

## Inside the Euro Crisis

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#### Pimco willing to bet Greece takes euro 'sabbatical'

Shanny Basar in New York

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Mohamed El-Erian, chief executive and co-chief investment officer of fixed income fund manager Pimco, has said he is willing to bet that Greece would take a sabbatical from the Euro within three years.



Speaking in an interview with Matthew Bishop,
American editor and New York bureau chief of The Economist, the head of one of the world's largest bond funds, said: "I am willing to bet that Greece will take a sabbatical from the Euro...the rest of Europe does not look that bad."





### Fact vs. Fiction

15.6%

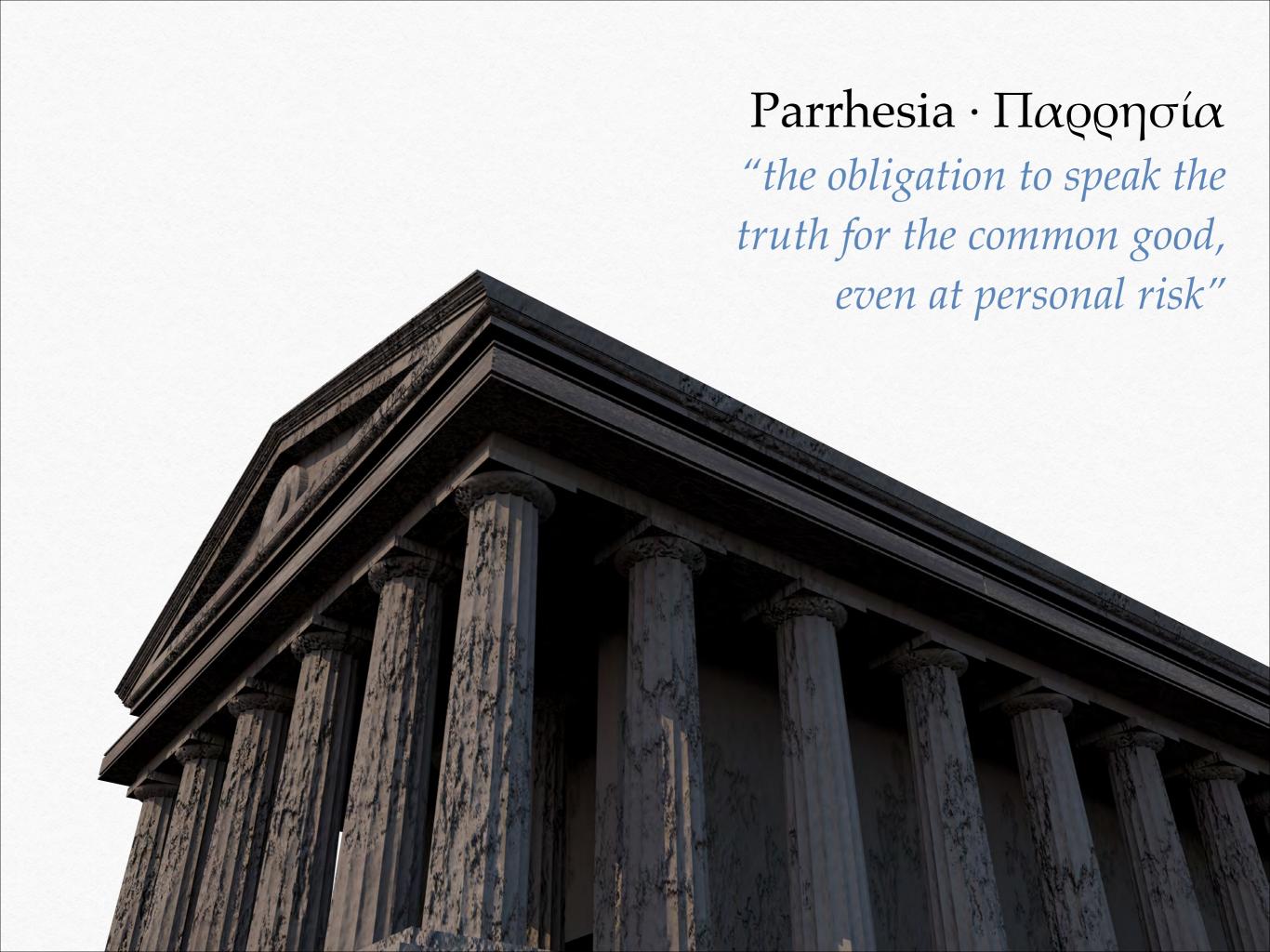
2009 Greek Budget Deficit

(Percentage of GDP)

6%

Fiction

**Fact** 



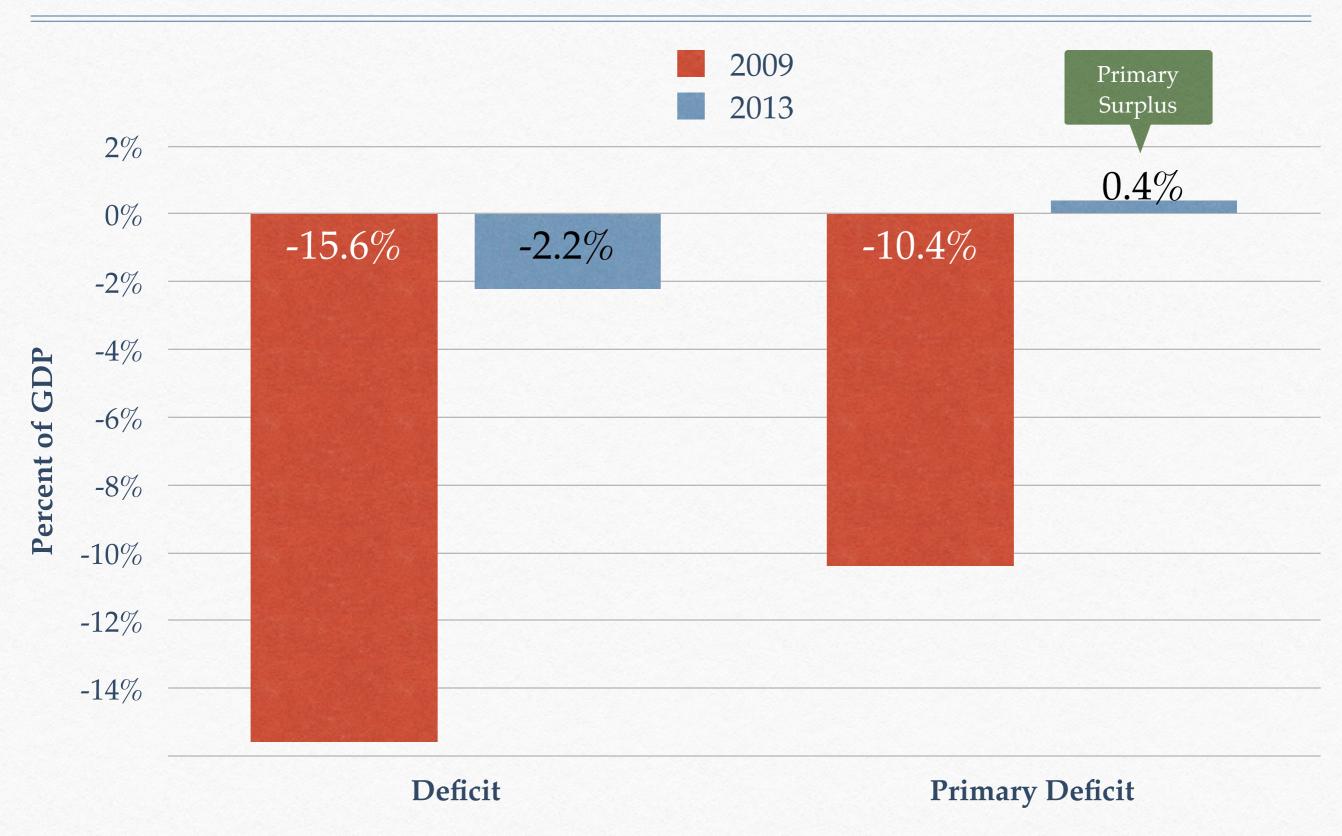






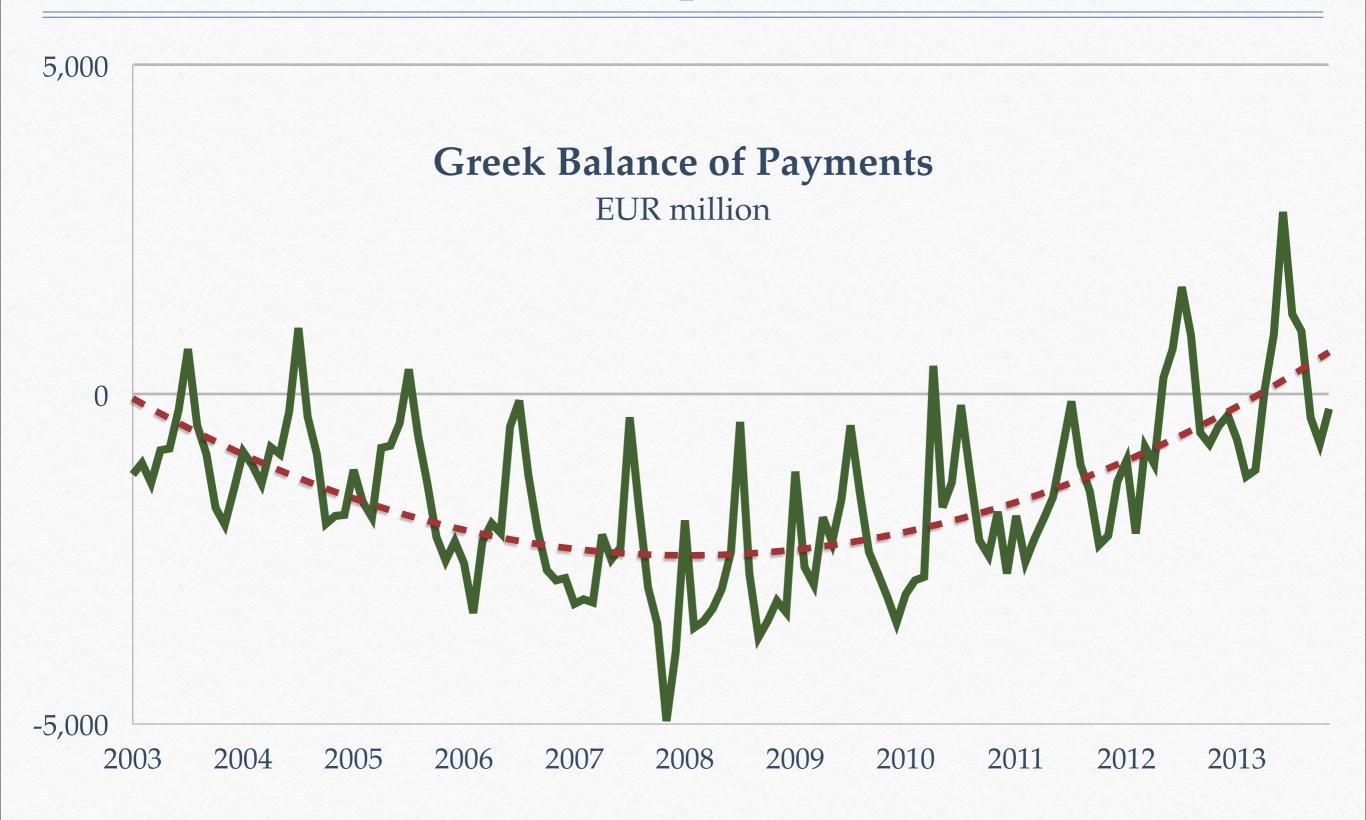


#### **Record Fiscal Consolidation**



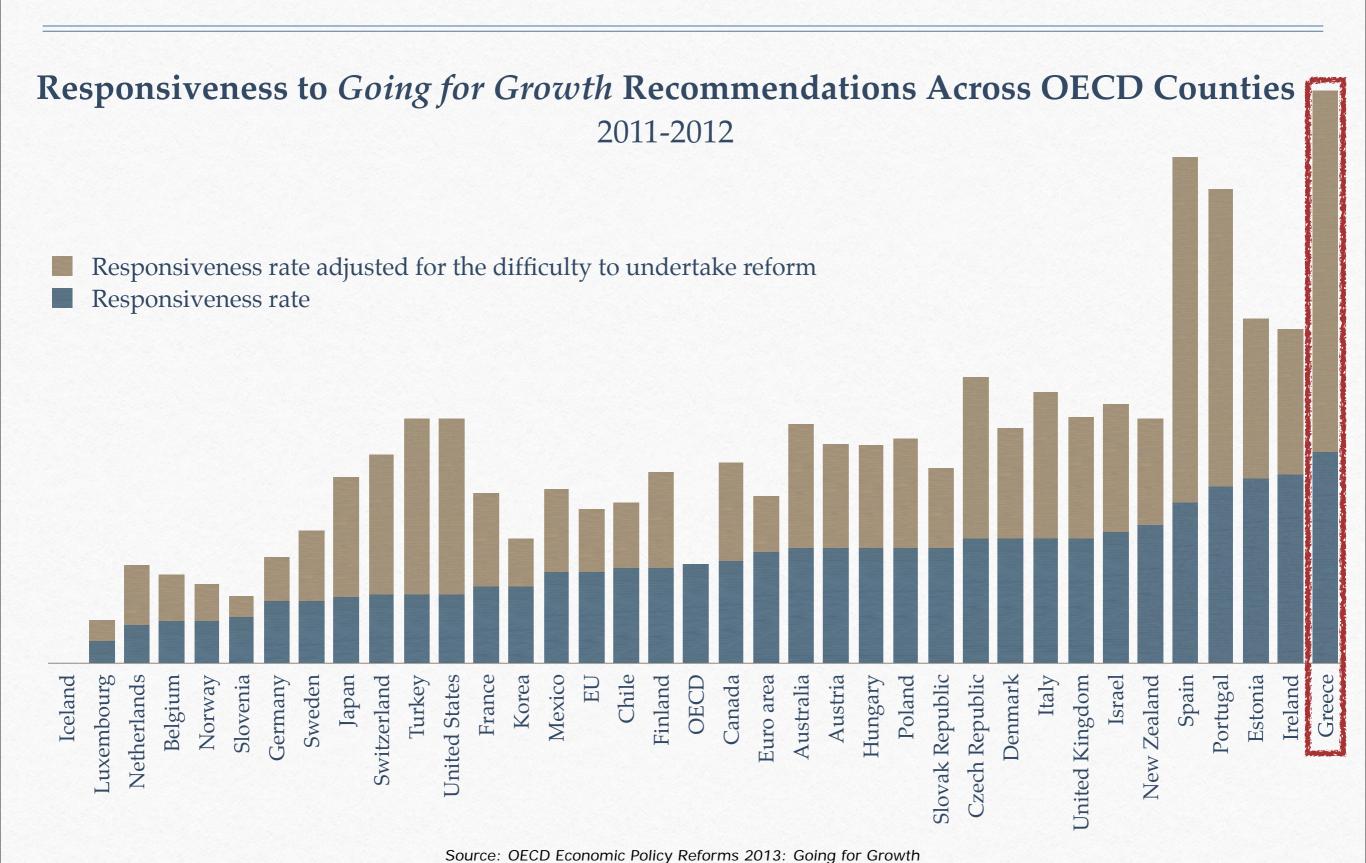
Source: Greek Ministry of Finance

## Rebalancing the Economy: First Current Account Surplus in Decades



Source: Bank of Greece, macropolis.gr

## Crisis as an Opportunity



# Sharp Rise in Business Friendliness 2009-2014

Category	Improvement
Ease of Doing Busines	24 spots
Starting a Business	• 97 spots
Protecting Investors	<b>↑</b> 70 spots

"Through [the Port of Piraeus], HP will be able to access European, African, Middle Eastern and Central Asian markets faster, more efficiently and with lower impact on the environment."

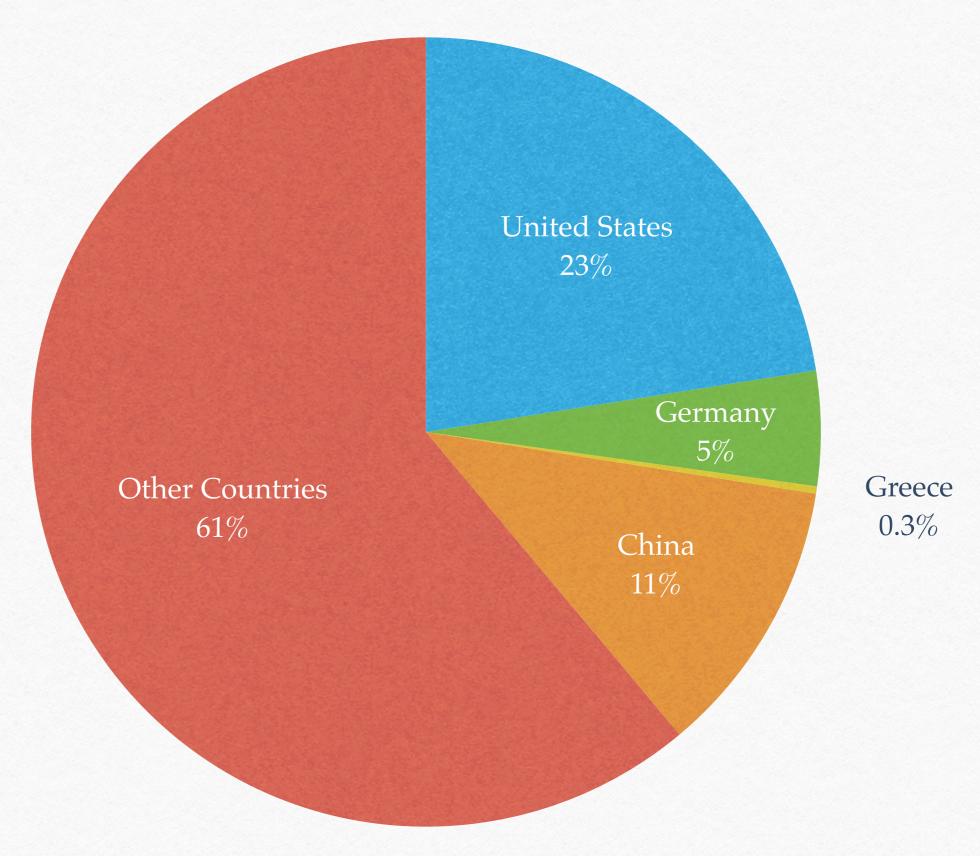
-Tony Prophet, SVP, Operations, PPS, Hewlett Packard







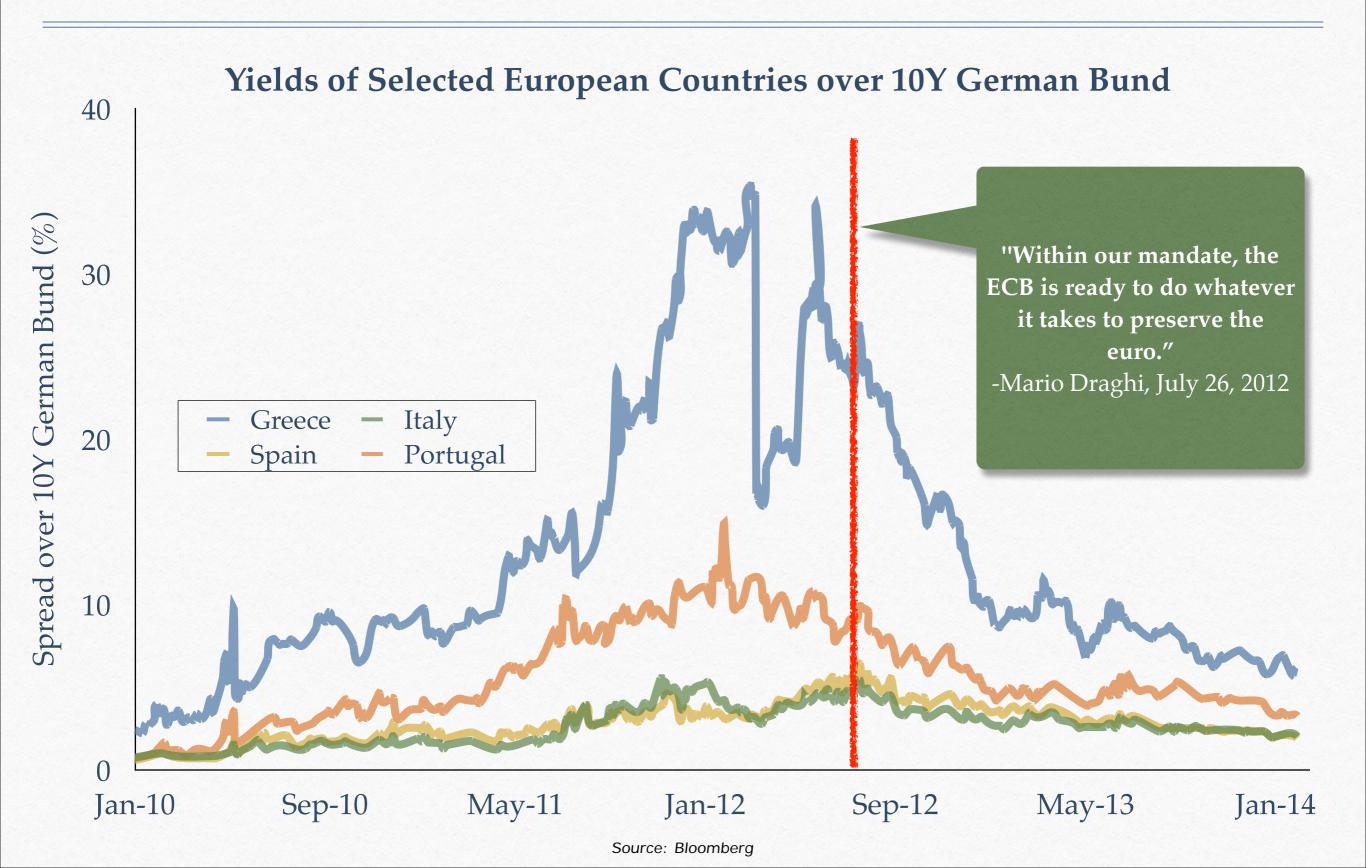
## **GDP as Percentage of Global Economy** 2012



Source: International Monetary Fund



## The Effect of 'Whatever it Takes'





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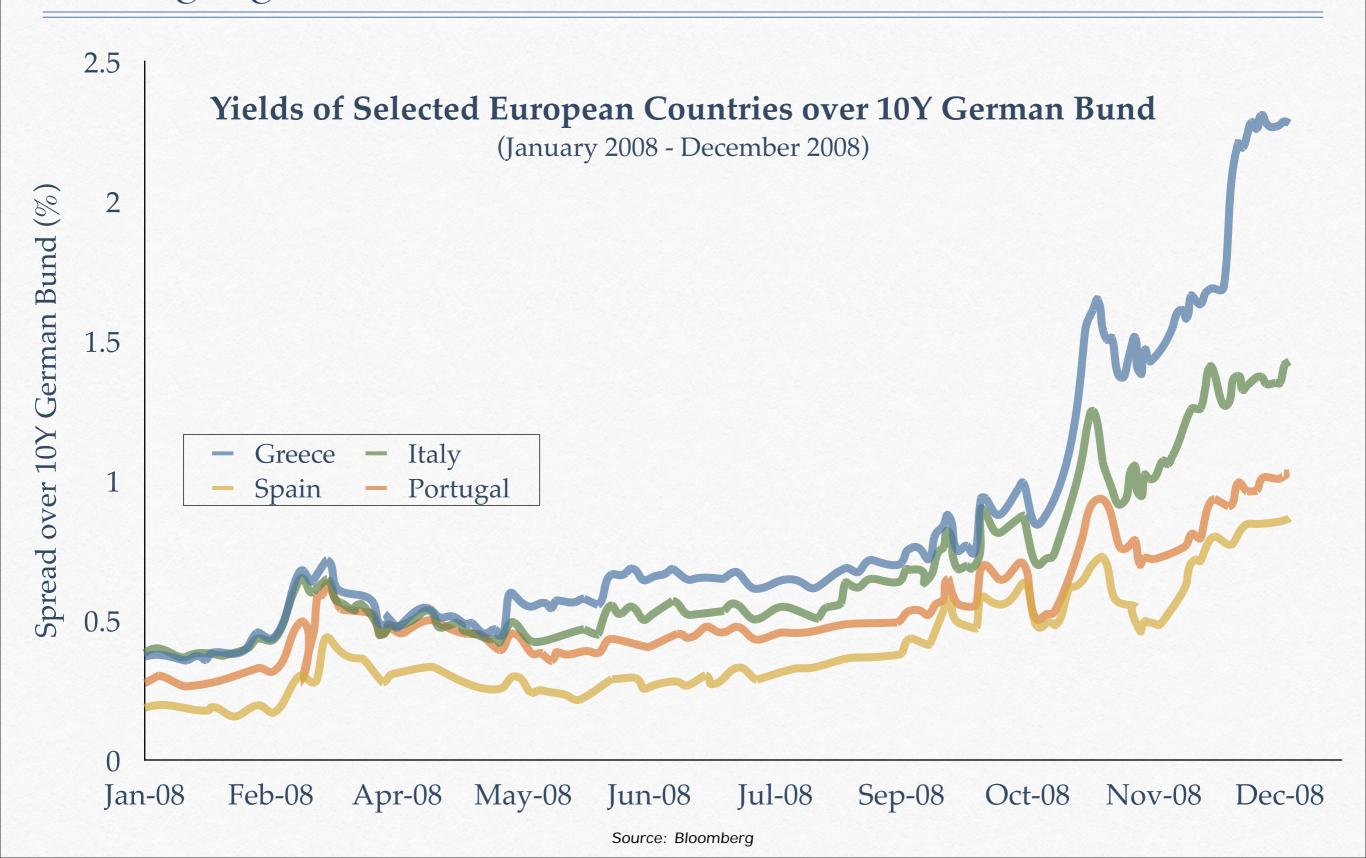
"German IFO: Greece Should Leave the Eurozone!" Bild, November 11, 2013





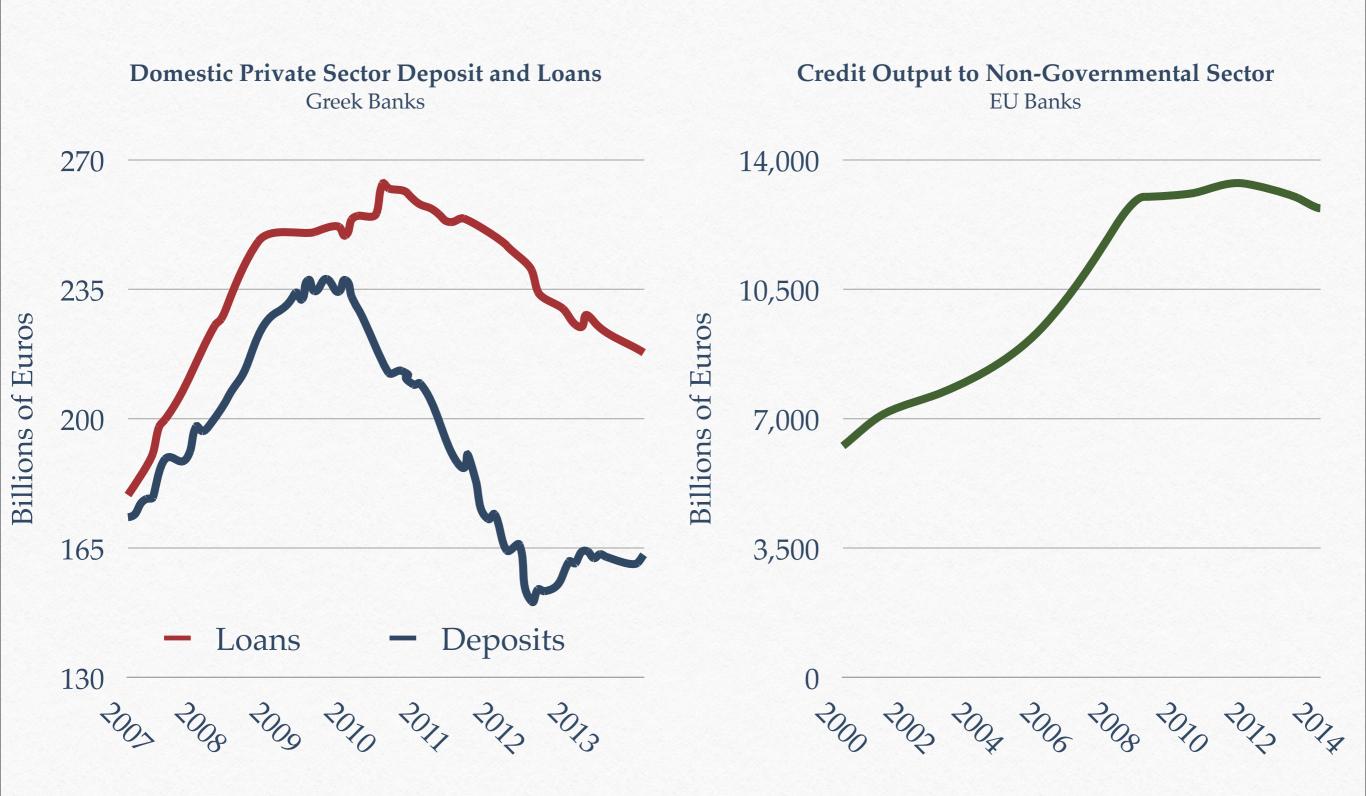
## The Run-Up to the Crisis

#### Diverging interest rates in a volatile market



#### **Under Pressure**

#### Banks struggle to support the real economy



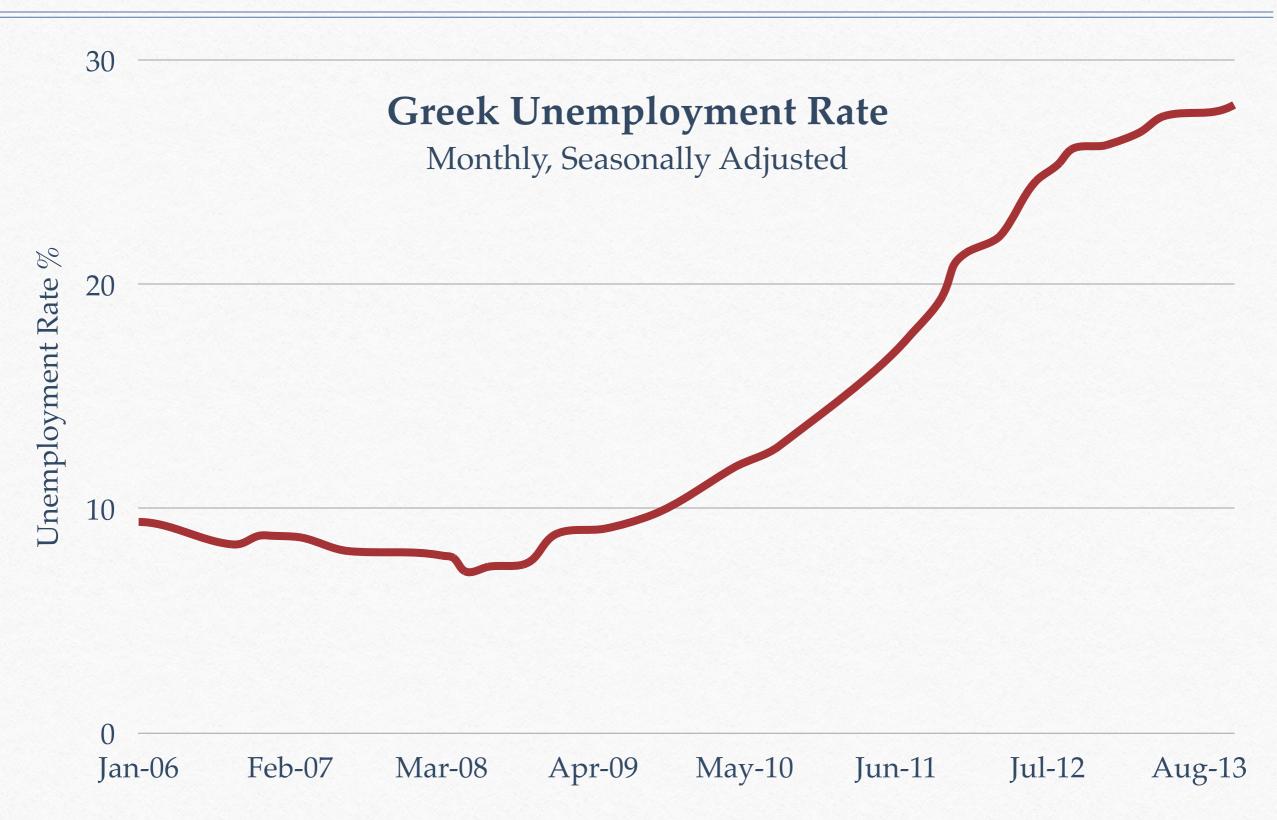
"Southern Europe continues to be the more worrisome part of the world economy... The lower the inflation rate, and ... the larger the deflation rate, the more dangerous it is for the euro recovery."

-Olivier Blanchard, Chief Economist of the IMF, January 21, 2014

Source: Reuters

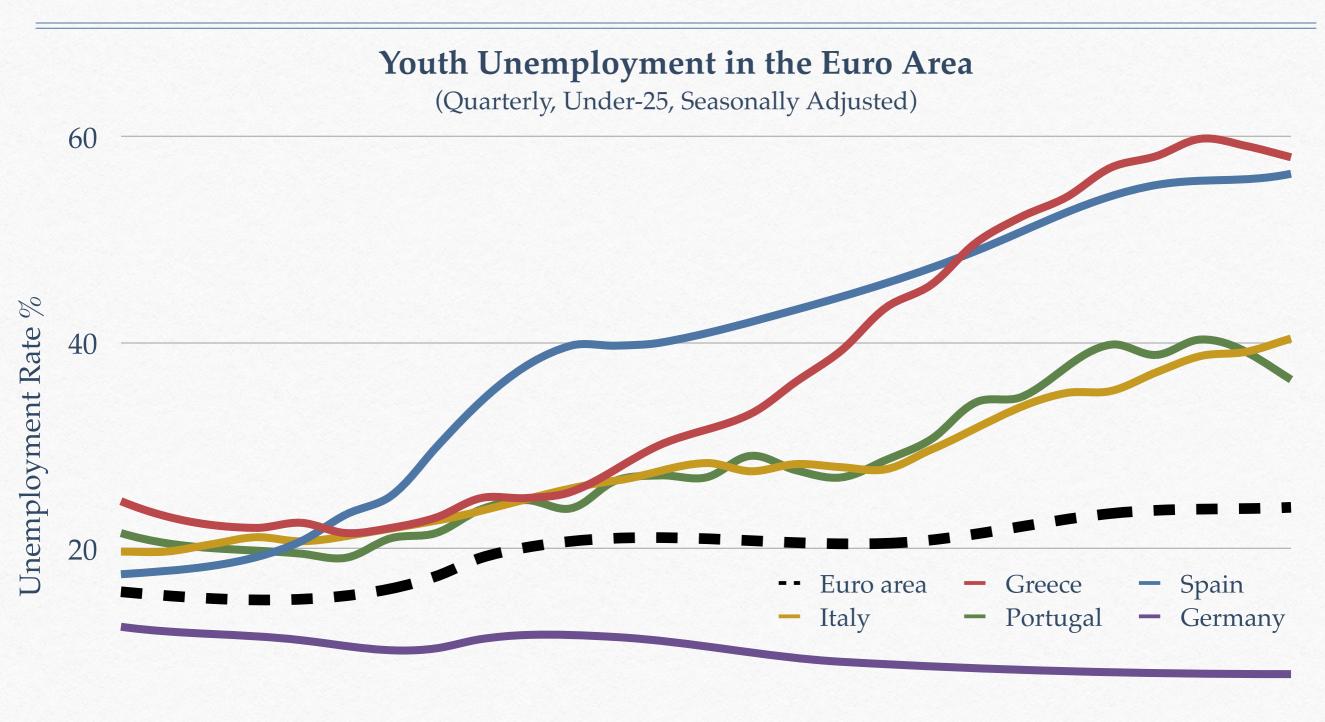


## Unsustainable Unemployment Rates



Source: Hellenic Statistical Authority, macropolis.gr

## The Threat of Youth Unemployment



2007 2007Q3 2008 2008Q3 2009 2009Q3 2010 2010Q3 2011 2011Q3 2012 2012Q3 2013 2013Q3





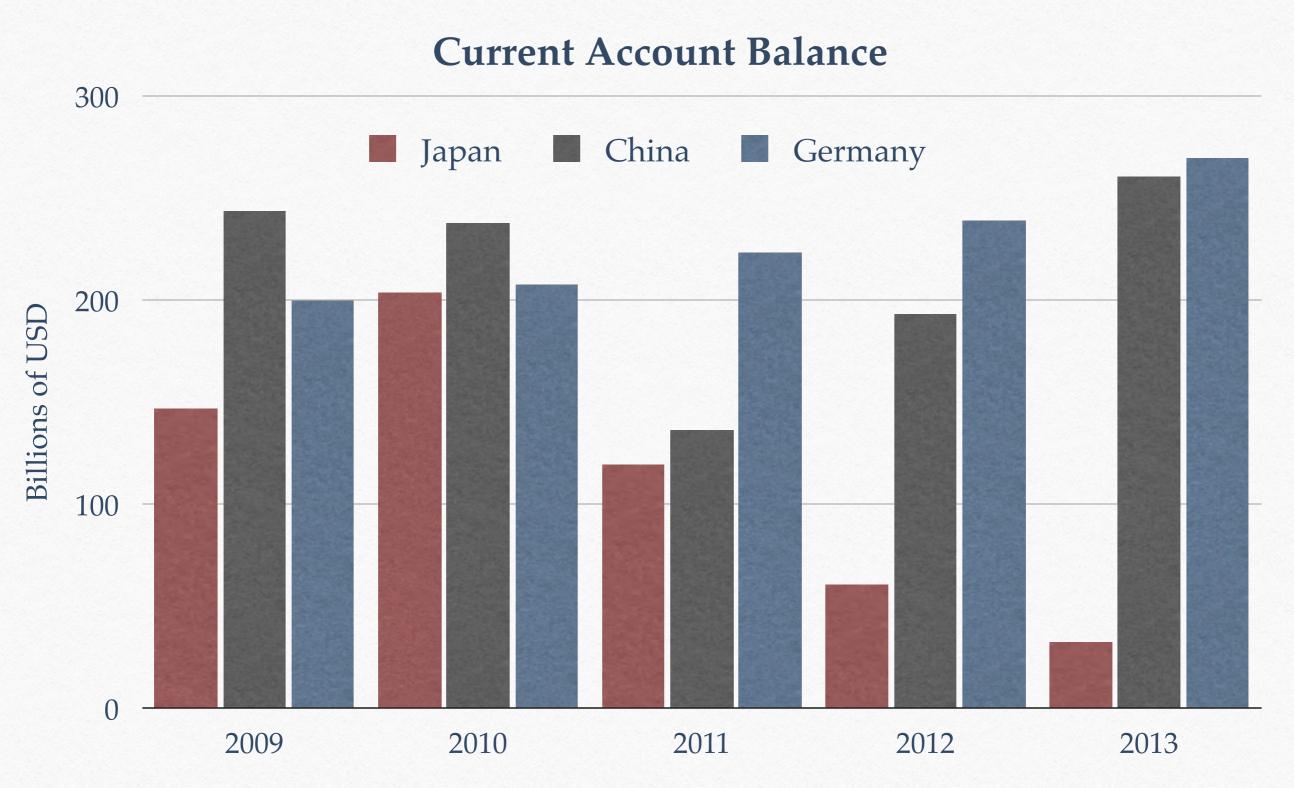








# Germany's Growing Surplus The largest in the world



Sources: World Bank, Associated Press, Reuters









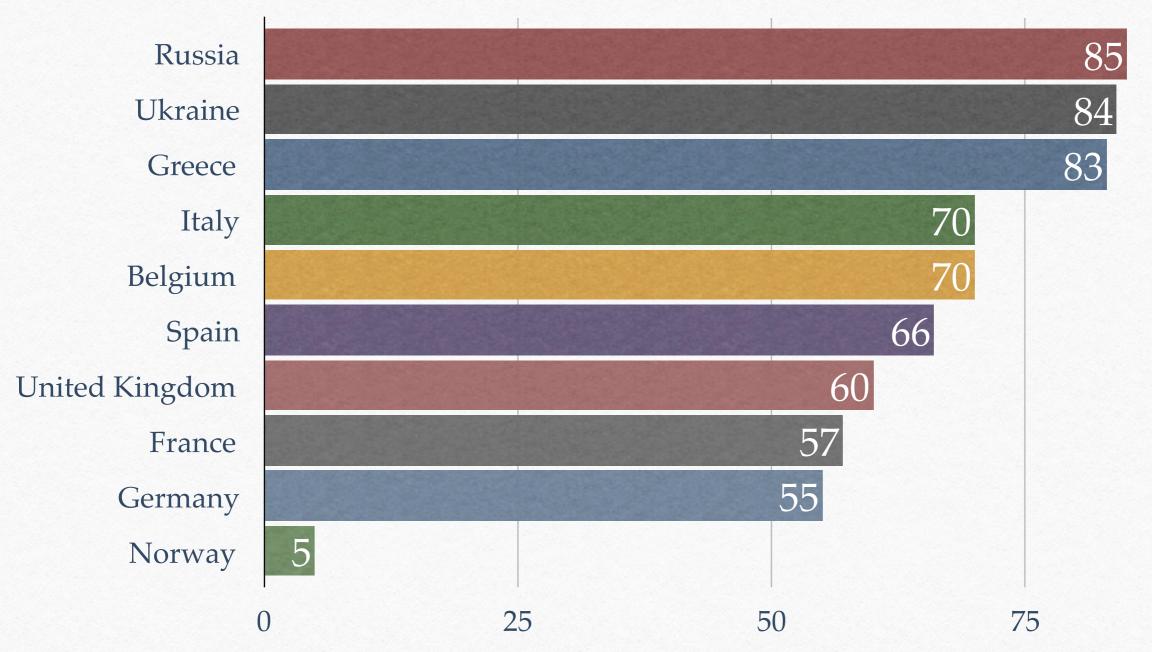


### The European Family of Values

#### Strengthening democracy

## To what extent is this country's government run by a few big entities acting in their own best interests?

(Percent of respondents answering 'large extent or entirely')



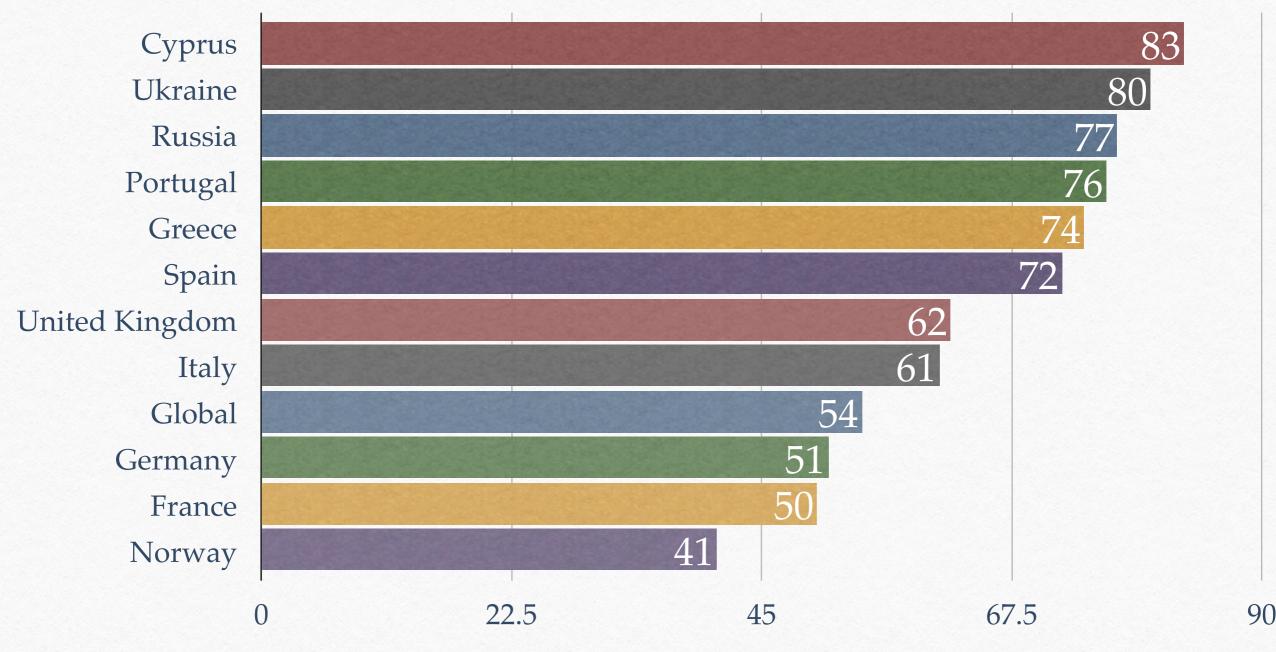
Source: Transparency International, Global Corruption Barometer 2013

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#### Promoting good governance

## How effective do you think your government's actions are in the fight against corruption?

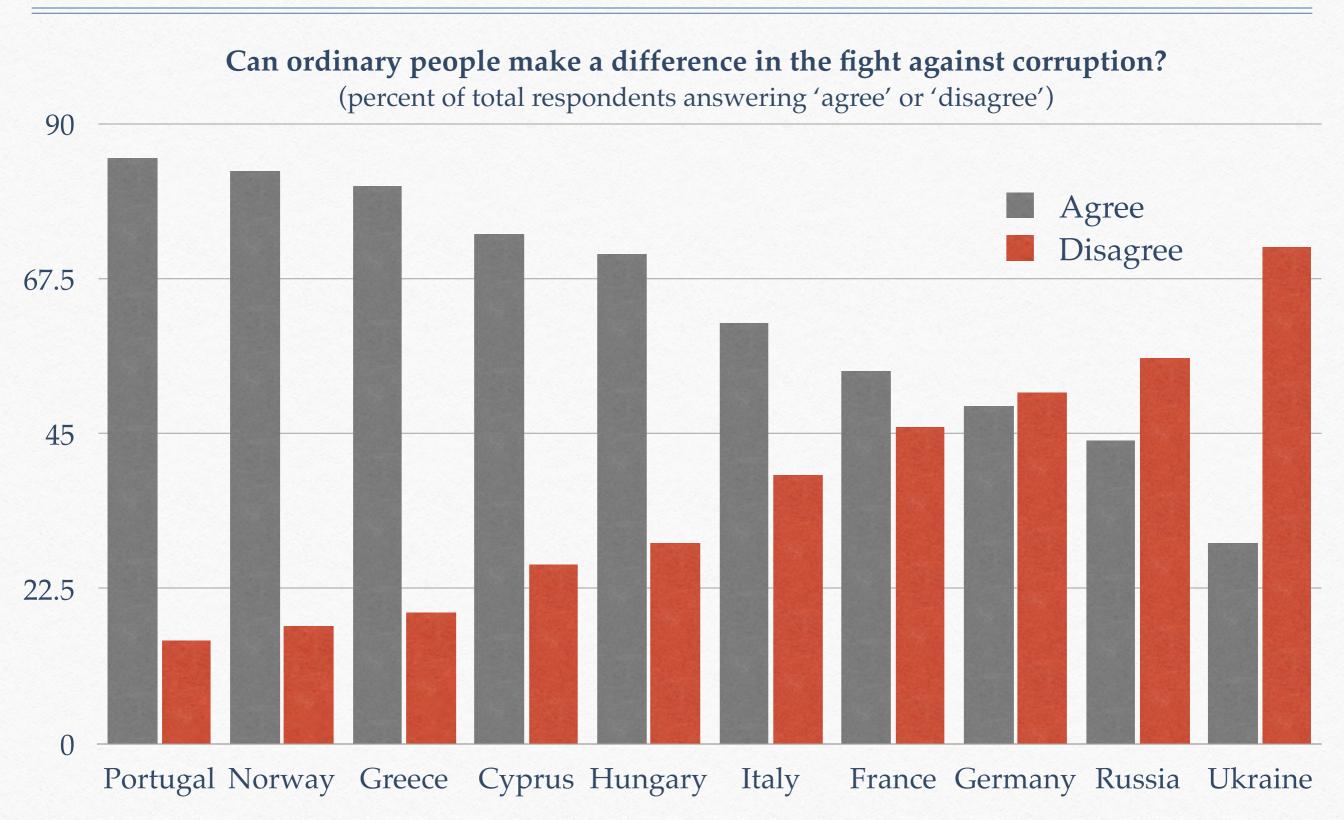
(Percent of respondents answering 'ineffective')



Source: Transparency International, Global Corruption Barometer 2013

### The European Family of Values

### Empowering citizens



#### The Global Economy in 2050

2011			2050		
Rank	Country	GDP at PPP	Rank	Country	GDP at PPP
1	US	15,094	1	China	53,856
2	China	11,347	2	US	37,998
3	India	4,531	3	India	34,704
4	Japan	4,381	4	Brazil	8,825
5	Germany	3,221	5	Japan	8,065
6	Russia	3,031	6	Russia	8,013
7	Brazil	2,305	7	Mexico	7,409
8	France	2,303	8	Indonesia	6,346
9	UK	2,287	9	Germany	5,822
10	Italy	1,979	10	France	5,714



## "We speak as German but also as EU citizens who are connected with other EU citizens in a community."

#### -Glienicker Gruppe

