The SOM Institute

The SOM Institute at University of Gothenburg, founded in 1986, conducts interdisciplinary survey research and organizes seminars on the topics of Society, Opinion and Media (hence the name SOM). The Institute is jointly managed by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Department of Political Science and CEFOS (Center for Public Sector Research) at University of Gothenburg.

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National SOM

From 1986 till 1997, the core of the SOM Institute has been an annual nationwide survey, National SOM, carried out every autumn in the form of a mail questionnaire to 2 800 randomly selected persons between the ages of 15 and 80. Since 1998 the survey has more than doubled, and now comprising 6 000 respondents with an increased age limit to 85.

The central questions addressed in National SOM are attitudes toward mass media, politics and public services. A report summarizing the main results of each year’s survey is published annually. The data files from the surveys are deposited at the Swedish National Data Service in Göteborg. The results on the following pages are based on data from National SOM.

Western and Southern SOM

Beginning in 1992, a similar survey has been conducted in Western Sweden. Called Western SOM, this survey was originally limited to Göteborg and its surrounding municipalities. The survey has since 1998 been widened, to comprise the entire Västra Götaland Region with a sample of 6 000 persons. Since 2001 four regional surveys have been conducted in Southern Sweden (Skåne) as well.

Local SOM

In the fall of 1996, a series of local surveys was conducted for the first time in three districts of Göteborg and in one neighbouring municipality. The sample size was 1 200 respondents per sample area. The purpose of these local surveys is to better analyze the connection between people’s living conditions and their attitudes, perceptions and behaviour.

Student SOM

To help generate a wider interest in SOM, Student SOM was introduced in 1993. It is based on a questionnaire issued to all first-year students at the three departments, from the year 2000 to the whole social science faculty, with questions concerning their studies. Student SOM also contains items from National SOM and provides an opportunity to compare students with the general public as well as making it possible to explore methodological issues.
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SOCIAL TRENDS
EMPLOYMENT

Comment: Based on self classification. Unemployment includes people in relief work or training programs. The percent calculations are based upon respondents who answered the questions.

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Question: “Which of the following groups do you belong to?”

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"According to your view, during the last twelve months, has the Swedish economy improved, remained the same, or worsened?"
ASSESSING PERSONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION

Personal Financial Situation compared to twelve months ago

Comment: All respondents are included in the percent calculations.

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Question: “According to your view, during the last twelve months, has your personal financial situation improved, remained the same, or worsened?”
Question: Which of the following categories best describes your family?

- Workers: 43%
- Lower Non-manual Employees: 35%
- Higher Non-manual Employees: 10%
- Self-employed/Business: 9%
- Farmers: 4%

Comment: Percentages are based on respondents answering the question.
Comment: The results are percent indicating very or fairly much confidence minus percent indicating fairly or very little confidence (opinion balance). The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much, nor little; Fairly little; Very little".

Question: "How much confidence do you have in the way the following institutions/groups do their job?"

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Royal Family, Swedish Church & Defence

Opinion balance


Royal Family

Swedish Church

Defence
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**Graph:**
- **Bank of Sweden:** Opinion balance ranged from 46 to 62 between 1986 and 2010.
- **Banks:** Opinion balance ranged from 13 to 2 between 1986 and 2010.
- **Big Business:** Opinion balance ranged from 49 to 7 between 1986 and 2010.
- **Trade Unions:** Opinion balance ranged from 46 to 7 between 1986 and 2010.

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Question: “How much confidence do you have in the way the following institutions/groups do their job?”

Graph:
- Daily Press & Radio/TV

Graph labels:
- X-axis: Years (1986 to 2010)
- Y-axis: Opinion balance
- Legend: Daily Press, Radio/TV
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Question: "How much confidence do you have in the way the following institutions/groups do their job?"
CONFIDENCE IN SOME PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Comment: The results are percent indicating very or fairly much confidence. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item, including those who marked "no opinion". Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much, nor little; Fairly little; Very little; No opinion".

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Question: “How much confidence do you have in the way the following professional groups do their job?”

Staff in Health care
Policemen
Academic Researchers
Teachers, Elementary School
National Politicians
PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL SOCIETY

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Comment: All respondents are included in the percent calculations.

Question: “List which associations you are a member of, and how active you are in those associations?”
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**Comment:** The cinema and theater figures as well as those for stock market activity and travel abroad indicate attendance/activity at least once every six months, while religious service and restaurant figures indicate an attendance of at least once a month. All other results are based on at least weekly activity. A "-" indicates that the question was not included in the survey this year. * The wording in 1996 – 1997 and 1998 respectively differs somewhat from that used from 1999 onwards. ** The results for 1987 – 2004 combine Smoked/Used snuff, starting in 2005 “smoked” and “used snuff” are shown separately. Items: Spent time in the outdoors (forest, sea or lake); engaged in exercise or sport; gone to the movies; attended the theater; read a book; discussed politics; attended a church service or religious meeting; bet or played the lottery; smoked/used snuff; consumed liquor/wine/beer? Response alternatives: “Never; About once a year; About once every six months; About once every three months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week”.

**Question:** How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?

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DRINKING LIQUOR/WINE STRONG BEER REGULARLY

Comment: Figures are based on at least weekly activity. Percentages are based on respondents answering at least one item of a multi-item question on lifestyle and leisure activities. A "." indicates that the question was not included in the survey this year. Response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once a year; About once every six months; About once every three months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week".

Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?" "Drinking liquor/wine/beer?"

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Drinking alcohol at Least Once a Week

- Men: 51%
- Women: 39%

Years

Percent

ALL: 28 27 30 30 28 29 31 33 34 35 39 38 37 39 42 40 44 44 45

TRUST IN PEOPLE

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Comment: The scale runs between 0 and 10 with 0 labeled “It is not possible to trust people in general”, and 10 “It is possible to trust people in general”. Percentages are based on all respondents, including “Don’t knows” (2–6 percent through the years).

Question: “According to your view, to what extent is it possible to trust people in general? Please answer using this scale.”

Years


Percent

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High (7-10)

Medium (4-6)

Low (0-3)
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**Comment:** The results show percent respondents answering "Very important". Percentages are based on those answering at least one item. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very important; Fairly important; Neither important, nor unimportant; Not very important; Not at all important." Thanks to Karl Erik Rosengren and Bo Reimer for introducing the Rokeach questions in the SOM Studies.

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**Question:** "How important do you consider the following things to be to yourself?"
SATISFACTION IN LIFE

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Comment: Percentages are calculated among respondents who answered the question. The two negative response alternatives are combined into "Not satisfied" in the figure. Four response alternatives to the question asked: "Very satisfied; Fairly satisfied; Not very satisfied; Not at all satisfied."

Question: "On the whole, how satisfied are you with the life you lead?"

Years


Percent

Not satisfied

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90

36

Not very satisfied

57

Fairly satisfied

40

Very satisfied

7

Not at all satisfied

6

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Comment: The Results show percent answering "Very" or "Fairly much" confidence. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item. Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much nor little; Fairly little; Very little; No opinion".

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Question: "How much confidence do you have in the following research areas?"
WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT

Principal investigator: Åsa Nilsson, phone: +46 31 786 1239, e-mail: asa.nilsson@jmg.gu.se

Comment: The Results show percent answering “Very worrying” among persons who answered at least part of the question. Over the years asked about for some twenty issues/problems. The response alternatives are: “Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying.”

Question: “Looking at today’s situation, what worries you most?”

Changes in Global Climate, Environmental Deterioration & Economic Crises

- Changes in Global Climate: 72% in 1986, 40% in 1996, 37% in 2000, 48% in 2008, 41% in 2010
- Environmental Deterioration: 41% in 1986, 37% in 1996, 37% in 2000, 48% in 2008, 40% in 2010
- Economic Crises: 19% in 1986, 19% in 1996, 19% in 2000, 19% in 2008, 20% in 2010

Percent

Years (1986-2010)
Comment: The Results show percent answering "Very worrying" among persons who answered at least part of the question. Over the years asked about for some twenty issues/problems. The response alternatives are: "Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying."

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Question: "Looking at today’s situation, what worries you most?"

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POLITICAL TRENDS
Comment: The results show percent “Very much” or “Fairly interested” in politics and percent party members among all respondents. Four response alternatives to the question asked: “Very interested; Fairly interested; Not especially interested; Not at all interested”. Membership in party youth and women’s organizations is included in party membership.

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Question: “In general, how interested are you in politics?”
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Comment: Results are unweighted and calculated among eligible voters (18 years minimum and Swedish citizen).

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Question: “Which party do you like best at the present time?”
STRENGTH OF PARTY CONVICTION THROUGH ELECTORAL CYCLES

Comment: The results show percent very convinced or somewhat convinced party supporters among all respondents. The question is given to respondents stating a party preference. Response alternatives to the question asked: “Yes, very convinced”, “Yes, somewhat convinced”, “No”.

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Question: “Do you consider yourself a convinced supporter of your party?”

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Comment: No answers (3 - 5 percent on average every year) are excluded from the analysis. Five response alternatives: "Clearly to the Left; Somewhat to the Left; Neither to the Left, nor to the Right; Somewhat to the Right; Clearly to the Right".

Question: "It is sometimes said that political opinions can be placed on a scale from left to right. Where would you place yourself on such a left-right scale?"
The results show percent respondents answering "Very" or "Fairly well/bad". The percentages are based on all respondents in 1991, 1994 and 2006 there were government turnovers. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very well; Fairly well; Neither well, nor badly; Fairly badly; Very badly".

Question: "How well do you think the Government is doing its job?"
SATISFACTION WITH THE WORKING OF DEMOCRACY

Comment: The results show percentages responding “Very” or “Fairly satisfied” among people answering the questions. Four questions asked: “Satisfied with the way democracy works... 1) In your country, 2) In your region, 3) In your local government and 4) In the European Union.”

Question: “On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works?”

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GENERALIZED TRUST IN SWEDISH POLITICIANS

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**Comment:** The results show percent answering “Very much” or “Fairly much” among all respondents. No answer varies between 1-4 percent, and is included in the percentage base. Four response alternatives to the question asked: “Very much, Fairly much, Fairly little, Very little”.

**Question:** “In general, how much do you trust Swedish politicians?”
Comment: The results show percent answering “Very good” or “Fairly good” proposal among persons who answered each item. Six response alternatives are to the question asked: “Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion”.

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Question: “Here are a number of proposals. What is your view on them?”
POLITICAL ISSUES
### IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR SWEDES

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**Comment:** The percentages are based on all respondents. The respondents were asked to provide a maximum of three issues/societal problems.

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**Question:** Which issue(s) or societal problem(s) do you think is/are the most important in Sweden today?
Comment: All respondents are included in the percent calculations. Five response alternatives to the question asked: “Abolish nuclear power quickly; Abolish nuclear power, but not until our present reactors have done their job; Use nuclear power and renew the reactors when they are worn out; Use nuclear power and build additional reactors in the future; No definite opinion.”

Question: “What is your view on the long term use of nuclear power as an energy source in Sweden?”

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The results are means ranging between 1 ("Low risk") and 10 ("High risk"). Response alternatives to the question asked, were offered in the form of a scale ranging between 1 ("Very little risk") and 10 ("Very large risk").

Question: “What is your opinion on the following risks that have been discussed in connection with nuclear power?”

Countries in Eastern Europe cannot handle nuclear power safely

Nuclear power leads to more countries getting nuclear

Sweden cannot handle nuclear waste disposal safely

Nuclear accident involving a reactor in Sweden
GO IN FOR DIFFERENT ENERGY SOURCES

Comment: All respondents who answered each question are included in the percentage base. Five response alternatives to the question asked: “More than today; About as today; Less than today; Abolish/give up the energy source completely; No opinion.”

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Question: “During the next 5 – 10 years, to what extent should Sweden go in for the following energy sources?”
Comment: All respondents who answered any item in the battery of questions are included in the percent calculations. Six response alternatives to the question asked; “Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal”.

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Question: “Reduce the size of the public sector?”
ATTITUDES TOWARDS PROPOSALS FOR PRIVATIZATION IN SWEDEN

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Comment: The results are percent in favour of a proposal minus percent opposed (opinion balance). All respondents who answered any item in the battery of questions are included in the percent calculations.

Questions:

“Convert public utilities like Swedish Telecom into private enterprises; increase the proportion of health care operated by private interests; let private enterprises handle care for the elderly; give more resources to free schools”. In all four cases response alternatives were: “very good proposal; fairly good proposal; neither good, nor bad proposal; fairly bad proposal; very bad proposal?”
Comment: The results show percent respondents answering "Very good" or "Fairly good", among women and men. The percentages are based on the number of respondents answering the question. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good idea; Fairly good idea; Neither good, nor bad idea; Fairly bad idea; Very bad idea".

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Comment: The results show percent answering "Very good/bad" or "Fairly good/bad" among respondents who answered the question. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal".

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MEDIA TRENDS
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Comment: The results show percent of all respondents reading a morning paper in print or online at least five days a week, reading an evening tabloid in print or online at least three days a week, and watching the specified TV news show at least five days a week.

Questions: “How often do you usually watch or listen to the following programmes on radio or television? If you read a morning paper regularly – about how many times a week do you usually read? How often have you visited news sites on the Internet?”
The results show percent of all respondents subscribing to a mornings paper; reading at least one morning paper at least five days a week (except reading on the internet). Average reading time among readers at least once a week (not measures in 2010).

**Question:**
- Do you read or look into a morning paper regularly? If yes, write down the name of the paper or papers and state how many days you usually read or look into it?
- Do you or anybody else in your household subscribe to a newspaper?
- How long time do you normally spend with your local morning paper on an average weekday?

**Comment:**
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Question: “Have you considered abolishing your newspaper subscription/s that you have, or has it been discussed in your family during the last half year? If yes, for what reason have you considered abolishing your subscription?”

Comment: The figure shows the percentage among those who have considered abolishing a newspaper subscription. The percent having considered abolishing their newspaper subscription is shown for each year below the figure. It shows the percentage of those having a newspaper subscription. For the first part of the question the response alternatives were: “No; Yes, very occasionally; Yes, several times; Undecided, don’t know; Do not subscribe to any newspaper”. In the second part fixed response alternative were given, of which six are mentioned in the figure. The question is asked every second year from 2004, except 2010.

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Question: “How important do you personally consider the following local newspaper contents to be?”

Comment: The results are means running from 10 (“Very unimportant”) to 70 (“Very important”). The data for the years 1979 and 1983 are taken from previous non-SOM studies, based on mail questionnaires. The study is carried out every fourth year. Seven response alternatives to the question asked ranging from “Unimportant” to “Very important”. The question is asked every fourth year.

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LISTENING TO PUBLIC SERVICE VS. PRIVATE RADIO

Comment: The results show percent of all respondents listening at least five days a week to any public service channel and any private radio channel respectively. Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Daily; 5–6 days a week; 3–4 days a week; 1–2 days a week; More seldom; Never".

Question: “How often do you listen to the following radio channels?”

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The results show the percent among all respondents indicating access to the specified equipment in their household. Minor changes in the age composition of the sample over the years affect the level of penetration of media like video, CD-players and PC/internet with a few percentage points.

Question: "Among the following, what kinds of equipment do you have access to in your household?"

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INTERNET USAGE

Comment: The results show percent among all respondents, using the Internet several times a week. Seven response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once/every month; About once/every week; Several times a week".

Question: "During the last twelve months how often have you used the Internet?"

Principal investigator: Annika Bergström, phone: +46 31 786 5178, e-mail: annika.bergstrom@jmg.gu.se
Comment: The results are percent indicating "Very much confidence" or "Fairly much confidence" minus percent indicating "Fairly little confidence" or "Very little confidence (opinion balance). Percentages are based on respondents who answered at least parts of the question.

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Question: “How much confidence do you have in content of the following media?”
Comment: The results show per cent watching the channel at least five days a week. Percentages are based on respondents answering at least one question item.

Question: "How often do you normally watch programmes in the following TV channels?"
Comment: The results show per cent watching the programme category at least on a weekly basis. Percentages are based on respondents answering at least one question item. None of the categories were measured 2006 and 2007. News and Current Affairs were also not measured 2005.

Question: “How often do you normally watch programmes in the following TV channels?”
Comment: The result show percent reading a book on at least a weekly basis among respondents who answered at least parts of a multi-item question on leisure activities. Six response alternatives to the question asked: “Never; About once a year; About once every six months; About once every three months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week”.

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Question: “How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?”
### MOST READ CONTENT IN LOCAL MORNING PAPERS

**Question:** “How much of the following content types do you usually read in the local morning paper?”

**Comment:** The results show percent respondents answering “Everything/almost everything” or “Fairly much”. The results refer to the population reading a local newspaper at least once a week. Percentages are based on respondents who answered at least one question item. The question is asked every second year from 2004. Five response alternatives to the question asked: “Everything/almost everything”; “Fairly much”; “Not very much”; “Nothing/hardly anything”; “Don’t know”.

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SWEDEN AND THE WORLD
Comment: The results show percent answering "Very/fairly good" or "Very/fairly bad" among respondents who answered the question. There was no ASOM measurement in 2008. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good nor, Bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal."

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Question: “Reduce foreign aid?”

The graph shows the percent of respondents answering "Very/fairly good" or "Very/fairly bad" over the years from 1987 to 2009. The graph indicates a general trend of decreasing support for reducing foreign aid, with a slight increase in recent years. The data also include a comparison of percent answering "Bad Idea" and "Good Idea" for the question "Reduce foreign aid?".
Comment: The results show percent answering "Very good proposal" or "Fairly good proposal". Only respondents answering the question are included in the percentage base. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal."

Question: "Reduce defence spending?"
Question: “What is your opinion of the Swedish membership in the European Union?”

Comment: All respondents answering the question are included in the percentage base. Three response alternatives to the question asked: “On the whole in favour; On the whole against; No definite opinion.”

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**Question:** “Sweden should apply for membership in NATO”

**Comment:** Only respondents answering the questions are included in the percent calculations. Five possible answers to the claim: “very good proposal; fairly good proposal; neither good, nor bad proposal; fairly bad proposal; very bad proposal.”

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**Graph:**