

## Does Disclosure Matter? And Why Report?

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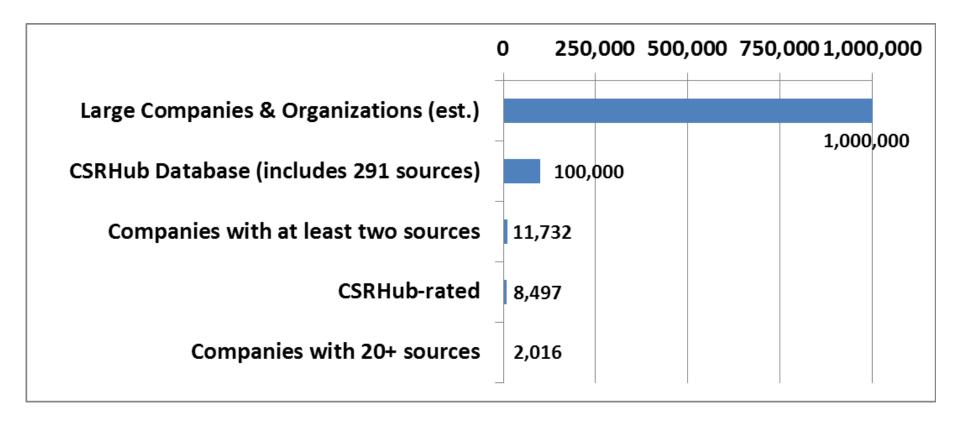
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## **Three Attitudes Towards Disclosure**

- A. Keep a low profile. If we don't say anything, maybe they'll forget about us!
- B. We are doing the best we can. Start sharing the data that exists. Add an area to the Web site. Form a Committee.
- C. Commit to transparency. Benchmark against your competitors. Start gathering the data you need. Organize it and look for ways to use it to compete and succeed.



## Most Organizations Are Not Yet Well-Studied





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## **Reporting Framework Alphabet Soup**

Assurance, Presentation

Analysis, materiality determination

> Data collection, definitions

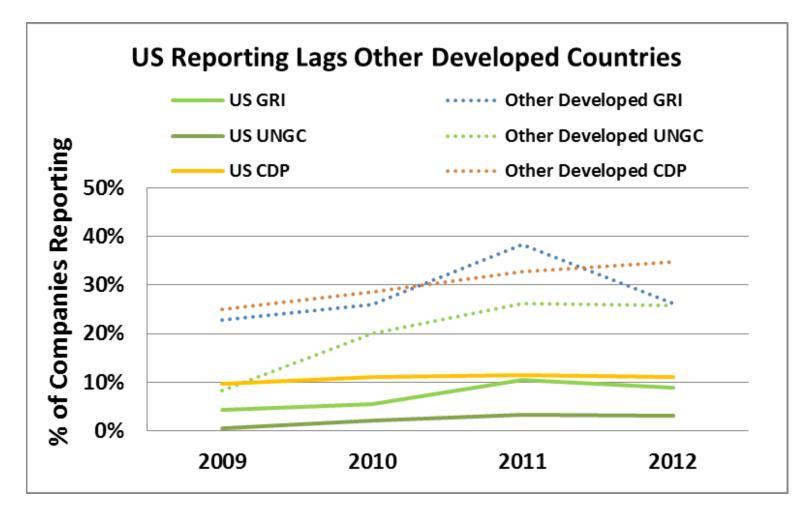
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SASB, GRI, UN Global Compact, CDP, The Sustainability Consortium, ULE, Credit 360, OneReport, EPEAT, SPC, TEEB (Natural Capital)

SAP, Enablon, Schneider, Eco-Vadis, OSIsoft, SourceIntelligence, CSRware, Scope5, ISO 14000, ISO 26000, Bloomberg, GISR



## US Companies Report Less Than Those In Other Developed Countries



## Business Managers Are Constantly Being Asked to Report Social Performance

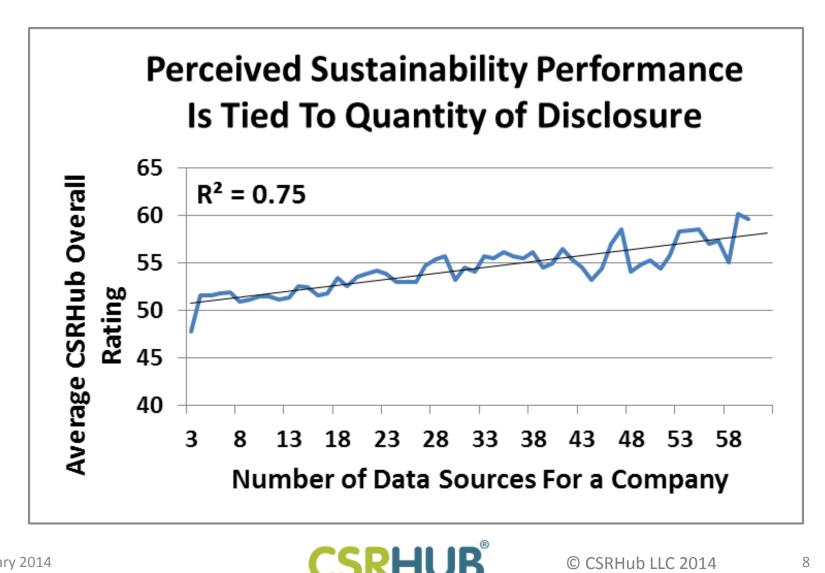


## Adopting a Reporting Framework Can Help You Cope With This Problem

- A. Get organized. The reporting process forces you to define what is material (what issues matter for your business), and to understand and track your data.
- B. Build consensus. When your team sees your reports, they will ask questions and offer advice. You can then start to adopt new policies and change behavior.
- C. Be prepared. When your customers, investors, and employees inquire about your business' social performance, you will have answers.



## **Those Who Disclose More, Are More Favorably Perceived**





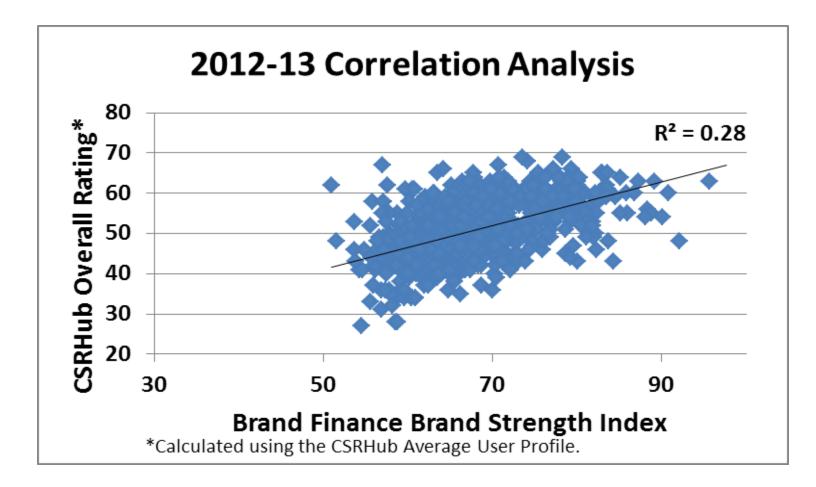
# **GRI Reporting Appears to Help**

#### **Subcategory Rating Comparison for GRI Versus Non-GRI**

CSRHUB Subcategory	Non-GRI	GRI	Difference
Board	49.4	53.4	4.0
Community Dev & Philanthropy	50.6	53.0	2.4
<b>Compensation &amp; Benefits</b>	52.7	58.4	5.7
Diversity & Labor Rights	50.9	56.8	5.8
Energy & Climate Change	51.2	58.2	6.9
<b>Environment Policy &amp; Reporting</b>	44.2	54.6	10.4
Human Rights & Supply Chain	49.8	52.2	2.4
Leadership Ethics	48.2	51.6	3.4
Product	48.8	53.8	5.0
Resource Management	49.7	52.1	2.4
Training, Health & Safety	41.2	51.5	10.3
Transparency & Reporting	42.5	50.3	7.7



## Better Sustainability Reporting Could Help Your Brand Strength





## **Sustainability Reporting Affects Risk**

		Standard		
CSR Factor	Coefficients	Error	t Stat	P-value
Intercept	4.43527	2.431E+00	1.82	6.82E-02
Community Dev & Philanthropy	0.06857	4.261E-02	1.61	1.08E-01
Human Rights & Supply Chain	-0.10904	3.455E-02	-3.16	1.63E-03
Product	-0.00509	3.251E-02	-0.16	8.76E-01
Compensation & Benefits	0.16070	3.890E-02	4.13	3.79E-05
Diversity & Labor Rights	0.11538	3.938E-02	2.93	3.43E-03
Training, Health & Safety	0.03344	3.761E-02	0.89	3.74E-01
Energy & Climate Change	-0.03139	5.395E-02	-0.58	5.61E-01
<b>Environment Policy &amp; Reporting</b>	0.22055	4.810E-02	4.59	4.86E-06
Resource Management	-0.10529	5.703E-02	-1.85	6.51E-02
Board	0.06912	3.548E-02	1.95	5.16E-02
Leadership Ethics	-0.27535	5.624E-02	-4.90	1.07E-06
Transparency & Reporting	-0.00796	5.820E-02	-0.14	8.91E-01
Revenue	0.00012	7.702E-06	15.76	2.49E-52

# What Else Should You Do?

- Yes: UN Global Compact and CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) are widely used and require similar data to some of GRI's data.
- When ready: Dow Jones Sustainability Index and HRC 100 are examples of competitive recognitions.
- Yes: Add a Web site section. Distribute your GRI report on it and elsewhere.
- Yes: Consider joining or supporting sustainability organizations (e.g., BSR, Ceres, EDF).



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