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SOCIAL TRENDS
**ASSESSMENT OF THE SWEDISH ECONOMY**

The Swedish economy compared to twelve months ago

**Comment:** Five response alternatives are given: "Gotten much better; Gotten somewhat better; Stayed about the same; Gotten somewhat worse; Gotten much worse". All respondents are included in the analysis.

**Question:** "According to your view, during the last twelve months, has the Swedish economy gotten better, remained the same, or gotten worse?"

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1986 –2017
ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION

Personal financial situation compared to twelve months ago

Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "Gotten much better; Gotten somewhat better; Stayed about the same; Gotten somewhat worse; Gotten much worse". All respondents are included in the analysis.

Question: “According to your view, during the last twelve months, has your personal financial situation gotten better, remained the same, or gotten worse?”

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS
Police and Courts

Comment: The lines show the percentage of respondents indicating very or fairly much confidence minus the percentage indicating fairly or very little confidence (opinion balance). The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item. Five response alternatives are given: "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?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS
Royal Family, Swedish armed forces and Church of Sweden

Comment: The lines show the percentage of respondents indicating very or fairly much confidence minus the percentage indicating fairly or very little confidence (opinion balance). The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item. Five response alternatives are given: "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?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS
Bank of Sweden, Banks, Big business and Trade unions

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017

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CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS
Parliament, Government, Local governments and Political parties

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Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
Confidence in Institutions

United Nations, EU Commission and EU Parliament

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Daily press and Radio/Television

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Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS
Health Care, Universities and Elementary Schools

Comment: The lines show the percentage of respondents indicating very or fairly much confidence minus the percentage indicating fairly or very little confidence (opinion balance). The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item. Five response alternatives are given: "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?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
CONFIDENCE IN SOME PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Comment: Six response alternatives are given: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much, nor little; Fairly little; Very little, No opinion". 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".

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

Source: The National SOM survey 2002–2017
PUBLIC TRUST IN SCIENCE

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

Question: "How much confidence do you have in the following research areas?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2002–2017
Comment: The cinema and theatre figures indicate attendance/activity at least once every six months, while restaurant figures indicate attendance at least once a month. The results show percent answering "Very" or "fairly" satisfied. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each question.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2017
LEISURE ACTIVITIES
Sports, Outdoor life and Exercise

Comment: The figures indicate attendance/activity at least once a week. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each question.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1998–2017

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LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Attended church service or religious meeting and Prayed to God

Comment: Attended church service figures indicate attendance at least once a month, while ‘prayed to God’ figures indicate activity at least once a month. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each question.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2017

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**Comment:** The figures indicate activity at least once a week. Percentages are based on respondents answering at least one item of a multi-item question on lifestyle and leisure activities.

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

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1992–2017

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TRUST IN PEOPLE

Comment: The scale runs between 0 and 10 with 0 labeled “It is not possible to trust people in general” and 10 labeled “It is possible to trust people in general”. Percentages are based on all respondents in the survey including non-opinion (varies between 2 and 6 percent).

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1996–2017
### Rokeach Terminal Values (Percent)

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**Kommentar:** Five response alternatives are given: "Very important; Fairly important; Neither important, nor unimportant; Not very important; Not at all important". The results show percent respondents answering "Very important". Percentages are based on those answering at least one item.

**Frågeformulering:** "How important do you consider the following things to be to yourself?"

**Källa:** The National SOM survey 1988–2014
SATISFACTION IN LIFE

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

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1996–2017
WHAT SWedes WORRY ABOUT
Unemployment and Economic crises

Comment: Four response alternatives to are given: "Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying". The results show percent answering "Very worrying" among persons who answered at least part of the question.

Question: "Looking at today's situation, how much does the following worry you?"

WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT
Changes in global climate and Environmental deterioration

Comment: Four response alternatives are given: "Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying". The results show percent answering "Very worrying" among persons who answered at least part of the question.

Question: "Looking at today's situation, how much does the following worry you?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT
Terrorism, Organized crime and The situation in Russia

Comment: Four response alternatives are given: "Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying". The results show percent answering "Very worrying" among persons who answered at least part of the question.

Question: "Looking at today's situation, how much does the following worry you?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT

Increased xenophobia, Increased number of refugees and Social inequality

Comment: Four response alternatives are given: "Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying". The results show percent answering "Very worrying" among persons who answered at least part of the question.

Question: "Looking at today's situation, how much does the following worry you?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1993–2017
POLITICAL TRENDS
Comment: Four response alternatives are given: "Very interested; Fairly interested; Not especially interested; Not at all interested". The results show percent "Very much" or "Fairly interested" in politics and percent party members among all respondents. 'Discussed politics' show the percentage who discuss politics at least once a week.

Question: "In general, how interested are you in politics?", "Are you a member of a political party?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
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**Comment:** The results are unweighted and calculated among eligible voters (18 years or older and Swedish citizens). The column "No party" show the share that has not answered the question and therefore are not a part of the analysis.

**Question:** "Which party do you like best at the present time?"

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1986–2017
Comment: The question is given to respondents stating a party preference. Response alternatives to the question asked: "Yes, very convinced", "Yes, somewhat convinced", "No". The results show percent very convinced or somewhat convinced party supporters among all respondents.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Left Party (V)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017

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VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Social Democratic Party (S)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Center Party (C)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

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VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Christian Democratic Party (KD)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2017
VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Moderate Party (M)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 (“Dislike”) and +5 (“Like”). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 (“Dislike”) and +50 (“Like”).

Question: “Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?”

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS
The leader of the Green Party (MP)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1993–2017
VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS
The leader of the Sweden Democratic Party (SD)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2007–2017
Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "Clearly to the left; Somewhat to the left; Neither to the left, nor to the right; Somewhat to the right; Somewhat to the left". No-answers (3-5 percent on average every year) are excluded from the analysis.

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?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
ASSESSMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "Very well; Fairly well; Neither well, nor badly; Fairly badly; Very badly". The results show percent respondents answering "Very or "Fairly well/bad".

Question: "How well do you think the Government is doing its job?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
SATISFACTION WITH THE WAY DEMOCRACY WORKS

**Comment:** Four response alternatives are given: "Very satisfied; fairly satisfied; Not very satisfied; Not at all satisfied". The results show percentages responding "Very" or "Fairly satisfied" among people answering the questions.

**Question:** "On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works?"

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1999–2017
**GENERAL TRUST IN SWEDISH POLITICIANS**

**Comment:** Four response alternatives are given: "Very much; Fairly much; Fairly little; Very little". The results show percent answering "Very much" or "Fairly much" among all respondents. No-answers vary between 1 to 4 percent, and are included in the percentage base.

**Question:** "In general, how much do you trust Swedish politicians?"

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1998–2017
POLITICAL ISSUES
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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 in an open-ended question.

**Question:** "Which issue(s) or societal problem(s) do you think is/are the most important in Sweden today?"

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1987–2017
ATTITUDES TOWARDS NUCLEAR POWER

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?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017

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INVEST IN DIFFERENT ENERGY SOURCES
Percentage answering "More than today"

Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "More than today; About the same as today; Less than today; Abolish/Give up the energy source completely; No opinion". All respondents who answered each question are included in the percentage base.

Question: "During the next 5-10 years, how much should we in Sweden invest in the following energy sources?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1999–2017
Comment: All respondents who answered any item in the battery of questions are included in the percent calculations. Six response alternatives are given: “Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal”.

Question: “Below is a number of proposals that have appeared in the political debate. What is your opinion of them? - Reduce the public sector”

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
ATTITUDES TOWARD PRIVATIZATION IN SWEDEN

Question: “Convert public utilities like Swedish Telecom into private enterprises; Increase the proportion of health care operated by private interests; Let private enterprises handle elderly care; Give more resources to independent schools”.

Source: The National SOM survey 1987–2017

Comment: In all four cases response alternatives were: “Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal”. The results are percent in favour of a proposal minus percent opposed (opinion balance).
Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "Very good idea; fairly good idea; Neither good, nor bad idea; Fairly bad idea; Very bad idea". 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.

Question: "Below is a number of proposals that have appeared in the political debate. What is your opinion of them? - Introduce six-hour work day"

Source: The National SOM survey 1996–2017
Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very good/bad" or "Fairly good/bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Below is a number of proposals that have appeared in the political debate. What is your opinion of them? - Accept fewer refugees"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990–2017
Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very good/bad" or "Fairly good/bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Below is a number of proposals that have appeared in the political debate. What is your opinion of them? - Profits should be forbidden within tax-financed healthcare, education and social care".

Source: The National SOM survey 2012–2017
Comment: Six response alternatives are given: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very good" or "fairly good" proposal among persons who answered each item.

Question: "Here are a number of proposals. What is your view on them?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2001–2017
Comment: Six response alternatives are given: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very good" or "fairly good" proposal among persons who answered each item.

Question: "Here are a number of proposals. What is your view on them?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2001–2017

Legalize euthanasia in Sweden
Forbid research on embryonic stem cells
Introduce death penalty for murder
Limit the right to abortion

SUPPORT FOR NEW AND OLD VALUE ISSUES

Percent

Year

MEDIA TRENDS
Comment: The results show percent of all respondents reading a morning paper in print at least five days a week, watch television and radio news at least five days a week as well as read morning paper online and tabloid at least three days a week. "Morning paper online" includes "Other local morning paper", "Svenska Dagbladet" and "Dagens nyheter".

Question: "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 do you read an evening tabloid in print or online?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990–2017
Question: "Do you read or look in 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?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990–2017

Comment: The results show percent of all respondents subscribing to a morning paper in print; reading at least one morning paper (in print) at least five days a week.
LISTENING TO PUBLIC SERVICE VS. COMMERCIAL RADIO

Comment: Six response alternatives are given: "Daily; 5-6 days a week; 3-4 days a week; 1-2 days a week; More seldom; Never". The results show percent of all respondents listening to any Public service radio channel at least five days a week as well as the percent of all respondents listening to any commercial radio channel as least five days a week.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1994–2017
LISTENING TO PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO CHANNELS

Comment: Six response alternatives are given: "Daily; 5-6 days a week; 3-4 days a week; 1-2 days a week; More seldom; Never". The results show percent of all respondents listening at least five days a week.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1994–2017
WATCHING DIFFERENT TV-CHANNELS

Comment: Results show the percentage watching at least 5 days a week.

Question: "How often do you watch: the following tv channels?"

Comment: The results show the percent among all respondents indicating access to the specified equipment in the household. Minor changes in the age composition of the sample over the years affect the level of penetration of media with a few percentage points.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1987–2017
**INTERNET USE**

**Comment:** Seven response alternatives are given: “Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once every month; About once every week; Several times a week”. The results show percent among all respondents, using the Internet several times a week.

**Question:** “During the last twelve months, how often have you used the Internet?”

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1995–2017
**AREAS OF USE ON THE INTERNET**

**Comment**: Seven response alternatives are given: “Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week; Daily”. The results show percent among all respondents, active in each area at least once a week.

**Question**: “During the last twelve months, how often have you done the following?”

**Source**: The National SOM survey 2005–2017
Comment: Six response alternatives are given: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week". The percent reading a book on at least a weekly basis among men and women who answered at least parts of a multi-item question on leisure activities.

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2017
SWEDEN AND THE WORLD
**SEND LESS FOREIGN AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

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

**Question:** "Below is a number of proposals that have appeared in the political debate. What is your opinion of them? - Reduce Swedish foreign aid to developing countries".

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1987–2017
Comment: Five response alternatives are given: “Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal”. The results show percent answering “Very/fairly good” or “Very/fairly bad” among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Below is a number of proposals that have appeared in the political debate. What is your opinion of them? - Reduce defence spending”.

Source: The National SOM survey 1987–2017
Comment: Three response alternatives are given: "On the whole in favour; On the whole against; No definite opinion". All respondents answering the question are included in the percentage base.

Question: "What is your opinion on the Swedish membership in the European Union?"

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

**Question**: "Sweden should introduce the Euro as currency"

**Source**: The National SOM survey 1995–2017
Comment: Five response alternatives are given: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very/fairly good" or "Very/fairly bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Sweden should apply for membership in NATO"

Source: The National SOM survey 1994–2017
BACKGROUND FACTORS
SUBJECTIVE FAMILY CLASS

Question: "If you describe your home during your childhood, which of the categories below is most appropriate?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017

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

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

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017
Question: “List which associations you are a member of, and how active you are in those associations.”

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2017

Comment: All respondents are included in the percent calculations.
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