

Swedish Party Membership Survey 2015, complete dataset

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Description

In the early part of 2015, the party secretaries of six of the eight Swedish Riksdag parties (plus the Feminist Initiative as the only other Swedish party represented in the European Parliament) agreed to take part in an online survey of their memberships, which would be administered through the Laboratory of Opinion Research (LORE) at the University of Gothenburg.

In May, these party secretaries distributed individualized links to an otherwise identical web-survey to their members via email. All parties, except for the Social Democrats, sent out the survey to the entire membership list. The Social Democrats sent the survey to a large randomly drawn sample from their membership list. When it was closed on July 3, a total of 10,392 Swedish party members had completed the survey.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Swedish party membership survey is to allow researchers to investigate much more specific and rich questions about party members in Sweden. The survey questions are grouped into six modules: socio-demographic, general political attitudes, reasons for and extent of enrolment, position within the party, activism, and perception of role and attitudes towards membership. The questions were developed in consultation with the Members and Activists of Political Parties (MAPP) research group in order to facilitate cross-national comparisons.

The dataset is available as a SPSS file (.sav), a Nesstar Publisher project and as comma-separated values (.csv).

Data contains personal data

Yes

Sensitive personal data

Yes

Type of personal data

Indirect identifiers (year of membership; year of birth; open text fields). Contains public and political opinion.

Language

[English](#)

[Swedish](#)

Unit of analysis

[Individual](#)

Population

Registered party members

Time Method

[Cross-section](#)

Sampling procedure

[Total universe/Complete enumeration](#)

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The gross sample size is 105,632 party members (Fp/L = 11,807; Mp = 18,772; S = 7,500; V =16,009; KD = 9,797; M =20,007; Fi = 22,240)

Time period(s) investigated

2015-05-01 - 2015-07-03

Variables

190

Number of individuals/objects

10392

Data format / data structure

[Numeric](#)

[Text](#)

Data collection 1

- Mode of collection: Self-administered questionnaire: web based
- Time period(s) for data collection: 2015-05-01 – 2015-07-03
- Data collector: University of Gothenburg
- Number of responses: 10392
- Source of the data: Population group

Geographic spread

Geographic location: [Sweden](#)

Geographic description: The survey covered the entire country of Sweden.

Lowest geographic unit

Constituency

Highest geographic unit

Country

Responsible department/unit

Department of Political Science

Funding

- Funding agency: Ministry of Justice
- Project name on the application: Partimedlemmar i Sverige / Party Members in Sweden
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Research area

[Political behaviour and attitudes](#) (CESSDA Topic Classification)

[Social sciences](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

[Political science](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

Keywords

[Politics](#), [Membership](#), [Democracy](#), [Party politics](#), [Political parties](#)

Publications

Kölln, Ann-Kristin and Jonathan Polk. 2017. "Emancipated party members: Examining ideological incongruence within political parties" *Party Politics*. 23(1): 18-29.

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Access to data is restricted

Use of data

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