

The Five Gauges Scorecard

Watch all five; it is their combination, not any one alone, that is dangerous.

1 • The blocked generation — the dry timber

High youth unemployment; a generation more qualified than its economy can absorb.

2 • The grievance backlog — the kindling

Rising prices, visibly decaying services, corruption watched in real time.

3 • The legitimacy deficit — the missing safety valve

Falling trust in institutions; no channel for dissent the public believes in.

4 • The trigger conditions — the box of matches

A recent injustice that can crystallise the anger — and a reflex of meeting protest with force.

5 • The wiring — the wind

Deep social-media penetration, a young population on the networks, a history of shutdowns.

Score each — Low / Medium / High:

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| ☐ Are large numbers of our young educated, connected, and without prospects? | L | M | H |
| ☐ Are the costs of daily life outrunning incomes, and are services visibly failing? | L | M | H |
| ☐ Is corruption both widespread and visible — and do people believe nothing is done? | L | M | H |
| ☐ Do people have a real, trusted way to be heard between elections? | L | M | H |
| ☐ Has a recent injustice become a possible rallying cry — and do we reach for force? | L | M | H |
| ☐ Is our population young, heavily online — and has it watched us reach for the off-switch? | L | M | H |

Two clocks: the gauges measure slow risk — whether the house is full of gas. The match belongs to a faster clock — a rumour outrunning the truth. Watch both dials.