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ELECTION STUDY 1956

QUESTIONNAIRE II

Name of interviewer.....

Pue no..... Resp. no..... Date of Interview.....

Year of birth..... Time of end of interview..... Time of start of interview.....

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Introduction: "As you know, the election is over and we would like to conclude our study about the election campaign with a few questions."

- 1 I begin by asking you about some radio programmes which I did not ask you about last time. Did you listen to any of these programmes?

For interviewer: Read out list below of programmes and ask FOLLOW-UP QUESTION for each of them.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: for programmes R. har listened to:
Did you listen to the whole programme?

	whole prog.	part	no
Interview with Hagberg Sep. 30th	2	1	0
Economic policy debate Sep. 3rd	2	1	0
Social policy debate Sep. 10th	2	1	0
Big debate among party leaders Sep. 14th	2	1	0

TO THOSE WHO LISTENED TO (WHOLE OR PART OF) DEBATE ABOUT
ECONOMIC POLICY ON SEPTEMBER 3RD

- 2 Do you remember the name of one or more participants in the debate about economic policy on the radio on September 3rd?

names noted:.....

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2. remembers none

3 TO THOSE WHO HAVE LISTENED TO (WHOLE OR PART OF) DEBATE
AMONG PARTY LEADERS

Which of the party leaders in the big debate on Sep. 14th to do you think seemed most competent and who do you think was the most reassuring?

most skilful

most reassuring

1. Hjalmarson
2. Hedlund
3. Ohlin
4. Erlander
5. Hagberg
6. none most skilful
7. DK

1. Hjalmarson
2. Hedlund
3. Ohlin
4. Erlander
5. Hagberg
6. none most reassuring
7. DK

4 Apart from the big concluding debate among party leaders two days before the election, two types of programmes have, like before, been broadcast on radio. They are, first, interviews with each of the five party leaders and, secondly, three debates concerning separate issues, namely democracy, economic policy and social policy.

Which of these two types of programme -- interviews and debates concerning separate issues -- do you like best?

1. liked interviews best
2. liked debates concerning separate issues best

other answer:.....

4. DK

5 I have here some brochures and other printed material which the parties have distributed before this year's election.
For interviewer: Show R. one piece of printed material at a time and, for each of them, ask the following questions:
Have you seen this? If yes, FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: Have you read it.

	not seen	seen but not read	read
1. Topical	0	1	x
2. To be trusted no. 6	0	1	x
3. Do you know Svensson	0	1	x
4. People and society no. 5-6	0	1	x
5. Our way	0	1	x
6. A lasting programme	0	1	x
7. A women's pictorial crossword	0	1	x
8. To be trusted no 8	0	1	x
9. The relay	0	1	x
10. The respect for...	0	1	x
L 11. ...to reduce local tax	0	1	x
L 12. Our countryside	0	1	x
L 13. Swedish politics	0	1	x
L 14. People and society no. 7	0	1	x
L 15. Security for the aged	0	1	x
S 16. Keep going forward	0	1	x
S 17. You won't get a chance	0	1	x
S 18. 12 good answers	0	1	x
G 19. To be trusted, a presentation	0	1	x
G 20. Us ordinary Göteborg people	0	1	x
G 21. Forward with the People's Party	0	1	x

N.B. List including original Swedish wordings on p. 36 below!

 6 T0 RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE READ AT LEAST 2 BROCHURES ETC.

Which if them did you find most interesting?
 most interesting, number noted:.....
 2. DK

 7 Has any of those who distributed different types of election material knocked on your door, wanting to discuss politics with you?

If yes, FOLLOW-UP QUESTION:
 From which party?

For interviewer: If needed, mark more than one alternative.

1. yes, from the Conservatives
2. yes, from the Agrarian Party
3. yes, from the People's Party
4. yes, from the Social Democrats
5. yes, from the Communists
6. yes, DK which party
7. no, nobody

 8 Did you attend any of the parties' election meetings?

If yes, FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS: Which party or parties arranged the meeting(s)?
 Was a film shown at the meeting(s)?

yes, R. has attended meeting(s). Mark below the party(ies) and if R attended one or more meetings. Mark in the "x" column if election film has been shown on any of the meeting(s).

Party	R. attended 1 meeting	R. attended more meetings	Film shown	Film not shown
Conservatives	1	2	x	0
Agrarian Party	1	2	x	0
People's Party	1	2	x	0
Social Democrats	1	2	x	0
Communists	1	2	x	0
other party	1	2	x	0

2. no, R. has not attended election meeting or DK

 9 Do you yourself think that you have received most information about the standpoints of the parties through the radio, newspapers, election brochures or election meetings?

Most information via
 1. radio
 2. newspapers
 3. election brochures
 4. election meetings
 other answer:.....
 6. DK

10 Looking at the election result in the country as a whole, which party or parties do you feel has gained votes?

For interviewer: Mark several alternatives, if needed.

1. Conservatives
2. Agrarian Party
3. People's Party
4. Social Democrats
5. Communists
- other answer:.....
7. DK

11 Looking at the election result in the country as a whole, which party or parties do you feel has lost votes?

For interviewer: Mark several alternatives, if needed.

1. Conservatives
2. Agrarian Party
3. People's Party
4. Social Democrats
5. Communists
- other answer:.....
7. DK

12 On this card is a list of some of the issues discussed much on the radio and in the newspapers before the election. Could you look through the list and choose three or four issues that you yourself think was particularly important in this election?

For interviewer: Show R. printed card and, if needed, read out the text.

1. Increasing taxable value (*taxeringsvärde*) of property
2. School related issues
3. The future of rural forests (*bondeskog*)
4. Tax reduction and taxation policy
5. Legal security (*rättssäkerhet*) for citizens
6. Expenditure on defence
7. Government support for deprived regions (*dyrortsgrupperingen*)
8. Collective membership enrolment to political parties
9. Reduction in working hours
10. Price increases and inflation
11. A supplementary pensions scheme, regulated by law
12. Increased old age pensions (*folkpensioner*)
13. Compulsory saving
14. Interest policy
15. Shortage of housing and housing policy
16. Increased child subsidies (*barnbidrag*)

- other answer:.....
19. DK
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13 IF R. HAS CHOSEN 2 OR MORE NUMBERS AS IMPORTANT ON Q. 12

Which one of these issues did you personally think was the most important?

most important:.....

.....
3. DK

14 How do you believe most people in your social position, that is with roughly the same income and similar occupations as you (your husband), have voted? Do you believe most of them have voted for the same party as you have?

1. yes , most have voted for same party GO TO Q. 16

2. no

other answer:.....

4. DK GO TO Q. 16

IF 14:2 (MOST HAVE NOT VOTED FOR SAME PARTY OR "OTHER ANSWER")

15 Do you believe that most people in your social position have gathered around one of the other parties or do you think it has been evenly distributed among several parties?

1. most have gathered around one of the other parties

2. it has been evenly distributed among several parties

other answer:.....

4. DK

16 On the whole, do you feel that the policies pursued in this country in recent years have been advantageous or disadvantageous to people in your social position?

1. advantageous

2. disadvantageous GO TO Q. 18

other answer:..... GO TO Q. 18

4. DK GO TO Q. 19

IF 16:1 (ADVANTAGEOUS)

17 Do you feel that the policies pursued have been advantageous to all social classes or do you feel it has been disadvantageous to any social class?

For interviewer: If "disadvantageous to some social class", ask FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: Which social class or classes are you thinking of?

1. advantageous for all

2. disadvantageous to some social class(es) (note which):.....

.....
3. DK

GO TO Q. 19

18 IF 16:2 (DISADVANTAGEOUS) OR "OTHER ANSWER"
Do you feel that the policies pursued have been disadvantageous for all social classes or do you think they have been advantageous to any social class?
For interviewer: If "Advantageous to some social class", ask FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: Which social class are you thinking of?

1. disadvantageous to all
advantageous to some social class or classes
(note which):.....
3. DK

As you know, the parties had differing opinions on many issues in the debate before the election, and also criticized each other's opinions. I would now like to ask you some questions about these things.

19 Do you remember which of the party leaders was accused of wanting an agreement about military cooperation between Sweden and a NATO state?
(correct answer: Hjalmarson, conservative)

answer:.....
2. DK

19A Do you remember which of the parties wanted to introduce an obligatory supplementary pensions system via legislation?
(correct answer: Social Democrats and/or Communists)

answer:.....
2. DK

20 One of the parties demanded that a referendum about the pensions issue should be held. Do you remember which party? (correct answer: People's Party and/or Conservatives)

answer:.....
2. DK

20A One of the parties was accused of wanting to reduce the subsidies to the security installations of SJ (Swedish Rail, government owned). Do you remember which party? (correct answer: Conservatives)

answer:.....
2. DK

21 & 21A VOID

22 It has sometimes been said that the political discussion before this election became so complicated that it was difficult for ordinary voters, who are not experts on politics, to get into what really separated the parties. Do you yourself agree with this criticism?

1. agrees
 2. disagrees
 - other answer:.....
 4. DK
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22A Some people think that social reforms in this country have gone so far that the government in the future ought to reduce rather than increase subsidies and allowances to citizens. Do you yourself agree with that opinion?

1. agrees
2. disagrees
- other answer:.....
4. DK

FOR INTERVIEWER: WHEN ASKING Q. 23-38, KEEP IN MIND R:S LETTER CODE ON SAMPLE FORM.

23 Did you vote in this year's election?

1. yes, voted S GO TO Q. 26, F GO TO Q. 39, Ft GO TO Q. 28, B GO TO Q. 26
2. no, did not vote
3. refuses to answer GO TO Q. 40

Q. 24-25 ONLY TO R:S WHO DID NOT VOTE. THEN GO TO Q. 40.
IF 23:2 (DID NOT VOTE)

24 What would you say that was the most important reason why you did not vote in this year's election?

most important reason:.....

.....

2. DK

IF 23:2 (DID NOT VOTE)

25 I will now read out a few opinions about the election. Which of them do you think is most in line with your own opinion?

For interviewer: Read out alternatives 1-3 and mark which R. agrees with.

1. This particular election was not so important, so it did not really matter if one voted or not.
2. I was unhappy with the party I usually vote for, so I did not bother to vote.
3. I am not interested in politics.

other answer:.....

5. DK

GO TO Q. 40

IF S-23:1 OR B-23:1 (VOTED)

26 Did you vote for the same party as last time you voted?

1. yes, for same party S GO TO Q. 39, B GO TO Q. 31
 2. no, for another party B GO TO Q. 30, S GO TO Q. 34
 3. has never voted before GO TO Q. 39
 4. DK GO TO Q. 39
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Q. 28-29 ONLY TO Ft WHO HAVE VOTED. THEN GO TO Q. 38.

28 IF Ft - 23:1 (VOTED)
What was the most important reason why you decided to vote for the party that you voted for?

most important reason:.....
.....

2. DK

29 IF Ft - 23:1 (VOTED)
Do you yourself feel that it is opinions in your home or opinions among your friends that have been most important for your own opinion about the parties?

- 1. home
- 2. friends

other answer:.....
.....

4. DK

GO TO Q. 38

30 IF B - 26:2 (DID NOT VOTE FOR THE SAME PARTY)
What was the most important reason why you decided to change party?

most important reason:.....
.....

2. DK

31-33 ONLY TO B WHO HAVE VOTED FOR SAME PARTY THEN TO Q. 38

31 IF B - 26:1 (VOTED FOR SAME PARTY)
What was the most important reason why you decided to vote for the same party this year too?

most important reason:.....
.....

2. DK

32 IF B - 26:1 (VOTED FOR SAME PARTY)
Have you voted for the same party as this year, every time you have voted?

1. yes GO TO Q. 38
2. no
3. DK GO TO Q. 38
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33 IF B - 32:2 (NOT ALWAYS FOR SAME PARTY)
When did you change to the party that you voted for this year?

time:.....
2. DK

GO TO Q. 38

Q. 34-37 ONLY TO S WHO DID NOT VOTE FOR SAME PARTY. THEN TO Q. 38

34 IF S - 26:2 (DID NOT VOTE FOR SAME PARTY)
Could you tell me your most important reason for changing party?

most important reason:.....
.....

2. DK

35 IF S - 26:2 (DID NOT VOTE FOR SAME PARTY)
Is there anybody that you know well, for example in your family or among your friends, that has changed opinion the same way as you since the 1954 election?
If yes, FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: Are you thinking of a family member of someone of your friends?

1. knows nobody that has changed opinion
2. family member has changed opinion
3. other friend that has changed opinion
4. knows somebody that has changed opinion, refuses to answer THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION
5. DK
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36 IF S - 35:1 (KNOWS NOBODY THAT HAS CHANGED OPINION)
Do you yourself feel that it is someone in your family or among your friends, that has influenced you to change party?
If yes, FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: Are you thinking of a family member of someone of your friends?

1. nobody has influenced
2. family member has influenced
3. other friend has influenced
4. somebody has influenced, refuses to answer THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION
5. DK
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- 37 IF S - 26:2 (DID NOT VOTE FOR SAME PARTY)
Which party did you vote for before?
1. Conservatives
 2. Agrarian Party
 3. People's Party
 4. Social Democrats
 5. Communists
 6. Refuses to answer
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- 38 IF S - 26:2 IF B - 26:1 IF Ft - 23:1
Could you say when you decided which party to vote for? Was it during the last week before the election or was it earlier?
1. during last week
 2. earlier
 - other answer:.....
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- 39 IF 23:1 (VOTED)
Did you go to the polling station yourself or did you vote at the post office (or did you vote via your husband/wife)?
- For interviewer: Only married R:s asked about voting via spouse.
1. went to polling station by him/herself
 2. voted at the post office
 3. voted via spouse
 - other answer:.....
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- 40 How far away from your polling station do you live? Is it 1 KM or less, more than 1 but not more than 3 KM, more than 3 KM but not more than 10 KM, more than 10 KM?
1. 1 KM or less
 2. more than 1 but not more than 3 KM
 3. more than 3 KM but not more than 10 KM
 4. more than 10 KM
 - other answer:.....
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- 41 Do you, or anybody in your household (family), have a car?
1. yes, has car
 2. no, does not have car
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- 42 And now I would like to ask you about some totally different things. As you know, there is a shortage of housing in many parts of the country. Do you feel that you yourself have had serious difficulties because of this?
1. yes, has had serious difficulties.
 2. no, has not had serious difficulties.
 - other answer:.....
 4. DK
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- 43 Did you read the editorial in yesterday's newspaper?
1. yes
 2. no
 3. DK
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- 44 Have you attended a service in some church any of the last four Sundays?
1. yes, has attended Church service
 2. no
 - other answer:.....
 4. DK or refuses to answer
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- 45 Did you listen to the Morning Service or the Evening Service on the radio any of the past two Sundays?
1. yes, listened
 2. no
 - other answer:.....
 4. DK or refuses to answer
- GO TO Q. 47
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- 46 IF 45:1 (LISTENED TO RADIO SERVICE ANY OF LAST TWO SUNDAYS)
Do you remember the name of the preacher, or the Church from where the service was broadcast?
- yes, name of preacher or Church:.....
2. DK or refuses to answer
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- 47 Now I would like to ask some questions about international politics. As you know, there has been a lot of discussion recently, suggesting that Sweden should give more aid to poor nations in Asia and Africa. On this card are some differing opinions about this. Which of them is most in line with your opinion?
For interviewer: Show R. printed card with questions. If needed, read out the text.
1. We should reduce our demands for a higher living standard, so that we can give the poor nations in Asia and Africa more aid than we have up to now.
 2. We should increase our aid to poor nations in Asia and Africa to some extent.
 3. Every country must first and foremost take care of itself -- the collections and subsidies we are already giving to poor nations is enough.
 4. We have no particular reason to help other nations.
- other answer:.....
4. DK or refuses to answer
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- 48 Do you think that the United Nations can do much, something or nothing to stop a war between the super powers?
1. UN can do much
 2. UN can do something
 3. UN can do nothing
 - other answer:.....
 5. DK
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49 How big a possibility do you think that Sweden would have to stay out of a great war in Europe: very big possibility, fairly big possibility, fairly small possibility or very small possibility?

1. very big possibility
2. fairly big possibility
3. fairly small possibility
4. very small possibility

other answer:.....

5. DK

Q. 50-51 OPTION I FOR R. WITH ODD NUMBERS. R. NO:.....

50 Suppose Sweden is attacked. Do you feel that we should resist with arms, even if the outcome looks uncertain?

1. yes
2. no

GO TO Q. 52

other answer:.....

4. DK

IF 50:1 (SWEDEN SHOULD RESIST WITH ARMS) OR "OTHER ANSWER"
OR 50:4 ("DK").

51 Suppose the aggressor threatens with nuclear arms. Do you then feel we should resist the aggressor with arms, even if the outcome looks uncertain?

1. yes
2. no

other answer:.....

4. DK

Q. 50-51 OPTION II FOR R. WITH EVEN NUMBERS. R. NO:.....

50 Suppose Sweden is attacked and the aggressor threatens with nuclear arms. Do you feel we should resist with arms against the aggression, even if the outcome looks uncertain?

1. yes
2. no

GO TO Q. 52

other answer:.....

4. DK

IF 50:2 (SWEDEN SHOULD NOT RESIST WITH ARMS) OR "OTHER ANSWER" OR 50:4 ("DK").

51 Suppose the aggressor does not threaten with nuclear arms. Do you then feel we should resist with arms, even if the outcome looks uncertain?

1. yes
2. no

other answer:.....

4. DK

52 Do you know which nations are currently producing nuclear arms? (Which are those nations?)

For interviewer: If needed, mark more than one alternative.

1. United States
2. Great Britain
3. Soviet Union

other nations.....

5. DK

IF 23:1 (VOTED)

54 Finally, I would like to come back to the question about how you voted. Which party did you vote for?

1. Conservatives
2. Agrarian Party
3. People's Party
4. Social Democrats
5. Communists

other party:.....

7. Refuses to answer

IF 54:1-6 (NOT REFUSED TO ANSWER)

55 And now the last question. Could you mention the name of one or more of the persons on the party list that you voted for?

name(s):.....

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2. DK
 3. Refuses to answer
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INTERVIEW DATA

1. Address change within community
 Moved from community. New address.....

3. Address unknown
 Unreachable for other reasons. Which?.....

Sought without interview taking place

date / time..... date / time..... date / time.....

date / time..... date / time..... date / time.....

Did the complete interview take place alone with R.?

1. yes

IF no: describe interview situation

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Interview was allowed:

- 1. without persuasion
 - 2. after some persuasion
 - 3. only after much persuasion
- not allowed. Why?.....

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Area no;..... R. no.:.....

Name of interviewer:.....