

Long-term National Vision and Strategy for the 21st Century
- New Approach and New Agendas -

Social Trust and the Quality of Democratic Governance in South Korea

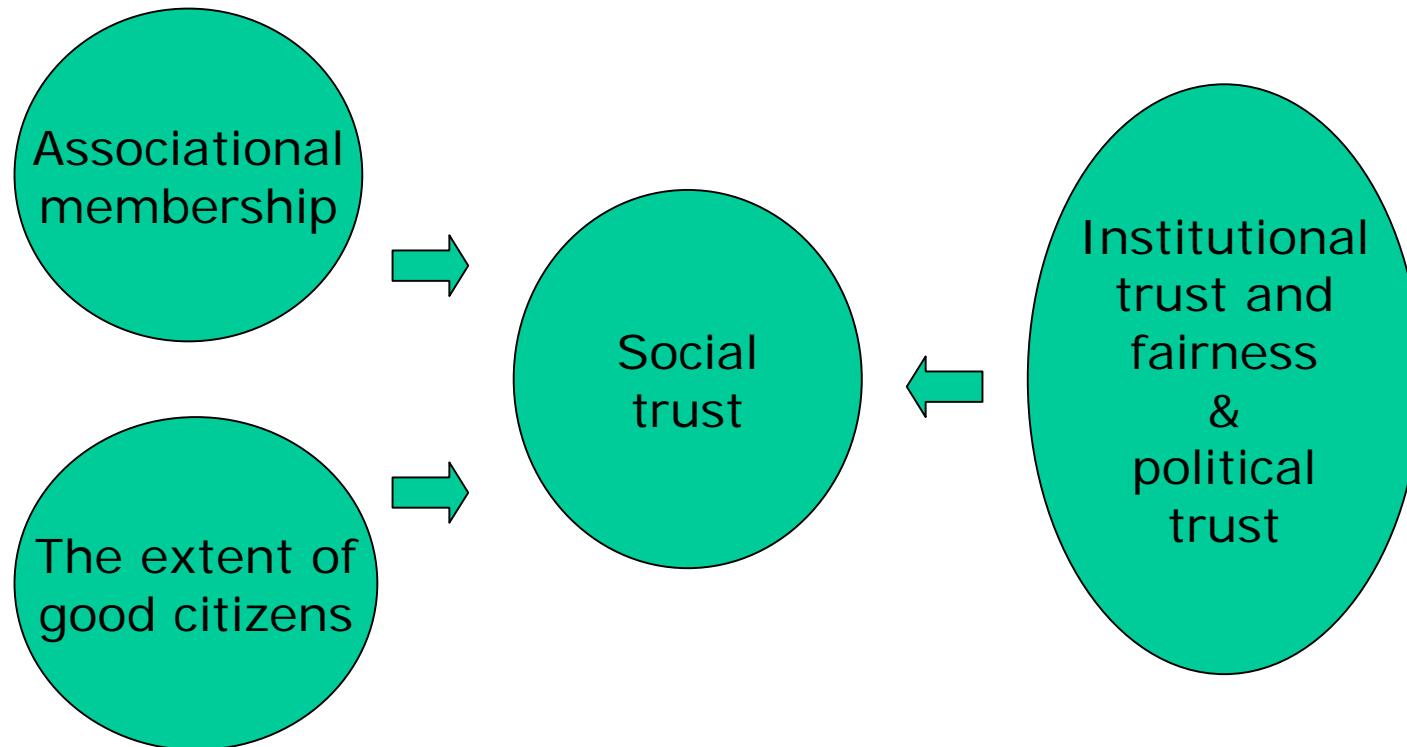
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Sources of Social Trust

- One perspective emphasizes the quality of civil society
 - Voluntary associations influence their members' civic attitudes.
 - The widespread of good citizens matters.
- The other emphasizes the quality of state governance
 - The behavior of state institutions and public officials influences citizens' civic attitudes.

Analytic Framework



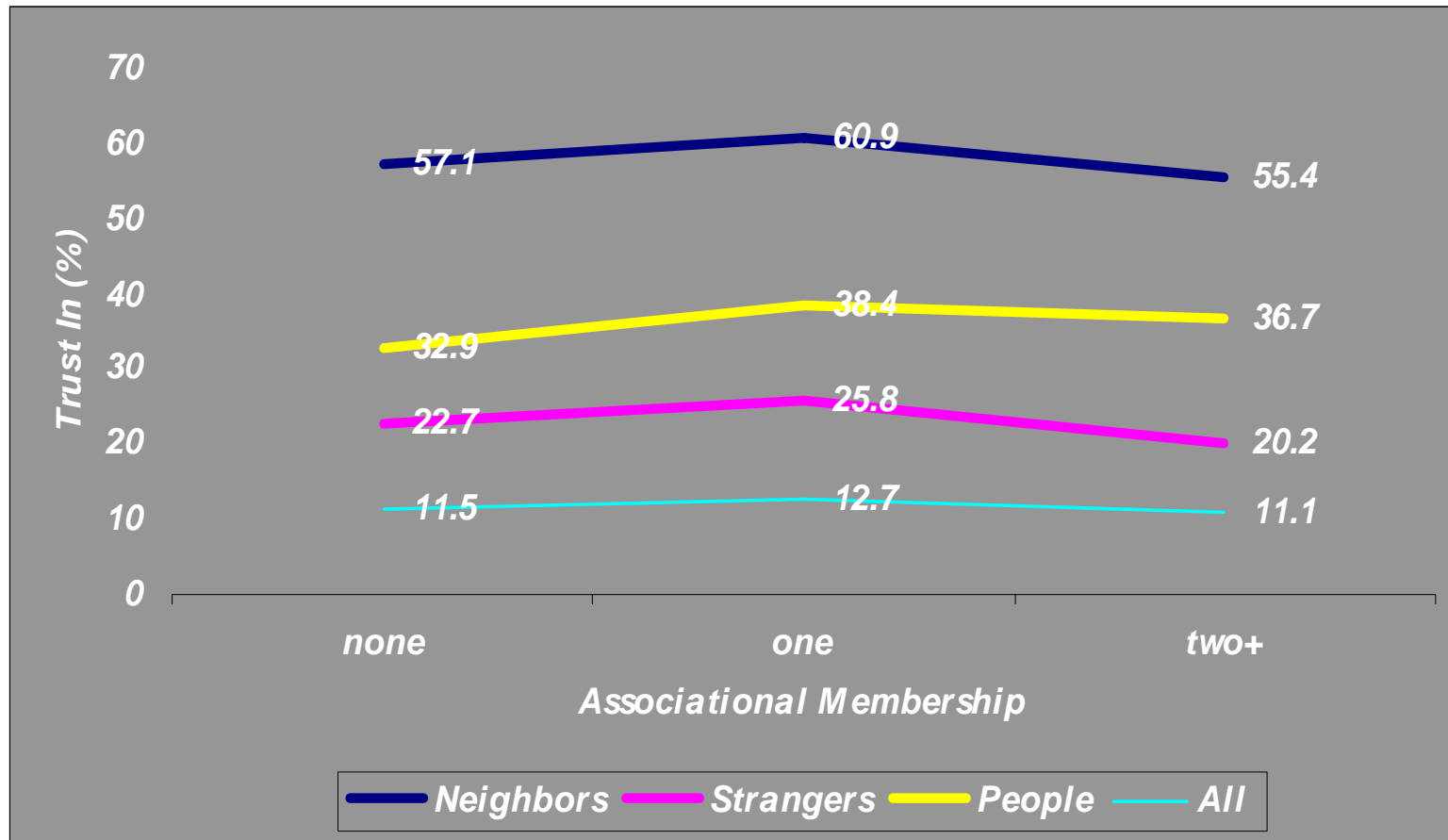
The Quality of Civil Society

| | Percent of those saying |
|---|-------------------------|
| Social trust | |
| Neighbors can be trusted | 56.3 |
| Strangers can be trusted | 21.8 |
| Most people can be trusted | 36.2 |
| Associational membership | |
| They belong to none | 21.5 |
| They belong to only one | 22.1 |
| They belong to two or more | 56.4 |
| The extent of good citizens | |
| More than half of people help the needy | 8.9 |
| More than half of people obey laws | 21.0 |
| More than half people report crimes | 19.2 |

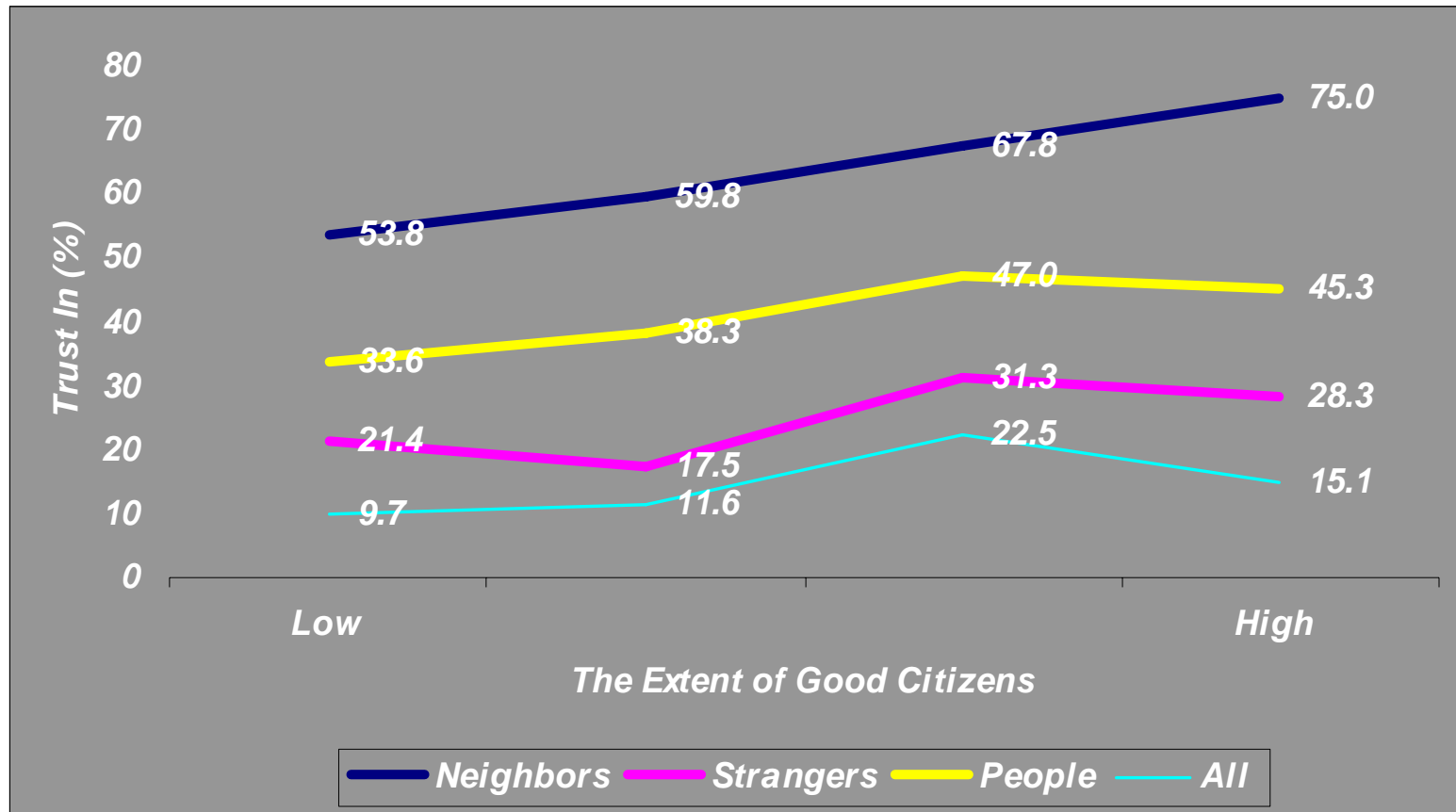
The Quality of the State

| | Percent of those saying |
|--|-------------------------|
| Institutional trust | |
| They trust the central government | 12.9 |
| They trust National Assembly | 8.7 |
| They trust political parties | 11.4 |
| They trust courts | 25.4 |
| They trust the prosecution | 24.0 |
| They trust the police | 29.4 |
| Institutional fairness | |
| Courts give fair trials | 49.3 |
| The police enforces laws fairly | 42.2 |
| Street-level bureaucracies treat people equally | 69.6 |
| Trust in public officials | |
| More than half of public officials are not corrupt | 28.8 |
| Public officials abide by laws | 38.6 |

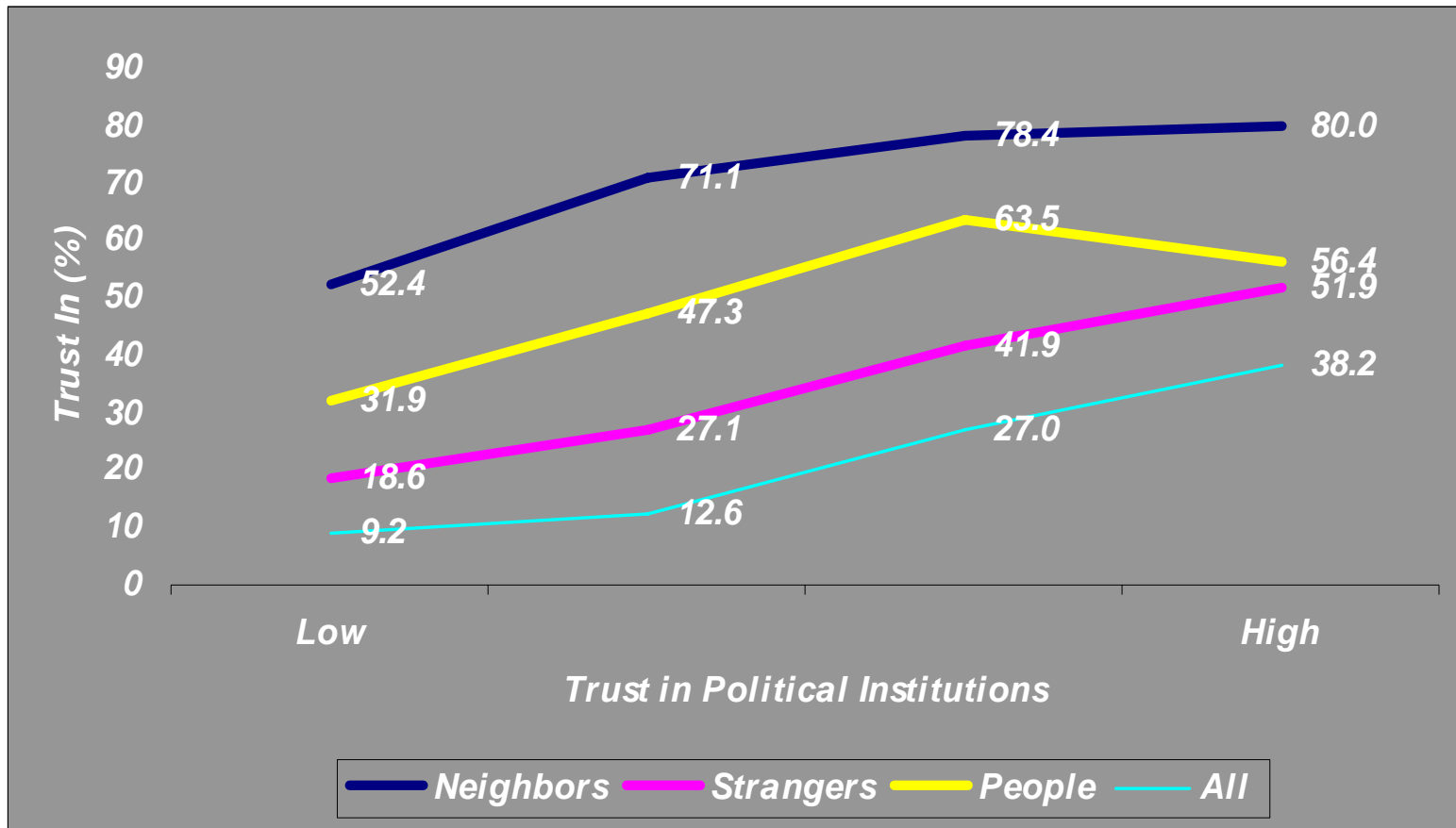
Social Trust and Associational Membership



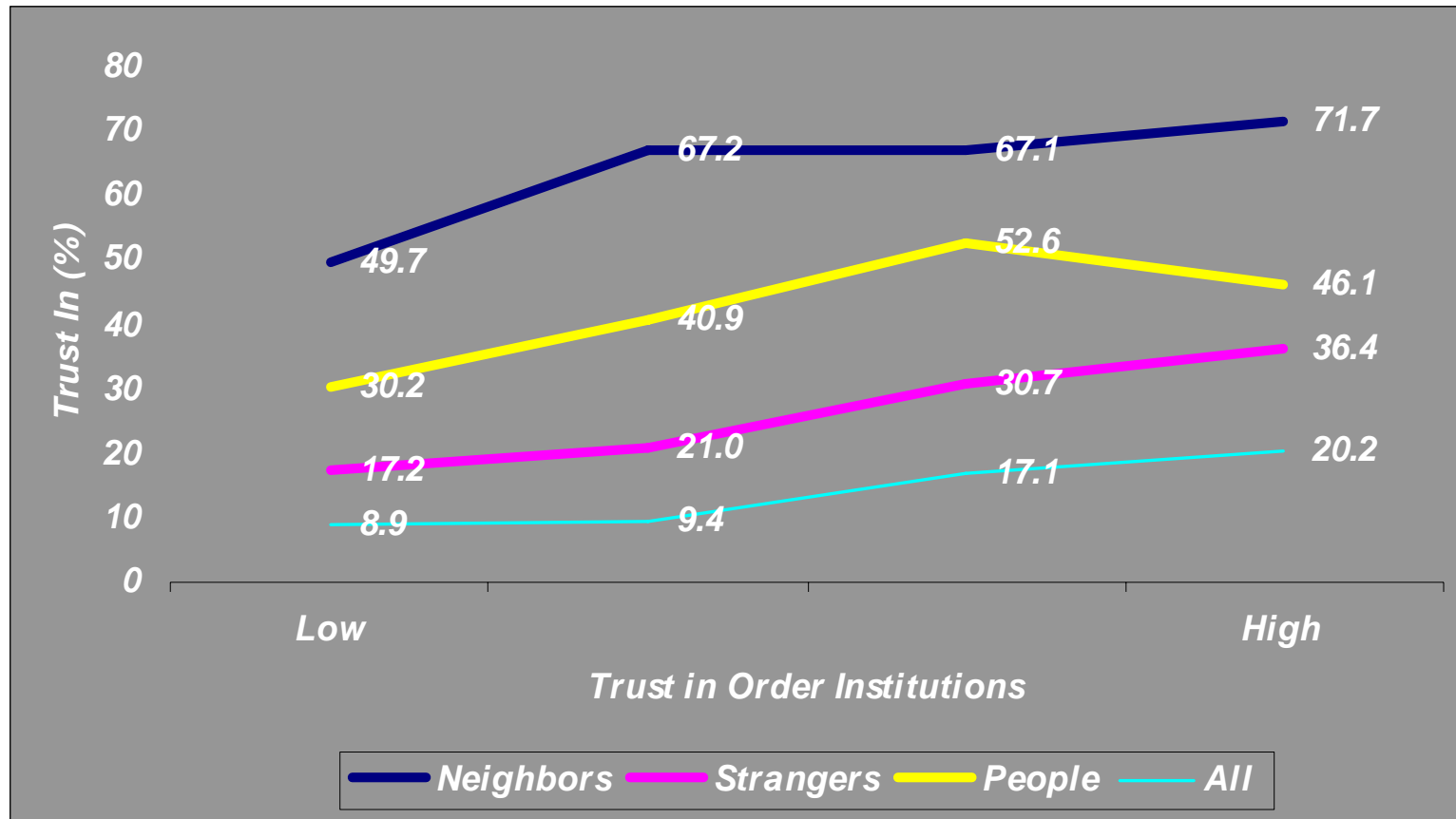
Social Trust and the Extent of Good Citizens



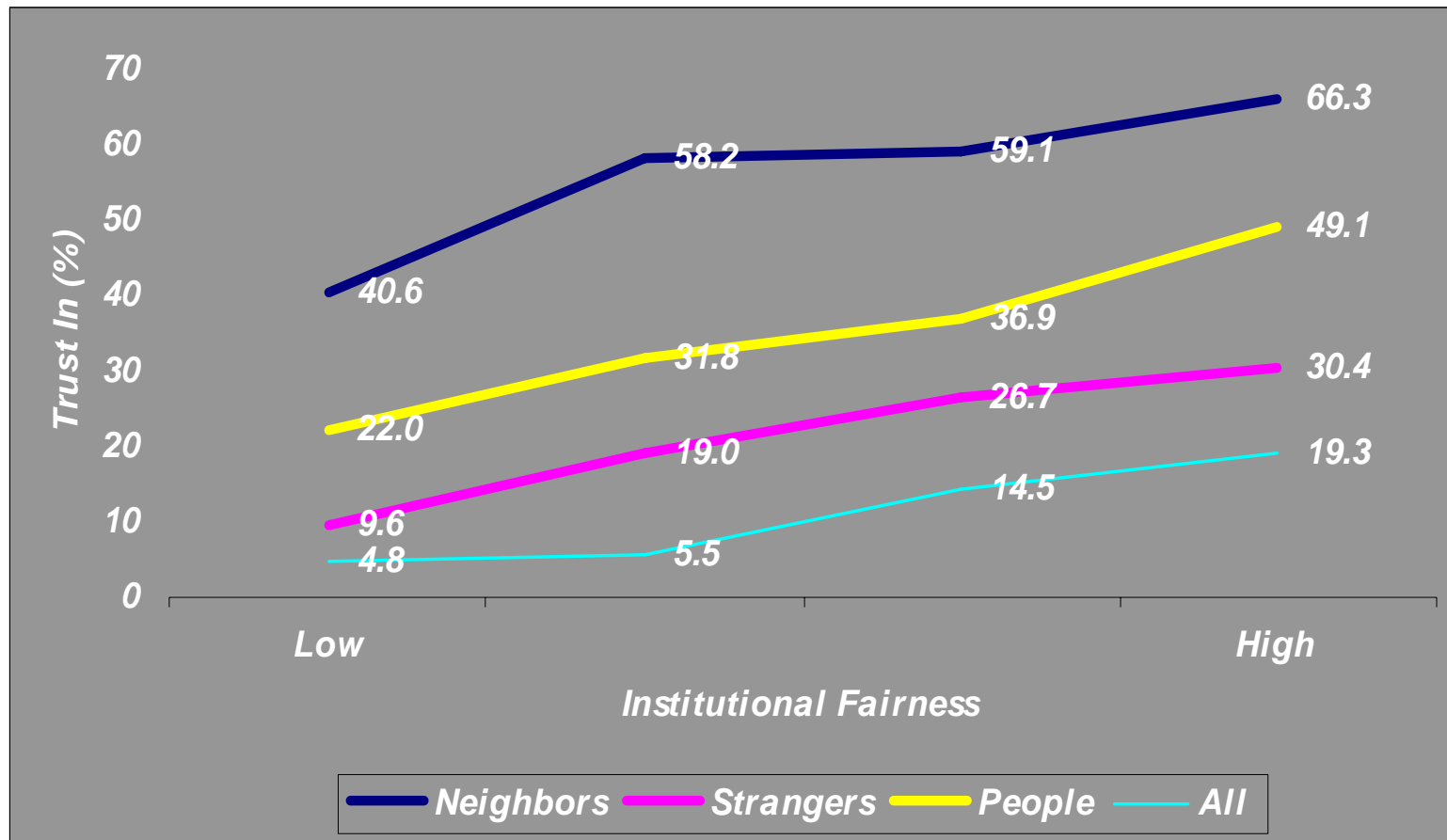
Social Trust and Trust in Political Institutions



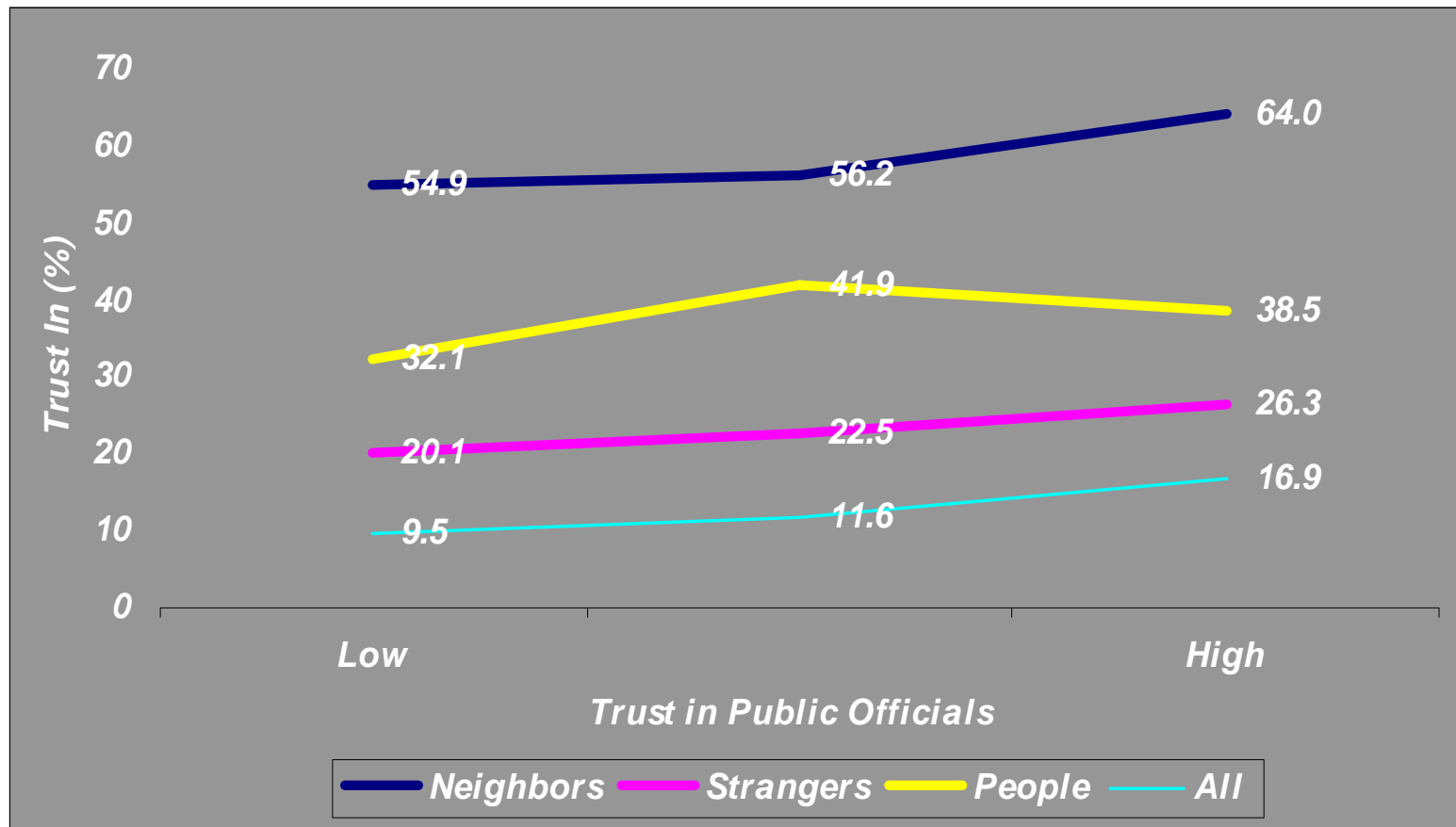
Social Trust and Trust in Order Institutions



Social Trust and Institutional Fairness



Social Trust and Trust in Public Officials



Correlation between Social Trust and the Quality of Civil Society

| | Trust in (0-10) | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | Neighbors | Strangers | People |
| The number of membership (0-18) | n. s. | n. s. | n. s. |
| The extent of good citizens (0-12) | .069** | .089** | .122** |
| Helping the needy (1-5) | .137** | .149** | .082** |
| Obeying laws (1-5) | .104** | .059* | n. s. |
| Reporting crimes (1-5) | .068** | n. s. | n. s. |

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Correlation between Social Trust and the Quality of the State

| | Trust in (0-10) | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | Neighbors | Strangers | People |
| Trust in political institutions (0-30) | .251** | .269** | .240** |
| Central government (0-10) | .206** | .220** | .199** |
| National Assembly (0-10) | .235** | .239** | .199** |
| Political parties (0-10) | .234** | .262** | .244** |
| Trust in order institutions (0-30) | .230** | .245** | .194** |
| Courts (0-10) | .205** | .220** | .167** |
| The prosecution (0-10) | .183** | .233** | .180** |
| The police (0-10) | .232** | .216** | .190** |
| Institutional fairness (0-30) | .211** | .224** | .257** |
| Courts (0-10) | .147** | .218** | .229** |
| The police (0-10) | .138** | .167** | .231** |
| Street-level bureaucracy (0-10) | .245** | .178** | .190** |
| Trust in public officials (0-7) | .128** | .089** | .061* |
| Corruption (1-5) | .078** | .090** | .124** |
| Law-abidingness (1-4) | n. s. | .055* | .080** |

Conclusions

- The role of civil society is limited
 - Voluntary associational membership hardly matters.
 - Yet, the extent of good citizens, especially altruistic citizens, matters.

- The role of the state is substantial
 - Regime institutions play a bigger role than political actors in shaping social trust.
 - Trust in both political and order institutions matters.
 - The fairness of institutions matters.
 - Procedural legitimacy of democratic governance matters.