



Lack of trust regarding the public's relation to the authorities and science experts

If we further examine the relationship between public communication and risk perception, a very important problem is the problem of trust regarding the public's relation to the authorities and science experts (Oltedal et al. 2004). The claims by authorities and science experts are often seen as not in citizens' interests and often regarded with a certain amount of scepticism (Lash, 2000; Rose, 2000).

Note: See source document for full reference.

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Attitudes toward authorities](#)

Disaster Phases: [Prevention](#), [Preparedness](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [Non-active citizens](#), [Local authorities](#), [National research bodies](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#), [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#), [Man-made intentional hazards](#)

Recommendations:

- [Engage in activities and develop strategies aiming to improve trust between citizens and authorities](#)

Source

[Deliverable D4.2 "Report on 'risk cultures' in the context of disasters" \(page 23\)](#)

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