the fair?

Why do we seek such feedback?

Being popular in Hawai'i does not guarantee success in Japan.

Japan has the worst rankings in the **Edelman Trust Barometer** at 37 percent (second only to Russia); brands will find it harder to build trust with new consumers.

When trust in businesses is low, consumers will look to their peers for knowledge and guidance when deciding what to buy. Thus, reviews, testimonials, word-of-mouth recommendations, and anything more user-centric become vital to the buying process.

CONTINUED DISTRUST

Trust Index

Global Trust Index increases 1 pt., with increases in 16 of 26 markets measured

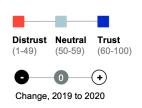
12 of 26 markets are distrusters, down 2 from 2019

2020 Edelman Trust Barometer. The Trust Index is the average percent trust in NGOs, business, government and media. TRU_INS. Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. General population, 26-mkt avg.

| | 2019 General population |
|----|----------------------------|
| | |
| 53 | Global 26 |
| 79 | China |
| 73 | Indonesia |
| 72 | India |
| 71 | UAE |
| 70 | Saudi Arabia |
| 62 | Singapore |
| 59 | Malaysia |
| 58 | Mexico |
| 56 | Canada |
| 55 | Hong Kong |
| 54 | The Netherlands |
| 52 | Colombia |
| 49 | U.S. |
| 48 | Australia |
| 46 | Argentina |
| 46 | Brazil |
| 46 | Italy |
| 46 | S. Korea |
| 45 | S. Africa |
| 44 | France |
| 44 | Germany |
| 43 | U.K. |
| 42 | Ireland |
| 40 | Spain |
| 39 | <mark>Japan</mark> |
| 29 | Russia |

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| 50 | S. Korea | | |
| 49 | Argentina | | |
| 49 | Italy | | |
| 47 | Australia | | |
| 47 | U.S. | | |
| 46 | Germany | | |
| 45 | France | | |
| 45 | Ireland | | |
| 45 | Spain | | |
| 44 | S. Africa | | |
| 42 | Japan | | |
| 42 | U.K. | | |
| 30 | Russia | | |

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| Declines in | | |
|--------------|----|--|
| Saudi Arabia | -9 | |
| UAE | -6 | |
| Hong Kong | -5 | |
| Canada | -3 | |
| U.S. | -2 | |
| Australia | -1 | |
| S. Africa | -1 | |
| U.K. | -1 | |
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Why do we seek such feedback?

Customer feedback tells us what to make, how to make it, and why it matters.

Customer feedback makes for great content marketing. Use your customer's words and opinions to fuel your website, blog, and social media.

- Customer reviews increase consumer trust in your brand
- They let your customers know you care
- They can help you learn what's working (and fix what's not)
- They boost your trustability and credibility
- They can increase sales

Why do we seek such feedback?

Hankyu Hawai'i Fair customers are Hawai'i lovers with knowledge and selective taste.

The Japanese are incredibly selective about the brands they like and are less likely to buy based on price considerations alone. Make sure to communicate and tell your story.

With the Japanese consumer's desire for quality comes the desire for luxury goods.

Prove your authenticity, originality, and superior quality to convince consumers you're worth the cost.

Q&A

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