

# ISSP 1996 - Role of government III: Sweden

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## Description

This survey is the Swedish part of the 1996 'International Social Survey Program'. Citizens' opinions were elicited on the function of their national governments and on what governments should and should not be doing. Respondents were asked whether they approved of economic policies such as wage and price controls, job creation programs, including public work projects, support for ailing private industries, and the forced reduction in the industrial work week, as well as conservative measures, such as reductions in government spending and business regulations. Government spending was another topic, with respondents questioned as to their support for greater spending on the environment, health care, police and law enforcement, education, military and defence, culture and the arts, old age pensions, unemployment benefits, and housing for the poor. A number of questions dealt with respondents' attitudes regarding democracy, political power, and protest. Respondents were asked for their views on the rule of law when it is in conflict with private conscience, various forms of anti-government protest (public meetings, protest marches and demonstrations, nationwide strikes), whether the right to protest should be afforded to those who advocate the overthrow of the government by revolution, and the conflict between security needs and privacy rights. Other questions focused on the role of elections in democracies, including whether voters understand political issues, whether elections force governments to confront pressing political issues, whether certain institutions (unions, government, business and industry) have too much power in affecting election results, whether politicians really try to keep their election promises, whether civil servants can be trusted to work in the public's interest, and whether various industries (power companies, hospitals, banks) are better off being run by the private sector or by the government. Opinions were also elicited as to whether government had a legitimate role in the redistribution of

wealth in the country, by tax policy or otherwise. Demographic variables include age, sex, education, marital status, personal and family income, employment status, household size and composition, occupation, religion and church attendance, social class, union membership, political party, voting history, and ethnicity.

Purpose:

ISSP aims to design and implement internationally comparable attitude surveys. The study in 1996 investigating The Role of Government.

**Data contains personal data**

No

**Language**

[English](#)

[Swedish](#)

**Unit of analysis**

[Individual](#)

**Population**

Individuals aged 18-74 years and residing in Sweden

**Time Method**

[Longitudinal: Trend/Repeated cross-section](#)

**Sampling procedure**

[Probability: Simple random](#)

**Time period(s) investigated**

1996-02-01 – Ongoing

**Variables**

137

**Number of individuals/objects**

1238

**Weighting**

Ett subsample drogs bland de som inte besvarade enkäten efter två påminnelser. Ungefär hälften av dem blev utvalda för telefonintervjuer, i enlighet med SCB:s praxis. Alla respondenter i stickprovet har tilldelats vikten 2,04. För att bevara representativiteten i stickprovet bör alla beräkningar göras med viktning. Viktvariabel = V9.

**Response rate/participation rate**

68.3%

## **Data format / data structure**

[Numeric](#)

## **Data collection 1**

- Mode of collection: Self-administered questionnaire: paper
- Time period(s) for data collection: 1996-02 – 1996-05
- Data collector: Statistics Sweden
- Source of the data: Population group

## **Geographic spread**

Geographic location: [Sweden](#)

## **Lowest geographic unit**

National area (NUTS2)

## **Highest geographic unit**

Country

## **Responsible department/unit**

Department of Sociology

## **Research area**

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## **Keywords**

[Public sector](#), [Social welfare](#), [Taxation](#), [Internal politics](#), [Cors](#)

## **Publications**

Hjerm, M., & Svallfors, S. (1997) Åsikter om politiken och den offentliga sektorn : kodbok för maskinläsbar datafil. Umeå: Department of Sociology.

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