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# Why are immigrants under-represented in politics?

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## Under-representation of immigrants

- All over the world, immigrants are less likely than natives to become elected politicians.
- Descriptive representation matters
  - Might affect policy.
  - Under-representation increases marginalisation.
  - Political exclusion could increase the risk of riots.



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## Immigrants in Sweden

- 19 percent of the adult population, but only 9 percent of local politicians and 2 per cent of 'majors'.
- Dancygier et al (2015) on Swedish data
  - 50 % of this gap 'explained' by observable characteristics.
  - Mostly the seats-to-voters ratio.
  - The study was limited to administrative data.



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## Our project

- Analyse why immigrants are under-represented among elected politicians.
- Using both register and survey data we can also analyse differences in experiences, perceptions and attitudes.
  - Do immigrants lack the networks or contacts that natives have?
  - Do immigrants feel less qualified to run for office?
  - Are immigrants discouraged by party elites or structures?
- The project is still at its planning stage, so we are very grateful for your feedback!



# What could explain the under-representation?

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## Decomposed in the steps to being elected:

- 1** Probability of joining a political party.
- 2** Probability of running for office (if party member).
  - We will ask about the order of 1 and 2 in the survey.
- 3** Probability of being elected (if running).
- 4** Average time in office.



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## Differences in characteristics

- Socio-economic and demographic differences (already done)
- Political interest.
- Political efficacy.
- Political socialisation.
- Political networks.
- Fit between own preferences and party programs.
- Excluded from political parties or discriminated by party officials.
- Attitudes in the electorate.



# Sampling strategy

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## Challenges

- A random sample of 12 000 eligible would include ~80 who ran for local office in 2014 and ~20 who were elected.
- One solution: limit the sample to over-represented occupations (Fox and Lawless [2004]).
  - Not representative for the population.
  - Only occupations where 10 percent run: politicians and professionals in special-interest organisations.



# Sampling strategy

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## **Solution: Case-control design**

- Our solution: stratify on the dependent variable (case-control or choice-based sampling).
  - Complete population data on both candidates and candidacy eligible who did not run.
- 6000 who did not run for office in 2014 (but were eligible).
- 6000–8000 who ran for office in 2014.
- Immigrants will make up 50 per cent of both sub-samples.
- The survey data will be linked to population-wide registers.





# Other topics for discussion

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## What can we use the survey data for, in addition to explaining the under-representation?

- What comes first? Joining a party or the will to run for office.
- Are there differences in attitudes between immigrants and natives and do we find the same differences among elected politicians as in the electorate?
- Attitudes in the electorate towards foreign born politicians.
- Ask about experiences of discrimination in the labour market?



# Other topics for discussion

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## What can we do with the register data?

- Decompose: relative probability of being elected and average time in office.
- Immigrants are on average placed lower on the ticket.
  - Can this be explained by experience and background characteristics?
  - Is the position of immigrant candidates affected by the number of 'safe seats' and the probability of incumbency?
- Comparison between popularly elected politicians and those appointed by the party.



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### Any additional register data we should get?

- List position and party belonging for everyone who has run for office between 1982 and 2022.
- Details about political positions on municipal boards for everyone elected since 2010.
- Migration background (country of birth [grouped], parents' country of birth, year of migration, ground for residence permit, citizenship) and language skills (successful participation in Swedish for Immigrants).
- Socio-economic characteristics (income, education, employment) and demographics (age, sex, city of residence, number of children).

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**How should we phrase our survey questions?**



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## 1 POLITICAL INTEREST

**How interested are you in politics  
when it comes to:**

**Not at all  
interested**

**Very  
interested**

**No opi-  
nion/not  
relevant**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Politics in general?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐☐

The municipality where you live?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐☐

The county where you live?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐☐

Sweden?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐☐

The European Union?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐☐

Countries outside the European Union?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐☐



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## 2 POLITICAL SOCIALIZATION

	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never	No opinion/not relevant
When you were growing up, how often did your parents discuss politics with you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When you were growing up, how often did your parents suggest that you, someday, should run for office?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When you were in high school, how often did you discuss politics with your teachers or class mates?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## 3 PARENTS' POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Did either of your parents ever run for elective office?

Yes,  
both

☐

Yes,  
My mother

☐

Yes,  
my father

☐

No

☐

No opi-  
nion/not  
relevant

☐

## 4 ENGAGEMENT IN THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

When you were in school, did you ever represent your class in the school council?

No

☐

Yes

☐

Yes, I was the  
chair of the  
school council

☐

No opi-  
nion/not  
relevant

☐



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## 5 POLITICAL ABILITY

To what extent do you agree with the following propositions

Do not agree  
at all

Agree  
completely

No opinion/  
not relevant

I am qualified enough to engage in politics.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐

I have a good understanding of the most important political issues.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐

I would be (or am) at least as good a politician as most others.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐

I know more about politics than most people do.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐

Most people can influence political decisions.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐

Politicians care about the opinions of the citizens.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐

Politicians usually do what most citizens want them to.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐

Citizens can influence policy through elections.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐





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## 6 POLITICAL NETWORKS

**How often do you discuss politics with the following people?**

Your colleagues

Frequently

Occasionally

Seldom

Never

No opinion/not relevant

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

Your friends

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

Your family

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

Political activists

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

Elected politicians

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

Someone else

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

None of the above

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

## 7 ACQUAINTANCES

**How many of the people around you have immigrant origin, if you consider...**

...the neighborhood where you live.

Almost no one

Quite a few

Most

Almost everyone

No opinion/not relevant

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

...your friends.

☐
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...your colleagues.

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...people with whom you discuss politics.

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## 8 POLITICAL CONTACTS

**Do you know anyone who...**

...frequently participates in demonstrations and manifestations?

**Yes**

☐

**No**

☐

No opi-  
nion/not  
relevant

☐

...is a member of a political party?

☐☐☐

...has held public office?

☐☐☐



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## 9 SUGGESTED TO JOIN

**Has any of the following people ever suggested that you should join a political party?**

	Yes	No	No opinion/not relevant
A friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A colleague	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A family member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A political activist or a member of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An elected politician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone else, namely: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 10 SUGGESTED TO RUN

**Has any of the following people ever suggested that you should run for office in the municipality or county?**

	Yes	No	No opinion/not relevant
A friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A colleague	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A family member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A political activist or a member of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An elected politician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone else, namely: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## 11 POLITICAL ACTIVISM

**There are many ways to engage politically and to affect political decisions. Have you done any of the following during the last 12 months?**

Signed a petition

**Yes**

☐

**No**

☐

No opinion/not relevant

☐

Contacted a politician

☐☐☐

Participated in a demonstration

☐☐☐

Contacted a public official

☐☐☐

Contacted, or appeared in, a media outlet

☐☐☐

Given or raised money for a political cause

☐☐☐

Written a notice to the local newspaper

☐☐☐

Shared a political message in social media

☐☐☐

Attended a meeting with the labor union

☐☐☐

Attended a meeting with a political party

☐☐☐



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## 12 EFFECTIVENESS

There are many views on how to best affect political decisions. How effective do you believe that the following methods are?

	Not at all effective							Very effective			No opinion/not relevant
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Work in political parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work in protest groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vote in the general elections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact politicians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in demonstrations & protests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Run for public office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lobbying through interest organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 13 PARTY MEMBER

Are you a member of a political party?

- ☐ Yes — Proceed to Question 14.
- ☐ No — Proceed to Question 15.
- ☐ No, but I have been — Proceed to Question 17.



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## 14 PARTY ACTIVITIES

**Do you participate at party activities?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ Sometimes  
☐ No, never

*Proceed to Question 18.*

## 15 POSSIBLE MEMBER?

**If asked, would you consider to become  
a member of the party that you  
sympathize with?**

**Yes,  
absolutely**  
☐

**Yes,  
maybe**  
☐

**No,  
probably  
not**  
☐

**No,  
absolutely  
not**  
☐

**No opi-  
nion/not  
relevant**  
☐



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## 16 WHY NOT A MEMBER?

### What could make you join a party?

*You can pick multiple alternatives.*

- ☐ If my job did not take so much of my time.
- ☐ If I did not have to spend so much time on household work.
- ☐ If I felt that I belonged ("fit in").
- ☐ If there was a party that represented my opinions.
- ☐ If there was a party whose representatives were more like me.
- ☐ If I thought I could change things to the better.
- ☐ If I was more knowledgeable about politics.
- ☐ Something else, namely: \_\_\_\_\_

*Proceed to Question 18.*



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## 17 WHY LEAVE?

### What made you leave the party?

*You can pick multiple alternatives.*

- ☐ I did not have the time to engage in party activities.
- ☐ I did not fit in.
- ☐ My opinions did not match the party's policies.
- ☐ It was difficult to reconcile my religiosity with my political engagement.
- ☐ Another party member asked me to leave the party.
- ☐ I was not as knowledgeable about politics as the others.
- ☐ I forgot to pay the membership fee.
- ☐ Other reason, namely: \_\_\_\_\_





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## 18 RECEPTION IN PARTY

Imagine that you were a recent member of the party you sympathize with. Do you think that you would feel welcome?	Yes, absolutely	Yes, maybe	No, probably not	No, absolutely not	No opi- nion/not relevant
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 19 ELECTED

Have you ever held public office in your municipality or county?

☐ Yes — Proceed to Question 21.

☐ No

## 20 WILLINGNESS TO RUN

If asked, would you consider to hold public office, for example in the municipality or county, for the party you sympathize with?	Yes, absolutely	Yes, maybe	No, probably not	No, absolutely not	No opi- nion/not relevant
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## 21 WHY NOT RUNNING?

**What could make you run for office?**

*You can pick multiple alternatives.*

- ☐ If my job did not take so much of my time.
- ☐ If I did not have to spend so much time on household work.
- ☐ If I felt that I belonged ("fit in") with the other politicians.
- ☐ If there was a party that represented my opinions.
- ☐ If someone asked me to run.
- ☐ If I was more knowledgeable about politics.
- ☐ Something else, namely: \_\_\_\_\_

## 22 WHY RUN?

**When you are considering to engage in politics, there are probably some things which make you more positive and other things which deter you from joining a party or running for office. Do the following issues make you more or less interested in engaging in a political party?**

	Deterring				Enciting		No opi- nion/not relevant
	1	2	3	4	5		
Get to know people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Represent the party in discussions with voters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate at meetings with party members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Affect political decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>



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## 23 RECEPTION IN THE PARLIAMENT

Imagine that you have recently been elected to the city council. Do you think you would feel welcome?

Yes,  
absolutely☐Yes,  
maybe☐No,  
probably  
not☐No,  
absolutely  
not☐No opinion/not  
relevant☐

## 24 ASSOCIATIONS

What kind of associations are you a member of?

Sports or recreation association

Not member

☐

Passive member

☐Member and  
attend meetings☐No opinion/not  
relevant☐

Environmental organization

☐☐☐☐

Labor union

☐☐☐☐

Cultural association

☐☐☐☐

Local community

☐☐☐☐

Immigrant association

☐☐☐☐

Senior citizens' association

☐☐☐☐

Business Organization

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## 11 PAID POLITICIAN?

**How is your political engagement best described?**

- ☐ Fulltime politician
- ☐ Parttime politician
- ☐ Politician without pay
- ☐ None of the above

## 12 ELECTED?

**In which municipal bodies do you currently hold a seat?**

*You can pick multiple alternatives.*

- ☐ The City Executive Board
- ☐ The City Council
- ☐ Municipal committee or division
- ☐ Municipal company board
- ☐ None of the above — Proceed to Question 16.



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## 13 INFLUENCE

How much influence do you have compared to others with the same position?

Much less

☐

A little less

☐

The same

☐

A little more

☐

Much more

☐

No opinion/not relevant

☐

## 14 OBSTACLES

Do you experience any hindrances in order to have more influence?

*You can pick multiple alternatives.*

- ☐ Yes, within my own party.
- ☐ Yes, within the other parties.
- ☐ Yes, from the municipal bureaucrats.
- ☐ Yes, from somewhere else.
- ☐ No, I have as much influence as I would like.



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## 15 ELECTED

**Have you ever held public office in your municipality or county?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Participate at meetings with party members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Affect political decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>



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## 17 DRIVING FORCES

**How would you describe your way into politics?**

*You can pick multiple alternatives.*

- ☐ I joined a political party because I wanted to become an elected politician.
- ☐ The thought of running for office was born after I joined a political party.
- ☐ I cannot say what came first.

## 18 HOW MANY YEARS

**For how many years were you active in politics before you ran for office the first time?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ years



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## 19 THE NOMINATION PROCEDURE

**Did your party have some sort of primary election before the electoral committee proposed a candidate list for the 2014 municipal election?**

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, but the committee's proposal deviated from the result in the primary
- ☐ Yes, and the committee followed the result in the primary
- ☐ Yes, but I do not know if the committee followed the result in the primary

## 20 RECEPTION IN PARTY

**Imagine that you were a recent member of the party you represent. Do you think that you would feel welcome?**

**Yes,  
absolutely**

**Yes,  
maybe**

**No,  
probably  
not**

**No,  
absolutely  
not**

**No opi-  
nion/not  
relevant**

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## 21 RECEPTION IN PARLIAMENT

Imagine that you had recently been elected to the city council for the first time. Do you think you would feel welcome?

Yes,  
absolutely

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Yes,  
maybe

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No,  
probably  
not

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No,  
absolutely  
not

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No opi-  
nion/not  
relevant

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## 22 THREATS?

Have you during the last 12 months been subjected to violence or threats because of your political activities?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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## 23 EFFECTIVENESS

**There are many views on how to best affect political decisions. How effective do you believe that the following methods are?**

Not at all effective

Very effective

No opinion/not relevant

Work in political parties

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Work in protest groups

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Vote in the general elections

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Contact politicians

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Participate in demonstrations & protests

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Run for public office

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Lobbying through interest organisations

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## 24 CONTACTS

**What kind of associations do you communicate with in your role as politically active?**

	No contact	Some contact	Regular contact	No opinion/not relevant
Sports or recreation association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immigrant association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior citizens' association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# Political attitudes

## 25 POLITICAL ATTITUDES

**Do you agree with the following propositions?**

**Disagree completely**

**Agree completely**

**No opinion/not relevant**

1

2

3

4

5

Swedes in general have a welcoming attitude towards immigrants.

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If two equally qualified persons apply for the same job, the employer usually hires the one of Swedish origin.

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Most politicians do what they believe to be the best for the citizens.

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The possibility of making a successful career is larger for people born in Sweden than it is for people born abroad.

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Politicians who grew up in Sweden are more competent than politicians of foreign origin.

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The possibility of a political career is larger for men than for women.

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Deeply religious people become worse politicians.

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It is important that politicians resemble the electorate in terms of...

...sex.

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...age.

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...ethnicity.

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...income.

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## 26 IMMIGRANTS IN POLITICS

**An increasing number of politicians have an immigrant background, but immigrants and their children remain underrepresented among elected politicians. What do you think are the reasons for this underrepresentation?**

The underrepresentation is caused by...	Disagree completely			Agree completely		No opinion/not relevant
	1	2	3	4	5	
...immigrants' poor language skills.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Swedes' negative attitudes towards immigrants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...immigrants' being unfamiliar with Swedish politics and organizational culture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...immigrants being less interested in politics than are native Swedes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...voters being less likely to vote for candidates with immigrant background.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...the lack of a political party which represents the interests of immigrants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...immigrants being more interested in issues that concern their country of origin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are enough immigrants among our elected politicians.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## 27 POLITICAL PROPOSITIONS

**What is your opinion about the following propositions?**

**Disagree completely**

**Agree completely**

**No opinion/not relevant**

1

2

3

4

5

Raise the municipal tax to improve the quality of public services

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Receive more refugees to the municipality

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Allow private businesses to take over more of the public services

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Increase the prevalence of choice systems in public services

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Invest more resources in municipal cultural policy

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Building more residential areas even if it means that some green space disappears

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Reduce income inequality

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Opt for an eco-friendly society even if it comes with economic costs

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Prohibit private business to make a profit from tax-funded health care and education

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Opt for a society with greater equality between women and men

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## 28 PARTY

**a Which party do you like the best?**

☐ Vänsterpartiet

☐ Moderaterna

☐ Miljöpartiet

☐ Kristdemokraterna

☐ Socialdemokraterna

☐ Sverigedemokraterna

☐ Centerpartiet

☐ Feministiskt initiativ

☐ Folkpartiet

☐ Annat parti

**b Do you consider yourself to be a convinced supporter of this party?**

☐ Yes

☐ No



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## 29 TRUST

In your opinion, to what extent can you trust people in general?

You cannot trust  
people in general

1 2 3 4 5 6

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You can trust  
people in general

7

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No opinion/not  
relevant

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## 30 TOP OR BOTTOM OF SOCIETY

It is sometimes said that in our society, there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be toward the bottom. Where would you put yourself?

At the bottom

1

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At the top

No opinion/not  
relevant

☐





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## 31 RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

Do you belong to any church, religious community or religion?

	No	Yes, but I have not attended a ceremony during the last 12 months	Yes, and I have attended a ceremony during the last 12 months
The Swedish church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Christian church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Muslim community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other religious community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 32 RELIGIOSITY

How important is religion in your life?	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	No op- inion/not relevant
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## 33 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**Would you say that your household income is enough for the household's needs?**

- ☐ No, the income is much lower than what I/we need.
- ☐ No, the income is a little bit lower than what I/we need.
- ☐ I/We make about as much as I/we need.
- ☐ Yes, the income is a little bit higher than what I/we need.
- ☐ Yes, the income is much higher than what I/we need.



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## 34 LABOR MARKET STATUS

**Which of the following categories best describes your current situation?**

*Pick one alternative.*

- ☐ Employed fulltime (incl. sick or parental leave from fulltime work)
- ☐ Deltidsarbetande (incl. sjukskriven eller föräldraledig från deltidstjänst)
- ☐ Enrolled in active labor market policy
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Early retirement
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other, namely: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 35 EDUCATION

**What is your level of education? If you have not completed the education, mark the alternative which you are currently enrolled in.**

- ☐ Not completed primary school (or equivalent compulsory school)
- ☐ High school (or equivalent compulsory school)
- ☐ Studies at secondary school (or equivalent)
- ☐ Graduate from secondary school (or equivalent)
- ☐ Post-secondary education, no college / university
- ☐ Studies at the college / university
- ☐ Graduated from college / university
- ☐ Studies at / graduated from graduate education



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## 36 CHILDREN

**Do you have any children living at home?**

*Include children which live at least half the time with you.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

## 37 GROWING UP

**Where have you and your parents grown up?**

	Sweden	Other Nordic country	Other European country	Country outside Europe	No opinion/not relevant
You	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your father	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>