

Chinas Social Credit Score System (1/2)

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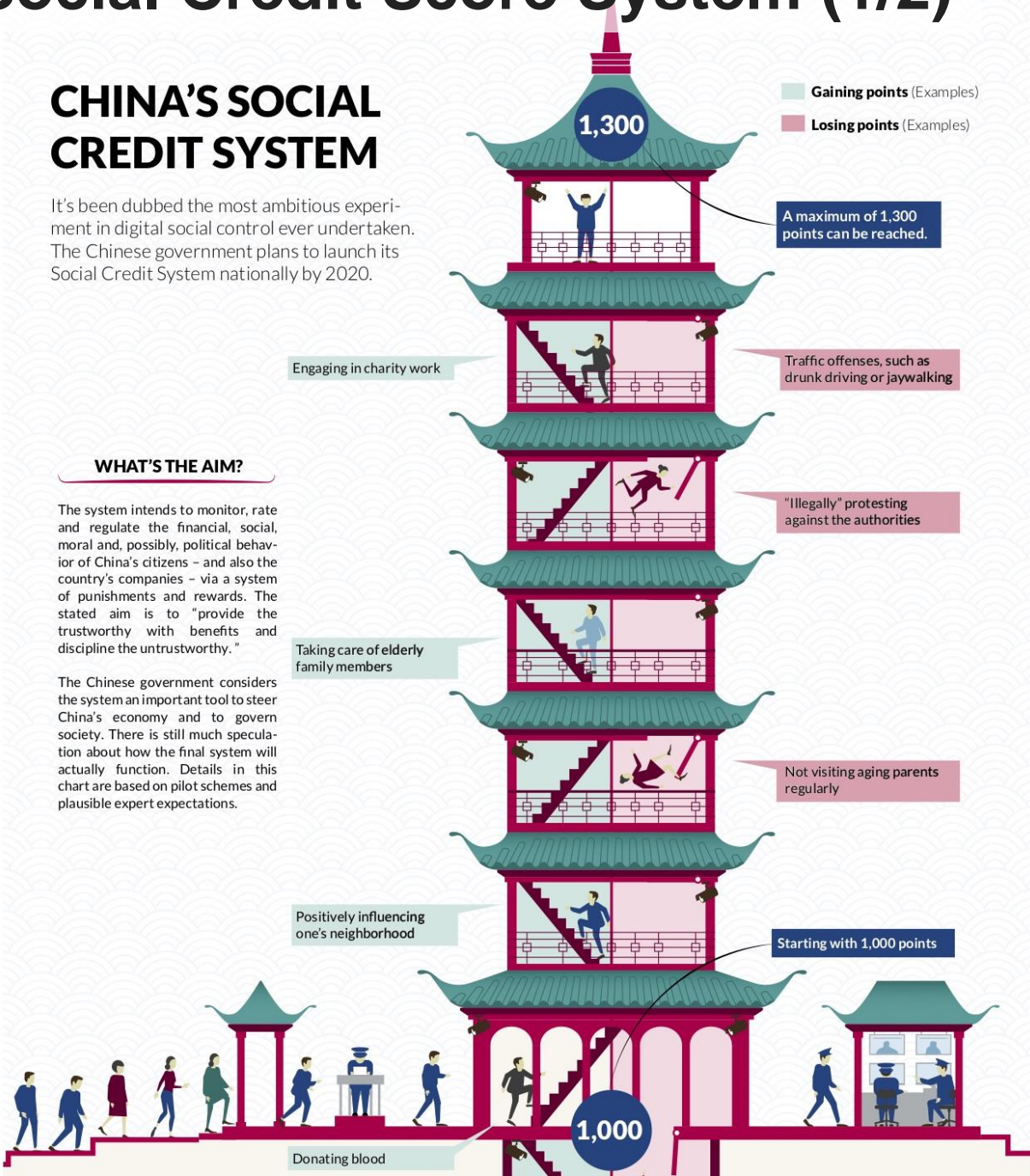
CHINA'S SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM

It's been dubbed the most ambitious experiment in digital social control ever undertaken. The Chinese government plans to launch its Social Credit System nationally by 2020.

WHAT'S THE AIM?

The system intends to monitor, rate and regulate the financial, social, moral and, possibly, political behavior of China's citizens – and also the country's companies – via a system of punishments and rewards. The stated aim is to "provide the trustworthy with benefits and discipline the untrustworthy."

The Chinese government considers the system an important tool to steer China's economy and to govern society. There is still much speculation about how the final system will actually function. Details in this chart are based on pilot schemes and plausible expert expectations.



REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS

Citizens with high scores get to enjoy special "privileges" while those with low scores ultimately risk getting treated as second-class citizens.

HIGH SCORES CAN LEAD TO

- ★ Priority for school admissions and employment.
- 🏠 Easier access to cash loans and consumer credit.
- 🚲 Deposit-free bicycle and car hire.
- 💪 Free gym facilities.
- 🚶 Cheaper public transport.
- 🏥 Shorter wait times in hospitals.
- 👤 Fast-track promotion at work.
- 👥 Jumping the queue for public housing.
- 📉 Tax breaks.

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