

Welcome to the party membership survey of the University of Gothenburg. This survey aims at discovering what party members in Sweden think about their engagement, Swedish politics and their political party. The survey will take about 25 minutes. The answers are anonymous and are only used for statistical analyses. Neither your party nor we as researchers can match the results with individual respondents. Thank you for your participation in the survey!

First we would like to ask you a few questions on your membership and your thoughts on [PARTY].

Q61

In what year did you first become a member of <PARTY> (if necessary approx.)

In year _ _ _ _

○ Don't know (anymore)

Q63

How important were the following reasons for enrolling in [PARTY]?

	Not important at all	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important	Don't know/Won't say
To meet interesting people and extend my social life / participate in social activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Customary in my environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continuation of other engagements (trade union, association)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Someone asked me to (family/friend/colleague)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To get a better understanding of politics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To meet politically like-minded people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A belief in what <PARTY> stands for	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wanted to influence party policy on a particular issue at the local level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wanted to influence party policy on a particular issue at the national level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Because I had a great	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

party						
Satisfaction with the leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Satisfaction with the functioning of the organization (role granted to members, rights & obligations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q46.

Some people say that all political parties look after certain groups and are not so concerned about others. How closely do you think <PARTY> looks after the interests of ... (give your own opinion): Please tick one box only for each group

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	Don't Know/Won't say
Working class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Self-employed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trade unions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immigrants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Woman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homosexuals, that is gays and lesbians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seniors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Young people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q65

In a broad sense, what do you gain from your party membership? (2: a lot; 1: a little; 0: not at all; 99: Don't Know/Won't say)

1. Money and material rewards__
2. Positions and honours__
3. Friends__
4. Interesting discussions__
5. The sense that you help others__
6. The satisfaction to influence the politics of your country__
7. The privilege of meeting interesting people__
8. The opportunity to become a politician__
9. The sense that your life has more meaning__
10. The sense that you are a good citizen__

Q67

Do you currently or have you in the past held any public office representing the party (e.g. local councillor, mayor, MP, etc.) or any position within the party organization (e.g. local branch treasurer/secretary, etc.)? If yes, please specify which and on which level.

- No
- Yes, I am/was _____
- Don't remember/ won't say.

Q68

Have you ever been or tried to be nominated for office on the behalf of <PARTY>?

	Been nominated	Tried to be nominated	Neither been nominated nor tried	Don't Know/Won't say
Local level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q70

If someone from the party asked you, would you then consider to get nominated as a candidate to

	Yes	Yes, maybe	No	Do not know/won't say
Local elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local party chapter functions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National party functions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q72

Are you currently or have you ever been a member of any group within the party? (e.g. Youth, Women, Senior organizations) (Please tick one box in each row)

	I have NEVER been a member of such groups	I have been a member of this group in the PAST	I am CURRENTLY a member of this group	Don't Know/Won't say
Youth organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women Organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<Other>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q89

We are now interested in knowing your opinion on the importance of the following party goals. Please indicate how important you think each of the following goals are.

	Not important at all	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important	Don't Know/Won't say
	1	2	3	4	
Maximize electoral support / win elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gain governmental office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote its programme and policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining the party organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining party unity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solve public policy issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stick to the party's principles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In the following, we are asking you some questions on your political activism.

Q75

Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, not very strong or not at all strong supporter of the <PARTY>

- Very strong
- Fairly strong
- Not very strong
- Not at all strong
- Don't know/won't say.

Q74

How much time do you devote to party activities in the average month? (if necessary approx.)

- No time at all
- (approx.) __ hours per month
- Don't know / Don't want to say

Q77

Did you vote in the last local election on 14 September 2014?

- Yes, and I voted for <PARTY>

- Yes, and I voted for another party
- Yes, but I don't remember for which party
- No, I did not vote
- I do not remember whether I voted or not

Q79

Did you vote in the last general election on 14 September 2014?

- Yes, and I voted for <PARTY>
- Yes, and I voted for another party
- Yes, but I don't remember for which party
- No, I did not vote
- No, I didn't have the right to vote
- I do not remember whether I voted or not

Q81

There are different ways of trying to improve things in <COUNTRY> or help prevent things from going wrong. During the last 12 months, have you done any of the following?

	Yes	No	Don't know/Won't say
Contacted a politician, government or local government official	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signed a petition (online or offline)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taken part in a lawful public demonstration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boycotted certain products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Deliberately bought certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participated in illegal protest activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friended or liked a politician / political group on Facebook, or followed them on twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q83

Could you please indicate whether you have participated in the following activities/events in the last 12 months?

	Not participated	Participated	Organized the activity/event	Don't Know/Won't say
Regular meeting of the party branch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Extraordinary meeting of the party branch (selection of party officials, candidates, leaders, manifesto formulation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Political debate with another party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion with national/regional representatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities targeting specific sub-groups of members (e.g.: women, youth, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information event on a topical issue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q85

Considering the campaign leading to the 2014 Riksdag election, could you please indicate whether you engaged in the following activities in the last month of the campaign?

	No	Yes	Don't Know/Won't say
Put an election poster up in the house	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persuaded others to vote for the party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Distributed flyers or other campaign material	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helped out in the organization of an electoral meeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Posted comments of a political nature on a social networking profile, blog or homepage (yours or someone else's)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forwarded campaign content to friends, family or colleagues via email, Twitter or Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q87

Did you take part to the following decision-making processes?

	No	Yes,	I don't remember/Won't say
Candidate selection for local elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate selection for national elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Selection of local party officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Selection of national party officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Selection of national party leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Membership referendum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manifesto formulation for national elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Now we are interested in your opinion on how [PARTY] works and party members' role within [PARTY].

Q111+Q113 (*separate questions in Swedish Party Membership Survey*)

We would like to know who is influential in your party. Please indicate how much influence you think each of these people/groups have within <PARTY>

<PARTY> does						
Under our internal organization, members have the final say about how the party is run	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most party representatives are truly interested in what members think	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidates for nomination are most interested in members' votes, not in their opinions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Generally speaking, elected politicians lose touch with the grassroots members pretty quickly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q97

Could you indicate how frequently you have:

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Don't Know/Won't say.
Considered joining another party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talked to or contacted a local party official to make suggestions / try and make things better	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talked to or contacted a national party official to make suggestions / try and make things better	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Distanced yourself emotionally from [PARTY]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Now we would like to ask you for your opinion on Swedish politics generally.

applying for jobs and promotions.						
People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing a stable network of social security should be the prime goal of government.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The state should take measures to reduce income disparities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immigrants are good for [country's] economy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women should be free to decide on matters of abortion.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nuclear power stations are the solution for a shortage of energy in the future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q37a Is the Swedish EU-membership good or bad?

- Good (1)
- Bad (2)
- Neither, nor (3)
- Don't Know/Won't say (4)

Q37b Some think European integration should go further, others think it has already gone too far. What do you think?

- Has already gone too far (1)
- 1 (2)
- 2 (3)
- 3 (4)
- 4 (5)
- 5 (6)
- 6 (7)
- 7 (8)
- 8 (9)
- 9 (10)
- Should go further (11)
- Don't Know/Won't Say (12)

Q48

How interested would you say you are...

	Not at all interested	Not much interested	Quite interested	Very much interested	Don't Know/Won't Say
In politics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q49

On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Sweden?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied
- Don't know/Won't say

Q44

In your opinion, what are the most important political problems facing <COUNTRY> today?

The most important problem is

The second most important problem is

The third most important problem is

QEE Below we have compiled a few opinions people sometimes have. To which extent do you agree with them?

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly agree (4)	Don't know/won't say
Parties are only interested in people's votes but not in their opinions (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parliamentarians do not care much about what ordinary people think and want (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

We would like to know more about your opinions on the process of political representation.

Q101

There are different views on which group representatives should be primarily representing. According to you, how important is it that MPs represent the following groups? (not important at all: 0; not very important: 1; relatively important: 2; very important: 3; extremely important: 4; Don't know/won't say: 5)

- Their own voters
- All people in the constituency
- All people in Sweden
- Party members

q103

How should representatives vote in parliament if their voters in the constituency and the party hold different opinions?

- Representatives should vote according to the party's opinion (1)
- Representatives should vote according to the voters' opinions (2)
- Don't Know/Won't say. (3)

q105

How should representatives vote in parliament on a specific issue they do not agree with their voters' opinions?

- Representatives should vote according to their own opinion (1)
- Representatives should vote according to the voters' opinions (2)
- Don't Know/Won't say (3)

- No
- Yes, namely:
 - (1) Child 1
 - (2) Child 2
 - (3) Child 3
 - (4) Child 4
 - (5) Child 5
 - (6) Child 6

Q142

What is the highest level of formal education you attained?

Non finished elementary school
Elementary school
Non finished high school
High school
Professional education
Non finished university degree, specify:
University degree, specify:
PhD
Don't Know/Won't say

Q140

What is the highest level of formal education your father attained?

Non finished elementary school
Elementary school
Non finished high school
High school
Professional education
Non finished university degree, specify:
University degree, specify:
PhD
Don't Know/Won't say

Q144

What is the highest level of formal education your mother attained?

Non finished elementary school
Elementary school
Non finished high school
High school

Professional education
Non finished university degree, specify:
University degree, specify:
PhD
Don't Know/Won't say

Q11

What is your current employment status?

Self-employed	<input type="radio"/>	Student	<input type="radio"/>
Employed Full-Time	<input type="radio"/>	Retired, Pensioned	<input type="radio"/>
Employed Part-Time	<input type="radio"/>	Looking after the home full-time	<input type="radio"/>
Employed for less than 15 hours a week	<input type="radio"/>	Other	<input type="radio"/>
Unemployed	<input type="radio"/>	Don't know/won't say	<input type="radio"/>

Q11a (only if the first categories of the previous question were answered)

Which type of organization do you work for?

Public or municipal administration	<input type="radio"/>
Public sector (for example schools or health care)	<input type="radio"/>
Public company	<input type="radio"/>
Private company	<input type="radio"/>
Own company	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>
Won't say	<input type="radio"/>

Q11b (only if the first categories of the previous question were answered)

What is your current or latest job? Please name the title as precisely as possible, for example lab assistant, pre-school teacher or sales engineer)

Q17. Are you a member of one or more of the following organizations or groups?

	No	Yes	Won't say
Trade Union	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employer Union	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental movement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Humanitarian /Human rights / Peace organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q19

What is your total household income per year, before tax and deductions?

100 000 or less (1)

- 100 001 – 200 000 (2)
- 200 001 – 300 000 (3)
- 300 001 – 400 000 (4)
- 400 001 – 500 000 (5)
- 500 001 – 600 000 (6)
- 600 001 – 700 000 (7)
- 700 001 – 800 000 (8)
- 800 001 – 900 000 (9)
- 900 001 – 1 000 000 (10)
- 1 000 001 – 1 100 000 (11)
- More than 1 100 000 (12)
- Don't know/Don't want to answer (13)

Q21

Do you ever think of yourself as belonging to any particular social class, and if so, which one?

- Working class
- Service class
- Higher service class/ academic home
- Farmer's home
- Business home
- Other, specify:
- Don't Know/won't say.

Q23

What is the zip code of your home address? _____

And how many years have you lived there? _____

Q25

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself as belonging to a particular religion?

- Have no religious belief
- Not especially religious
- Somewhat religious
- Very religious
- Don't want to answer

Q26 Do you belong to any of the following religious organization?

	No (1)	Yes but I didn't attend a service in the last 12 months (2)	Yes, and I attended services during the last 12 months (3)	Won't say (4)
Swedish church (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Christian organisation(2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Muslim organisation (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious organization that is neither Christian nor Muslim (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q28

Are you a Swedish citizen?

- Yes
- No

q29

Were you born in Sweden?

- Yes
- No
- No Answer

q31

Was your mother born in Sweden?

- Yes
- No
- No Answer

q32

Was your father born in Sweden?

- Yes
- No
- No Answer

Now for the final end, we would like to ask you some quiz questions on politics in Sweden and abroad.

q53 Who was the Finance Minister before the 2014 parliamentary election?

- Carl Bildt (1)
- Anders Borg (2)
- Annie Lööf (3)
- Beatrice Ask (4)
- Don't know/don't want to answer (5)

q55 What was the unemployment rate in Sweden in March of 2015 (according to Statistics Sweden's Labour Force Survey)?

- 6,0 procent (1)
- 8,0 procent (2)
- 10,0 procent (3)
- 12,0 procent (4)
- Don't know/don't want to answer (5)

q57 Which party became the second biggest in the 2014 parliamentary election?

- Folkpartiet (1)
- Miljöpartiet (2)
- Moderaterna (3)
- Socialdemokraterna (4)
- Don't know/don't want to answer (5)

q59 Who is the current Secretary General of the UN?

- Kofi Annan (1)
- Kurt Waldheim (2)
- Ban Ki-moon (3)
- Boutros Boutros-Ghali (4)
- Don't know/don't want to answer (5)

Thanks a lot for your participation!

Your answers will be registered when you click on 'send answers' below. If you have any comments, please leave them in the space provided below.

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