

ELECTION STUDY 1968

PRE-ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

("stage A" of the field work)

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STAGE A

INTERVIEWER NO

DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW

date ____ / ____ 1968

time started _____

time ended _____

R's NO ACCORDING TO
RESPONDENT SAMPLE FORM*

PSU NO R's NO

INFORMATION FROM RSF

SAMPLE CATEGORY **

YEAR OF BIRTH

SEX

1 Man
2 Woman

MARITAL STATUS

1 Married
2 Widower/widow
3 Divorced
4 Unmarried

Appropriate informations from RSF should be noted in the questionnaire before you visit R. Also, cross out questions, which should not be asked because of R's sample category or age.

For SAMPLE CATEGORY 1 cross out: 61A-B and 74A-B.

For different AGE GROUPS cross out the questions mentioned below:

Born 1946-47: 66A-B, 67A-B

Born 1943-45: 67A

Born 1940 or earlier: 68, 69, 70.

IF CHANGE IN R's MARITAL STATUS:

Present marital status: _____

Date of change: ____ / ____ 19 ____

Check at the beginning of the interview that R's year of birth and marital status are correct. If R has changed marital status write his/her present status and date of change here.

* Respondent Sample Form (RSF) contains actually a transcript from a register of all individuals living in Sweden. The sample was drawn from this register. The RSF gives information about the sampled person like name, address, marital status, age, sex etc. From the information on the RSF it is possible to find the person in the register of taxpayers and the register of voters.

** Sample category indicates whether R has been interviewed before or not. Sample category 1 = R was interviewed in 1964, Sample category 2 = R belongs to a supplementary sample consisting of people coming of voting age after the 1964 election; this age group was not included in the 1964 survey sample, Sample category 3 = R belongs to the survey sample in 1964 but was not interviewed on that occasion ("sample loss").

SHOW YOUR IDENTITY CARD AND LET R READ IT BEFORE STARTING THE INTERVIEW!

INTRODUCTION

We have been asked to do an impartial interview study in connection with this year's election. I would like to tell you - before I start asking questions - that your answers only will be used for statistical analysis. No outsider will know how a particular person has answered our questions. Of course I, myself, am bound to absolute secrecy.

IF R MENTIONS THAT HE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT THE 1964 ELECTION:

Many of those whom we interview this year have been interviewed once before. This is because we have special interest in how voters look upon politics on different occasions.

1 I begin with a couple of questions about magazines and newspapers.

Do you usually read any magazine or weekly which contains articles on political questions? (Which magazine?)(Any more such magazine?)



ADDITIONAL QUESTION FOR EACH MAGAZINE MENTIONED:

Have you observed if(MAGAZINE) usually supports any particular (political) view?

IF R ANSWERS "YES": Which view?

Magazine R reads	Answers concerning magazine's political view	DK magazine's political view
a)		

//The original questionnaire has rows for three additional magazines//

OBSERVATION: "POLITICAL VIEW" CAN BE BOTH A POLITICAL PARTY AND A MORE GENERAL POLITICAL OUTLOOK (FOR EXAMPLE "POSITIVE TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE"). ALSO, THE ANSWER "NO" SHOULD BE WRITTEN ON PROPER ROW ABOVE.

2A

How much do you usually read of news and articles about politics in daily newspapers? Which of the answers on this card is most appropriate in your case?

SHOW QUESTION CARD

//On the question card are listed the response alternatives below.//

- 4 never read news and articles about politics
- 3 read news and articles about politics sometimes
- 2 often read news and articles about politics
- 1 read whatever news and articles on politics that appear in the paper every day

2B Do you read any daily paper which supports a certain political party?
 ADDITIONAL QUESTION IF R ANSWERS "YES":
 Which of the parties are supported by the paper or papers you usually read?
 party(parties): _____
 5 don't read any such paper/DK/RES

QUESTIONS 3 - 5 ARE NOT ASKED IN THIS VERSION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

6 How interested are you in general in politics?
 Which of the answers on this card is most appropriate in your case?
 SHOW QUESTION CARD
 Are you: very interested, rather interested, not very interested or not at all interested in politics?
 1 very interested
 2 rather interested
 3 not very interested
 4 not at all interested

7 Thinking about this year's election, do you personally care very much which parties win or lose, or do you think that it doesn't matter very much to you?
 1 personally care very much
 5 don't think that it matters very much

8 Hence I would like to ask you to look at this card with photographs showing the five party leaders in the Riksdag (=Parliament)
 SHOW QUESTION CARD
 Which party leader does picture...represent?
 ASK THIS QUESTION FOR PICTURE A, B, C, D, E.

Picture	R's answer is <u>correct</u>	R's answer is <u>incorrect</u>
A (Wedén)	1	or DK 8

 //In the original questionnaire are listed four more party-leaders.//

9A Now I would like to ask you a few questions about what you think are good and bad sides of the various parties.
 I begin with the Social Democrats. Is there anything about the Social Democrats that you particularly appreciate or feel sympathy for?
 ADDITIONAL QUESTION TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED ANSWERS:
 Would you say anything more about this?
 Is there anything more that you particularly appreciate or feel sympathy for?

9B Is there anything about the Social Democrats that you dislike?
 ADDITIONAL QUESTION TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED ANSWERS:
 Would you say anything more about this?
 Is there anything more about the Social Democrats that you dislike?

10A	<p>Is there anything about the <u>People's Party</u> that you particularly appreciate or feel sympathy for?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9A ABOVE</i></p>
10B	<p>Is there anything about the <u>People's Party</u> that you dislike?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9B ABOVE</i></p>
11A	<p>Is there anything about the <u>Conservative Party</u> that you particularly appreciate or feel sympathy for?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9A ABOVE</i></p>
11B	<p>Is there anything about the <u>Conservative Party</u> that you dislike?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9B ABOVE</i></p>
12A	<p>Is there anything about the <u>Center Party</u> that you particularly appreciate or feel sympathy for?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9A ABOVE</i></p>
12B	<p>Is there anything about the <u>Center Party</u> that you dislike?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9B ABOVE</i></p>
13A	<p>Is there anything about the <u>Communist Party</u> that you particularly appreciate or feel sympathy for?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9A ABOVE</i></p>
13B	<p>Is there anything about the <u>Communist Party</u> that you dislike?</p> <p><i>USE THE SAME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AS IN QUESTION 9B ABOVE</i></p>
14	<p>What do you personally think that the parties and the Government *) and the Riksdag ought to do or work for during the next few years?</p> <p><i>ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED ANSWERS:</i></p> <p>Would you say anything more about why you think this is important? Is there anything else that you think that the parties, the Government and the Riksdag ought to do or work for during the next few years?</p>
15A	<p>Is there any question that you think is so important for <u>this part of the country</u> that the Government and the Riksdag should try to do something about it during the next few years?</p> <p><i>ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED ANSWERS:</i></p> <p>Would you say anything more about this? Is there any other question that you think is so important for this part of the country?</p>

8 DK/RFS/no such question —————> 16

*) GOVERNMENT is used here as a synonym to CABINET in English political usage. (Swedish: "Regeringen").

15B

Have you noticed if the Members of the Riksdag from this constituency have tried to do anything about this/these matters?

USE THE PHRASING "THESE MATTERS" IF R HAS MENTIONED SEVERAL MATTERS IN 15A

1. yes

8. DK/no Member → 16

15C

Do you think that the Members of some specific party have shown a particular interest in this/these matters?

ADDITIONAL QUESTION IF R ANSWERS "YES": Which party do those Members belong to?

16

On this card there are listed a few words that are often used in connection with various political opinions.

SHOW QUESTION CARD

Now I would like to ask you if you think one or more of these words fit your own political outlook?

ADDITIONAL QUESTION

Is there any more word that fit your political outlook?

- 1 *socialistic*
- 2 *bourgeois*
- 3 *left*
- 4 *liberal*
- 5 *right*
- 6 *conservative*
- 7 *middle position*

MARK ALL WORDS THAT R THINKS FITS HIS POLITICAL OUTLOOK

17

Now I would like to ask you which parties you think that these various words fit?

SHOW THE SAME QUESTION CARD AS IN 16

ASK FOR EACH OF THE WORDS ON THE CARD

Do you think that this word fits one or more of the parties?

ADDITIONAL QUESTION

Is there any more party that it fits?

//The same words as in question 16 are listed in the questionnaire and the interviewer has the possibility to write in the names of the parties that R mentions for each of the words.//

YOU MUST WRITE DOWN ALL PARTIES THAT R THINKS EACH WORD FITS. ASK THE ADDITIONAL QUESTION SO THAT NO PARTY WILL BE LEFT OUT. "DK" AND MORE GENERAL ANSWERS SHOULD BE PUT DOWN IN THE SAME PLACE AS THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES. COMMENTS SHOULD BE WRITTEN ON THE ROW FOR "OTHER ANSWER".

18

Which party or parties are represented in the present Government?

- 1 *the Social Democrats*
- other party/parties (INDICATE WHICH): _____
- 8 *DK/RFS*

19 We have listed some different views that commonly appears in political debates.

SHOW QUESTION CARD

Could you please tell me which opinion you have about each of these views. Choose one of the responses in the box at the bottom of the card.

READ ONE STATEMENT AT A TIME ALOUD AND LET R CHOOSE RESPONSE ALTERNATIVE

	<u>agree entirely</u>	<u>agree in the main</u>	<u>in the main opposite view</u>	<u>entirely opposite view</u>	<u>DK/RFS</u>
A. The State* can never run an enterprise or an industry as efficiently as private enterprise.	5	4	2	1	3
B. The risk of unemployment will be less if the State gets more influence over banks and business enterprise.	1	2	4	5	3
C. All except the old and the handicapped should have to take care of themselves without social welfare benefits or subsidies.	5	4	2	1	3
D. Leaders of banks and industry get much too much influence if the State doesn't have the possibility to control private enterprise.	1	2	4	5	3
E. In many respects equality has gone too far in this country.	5	4	2	1	3
F. More social reforms are needed since several questions of social welfare are still not solved.	1	2	4	5	3
G. Business enterprise fullfills its tasks best if it is left free of interference from the side of the State.	5	4	2	1	3
H. In our country one ought to strive for more equality in regard to things like income and working hours.	1	2	4	5	3
I. Social reforms have gone so far in this country that in the future the State should rather <u>diminish</u> than increase benefits and support to the citizens.	5	4	2	1	3

* The term "the state" refers to the national Government in general.

20A	<p>I have also a couple of questions about your opinion concerning the policies that have been pursued in this country during recent years?</p> <p>There is a shortage of housing in many areas. Do you have the opinion that the shortage of housing is mainly due to the policy pursued by the Government, or do you think that it is <u>mainly</u> due to other circumstances?</p>
5 1 8	<p><i>mainly due to the policy pursued by the Government</i> <i>mainly due to other circumstances</i> <i>DK/RFS</i></p>
20B	<p>How do you think it would have been with regard to shortage of housing if we had had a Government consisting of bourgeois parties only and not including the Social Democrats?</p> <p>Do you think we would have had <u>more shortage of housing</u>, <u>less shortage of housing</u> or do you think <u>the shortage of housing would have been about the same as now</u>?</p>
1 5 3 8	<p><i>more shortage of housing</i> <i>less shortage of housing</i> <i>about the same as now</i> <i>DK/RFS</i></p>
<p>IF R ASKS, INFORM HIM THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC</p>	
20C	<p>Have you yourself had any serious difficulties because of the shortage of housing?</p>
21	<p>It seems that most people have become better off economically during the last twenty years.</p> <p>How do you think it would have been if we had had a Government consisting of bourgeois parties only and not including the Social Democrats? Do you think people in general would have been <u>better off</u> economically or <u>less well off</u> or <u>about the same as now</u>?</p>
5 1 3	<p><i>better off</i> <i>less well off</i> <i>about the same as now</i></p>
22A	<p>During the last year we have had a certain amount of unemployment in some places.</p> <p>Do you think that this is <u>mainly</u> due to the policy pursued by the Government or <u>mainly</u> due to other circumstances?</p>
5 1	<p><i>mainly due to the policy pursued by the Government</i> <i>mainly due to circumstances</i></p>
22B	<p>As a whole we have had full employment in this country during the last twenty years.</p> <p>Do you think that this is <u>mainly</u> due to the policy pursued by the Government or <u>mainly</u> due to other circumstances?</p>
1 5	<p><i>mainly due to the policy pursued by the Government</i> <i>mainly due to other circumstances</i></p>

22C

How do you think it would have been with the employment if we had had a Government consisting of bourgeois parties only and not including the Social Democrats?
Do you think we would have had more unemployment or less unemployment during the last years or do you think that the unemployment would have been about the same?

- 1 more unemployment
5 less unemployment
3 about the same

23

Is there anyone in your family or among your closest friends who has experienced unemployment or has had serious difficulties in getting a job the last year?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Is it yourself, someone else in your family or someone among your closest friends? In which way?

- 1 yes, R himself (INDICATE IN WHICH WAY): _____
2 yes, someone else in my family (INDICATE IN WHICH WAY): _____
3 yes, someone among my closest friends (INDICATE IN WHICH WAY): _____
5 no, no one has experienced unemployment or the like
8 DK/RFS

TO INTERVIEWER: RECORD ABOVE WHETHER R REFERS TO UNEMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, TEMPORARY LAY-OFF. IF REQUIRED, WRITE DOWN ANSWERS CONCERNING MANY RESPONSE ALTERNATIVES (R HIMSELF, SOMEONE ELSE IN THE FAMILY, FRIEND).

24

Sometimes an enterprise has to lay-off a part of its labor force. Some people think that in such cases one should first lay-off women whose husbands are wage-earning. Others think that this would be unfair. What do you think about this matter?

- 1 more correct to lay-off married women first
5 unfair
8 DK/RFS

THERE IS NO QUESTION 25 IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE OF THIS STAGE

26A

Do you think it would have been right or wrong to decide a reduction of the state income tax this year?

- 1 right
5 wrong
8 DK/RFS → 26D

26B

What do you think is the most important reason why one should/shouldn't reduce the state income tax now?

CHOOSE THE PHRASING OF THE QUESTION (SHOULD/SHOULDN'T), THAT FITS WITH R'S ANSWER ON QUESTION 26A.

26C	Do you have a very definite opinion on this question or do you feel more uncertain?
1	<i>very definite opinion</i>
5	<i>more uncertain</i>
26D	Have you noticed whether any of the parties has been in particular insister in demanding a reduction of the State income tax this year? (Which party? party (INDICATE WHICH): _____)
5	<i>no, haven't noticed any party</i>
8	<i>DK/RFS</i>
27	This year an alternation in the constitution has been decided, which will bring about a change in the parliament within a few years. Have you heard or read anything about what the change means? (What does it mean?)
IF RELEVANT, INDICATE MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE-ALTERNATIVE	
1	<i>changed into an one chamber system</i>
2	<i>elections to the parliament and the commune on the same day</i>
8	<i>DK/RFS</i>
THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS 28-31 IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE OF THIS STAGE	
32A	There are different opinions about the teaching of Christianity in schools. Some people think that teaching of Christianity should only give the pupils knowledge about the religion. Others think that teaching of Christianity should not only give knowledge, but should also <u>aim at the nurturing of pupils in the Christian spirit.</u> Which of these viewpoints is most in accord with your own opinion?
1	<i>should only give knowledge</i>
5	<i>should both give knowledge and aim at nurturing pupils in the Christian spirit.</i>
8	<i>DK/RFS</i> → 33A
32B	Do you have a very definite opinion on this question or do you feel more uncertain?
1	<i>very definite opinion</i>
5	<i>more uncertain</i>
8	<i>DK/RFS</i>
33A	Some people think that our present film censorship is too lenient in dealing with parts of films which they consider to be indecent. Others think that the film censorship is exercised in a satisfactory way and some believe that films are unnecessarily censored. Which of these opinions do you agree with?
1	<i>too lenient</i>
3	<i>is exercised in a satisfactory way</i>
5	<i>films are unnecessarily censored</i>
8	<i>DK/RFS</i> → 34A
33B	Do you have a very definite opinion on this question or do you feel more uncertain?
1	<i>very definite opinion</i>
5	<i>more uncertain</i>
8	<i>DK/RFS</i>

34A	<p>There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which of the opinions on this card is in best agreement with your viewpoint?</p>
	<p>SHOW QUESTION CARD</p>
	<p>1 <i>abortion should never be permitted</i> 2 <i>abortion should be permitted only if the life and health of the woman is in danger</i> 3 <i>abortion should also be permitted if due to personal conditions the woman would have difficulties in taking care of the child</i> 4 <i>abortion should never be forbidden, since one can not request a woman to give birth to a child she doesn't want to have</i> 8 DK/RFS → 35A</p>
34B	<p>Do you have a very definite opinion on this question or do you feel more uncertain?</p>
	<p>1 <i>very definite opinion</i> 5 <i>more uncertain</i> 8 DK/RFS</p>
35A	<p>Some people think that Sweden <u>shall</u> give aid to underdeveloped countries, e.g. certain countries in Asia and Africa. Others think that Sweden <u>ought not to</u> give any aid. What is your view on this matter?. Do you think that Sweden ought to give aid to underdeveloped countries?</p>
	<p>1 <i>yes</i> 5 <i>no</i> → 35C 8 DK/RFS → 35C</p>
35B	<p>Some people think that the Government and the Riksdag ought to put through a very great increase in our aid to the underdeveloped countries during the next few years. Do you agree with that opinion?</p>
	<p>1 <i>agree</i> 5 <i>do not agree</i> 8 DK/RFS</p>
35C	<p>Have you noticed if there are any differences among the parties on the question of aid to foreign countries?</p>
	<p>ADDITIONAL QUESTION IF R ANSWERS "YES, DIFFERENCES AMONG THE PARTIES":</p>
	<p>Which party or parties do you consider <u>most anxious</u> to increase the aid to foreign countries during the next few years?</p>
	<p>answer: _____ 5 <i>no, no differences</i> 8 DK</p>

36

It is often thought that certain parties are comparatively close to each other in regard to the politics they want to pursue. Also, one may think that other parties are further apart. I have some cards with the names of the larger parties and I would like to ask you to compare the party that is listed first with the others on the various cards.

SHOW ONE OF THE QUESTION CARDS A-E AT A TIME FOR THIS QUESTION. ASK THE QUESTIONS BELOW FOR EACH CARD. MENTION IN THE QUESTION THE PARTY AT THE TOP OF EACH CARD.

Which of the parties do you think is closest to (PARTY)?
Which do you think is next closest to (PARTY)?
Which of the other parties do you think is furthest from (PARTY)?

QUESTION CARD A: THE PEOPLE'S PARTY
closest party: _____
next closest: _____
furthest from: _____

//The original questionnaire has boxes also for the parties mentioned below.//

QUESTION CARD B: THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
QUESTION CARD C: THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY
QUESTION CARD D: THE CENTER PARTY
QUESTION CARD E: THE COMMUNIST PARTY

OTHER PARTY or supplementary remarks: _____

IF NECESSARY, YOU CAN USE THE WORDS "MOST ALIKE", "MOST UNLIKE" TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THE QUESTION. R CAN THINK THAT A CERTAIN PARTY IS CLOSER TO ONE OF THE PARTIES IN ONE SPECIFIC RESPECT, BUT CLOSER TO SOME OTHER PARTY IN ANOTHER RESPECT. ASK R TO DECIDE HIMSELF WHICH RESPECT HE THINKS IS MOST IMPORTANT, SO THAT ONLY ONE PARTY CAN BE WRITTEN DOWN AS AN ANSWER: "DK" CAN BE WRITTEN DOWN ON THE APPROPRIATE ROW WITHIN EACH BOX.

37

We have a Social Democratic Government now. How likely do you think it seems that we will get another Government after this years election?

SHOW QUESTION CARD

Do you think it is: very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

- 1 very likely
- 2 somewhat likely
- 3 not very likely
- 4 not at all likely
- 8 DK/RFS

THERE IS NO QUESTION 38 IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

39 How big a change do you think there would be in conditions in this country if we instead get a Government where bourgeois parties but not the Social Democrats participated?

SHOW QUESTION CARD

Do you think there would be: a very great, rather great or not a particularly great change or no change at all?

- 1 *very great change*
 2 *rather great change*
 3 *not a particularly great change*
 4 *no change at all*
 8 DK/RES

IF R WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "IN THE LONG RUN" AND "IN THE SHORT RUN", MARK THE ALTERNATIVE THAT R THINKS OF AS APPROPRIATE "IN THE LONG RUN". IF R SAYS THAT THE ANSWER DEPENDS ON WHAT BOURGEOIS PARTIES THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIST OF, WRITE DOWN THE WHOLE ANSWER ON THE ROW FOR "OTHER ANSWER".

40 Which party or parties would you prefer most to have included in the Government after the election this year?

ADDITIONAL QUESTION

Would you like to have any more party in the Government?

IF R ANSWERS "YES": Which party or parties?

WRITE DOWN ALL PARTIES THAT R MENTIONS: ALSO THE ANSWERS "COALITION GOVERNMENT" OR "ALL PARTIES" SHOULD BE WRITTEN DOWN ON THE ROW FOR "ANSWER".

41A Many people think of themselves as adherents of a certain party. But there are also many people who don't have any such attitude towards any of the parties.

Do you usually think of yourself as, for instance, an adherent of the People's Party, or a Social Democrat or a Conservative or an adherent of the Center Party or of the Communist Party? Or don't you have any such attitude to any of the parties?

- 1 *yes, I think of myself as an adherent of a certain party*
 3 *DK/doubtful* → 41D
 5 *no, I don't think of myself as an adherent of any party* → 41D
 8 *RFS* → 41D

41B Which party do you like best?

- 1 *Communist Party*
 2 *Social Democratic Party*
 3 *Center Party*
 4 *People's Party*
 5 *Conservative Party*
 6 *Christian Democratic Union*
 8 *RFS* → 45

41C Some people are strongly convinced adherents of their party. Others are not so strongly convinced. Do you yourself belong to the strongly convinced adherents of your party?

- 1 *yes, strongly convinced*
 5 *no, not strongly convinced* } → 42

LOOK AT THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE 42.

41D

Is there any party that you are closer to than the others? (Which party?)

- 1 Communist Party
- 2 Social Democratic Party
- 3 Center Party
- 4 People's Party
- 5 Conservative Party
- 6 Christian Democratic Union
- 8 DK/RFS/no party →45

R WHO HAS MENTIONED THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OR THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 41B OR 41D.

R WHO HAS MENTIONED THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, THE PEOPLE'S PARTY, THE CENTER PARTY, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION OR "OTHER PARTY" IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 41B OR 41D.

42A

What is your opinion of the bourgeois parties?
Do you dislike the bourgeois parties very much

42B

What is your opinion of the Social Democratic Party?
Is it a party that you dislike very much?

43

Which party do you like second best?

DO NOT INDICATE MORE THAN ONE PARTY

- 1 Communist Party
- 2 Social Democratic Party
- 3 Center Party
- 4 People's Party
- 5 Conservative Party
- 6 Christian Democratic Union
- 8 DK/RFS/no party

44A

One sometimes thinks of the parties as possibly being ordered from left to right according to their political positions.

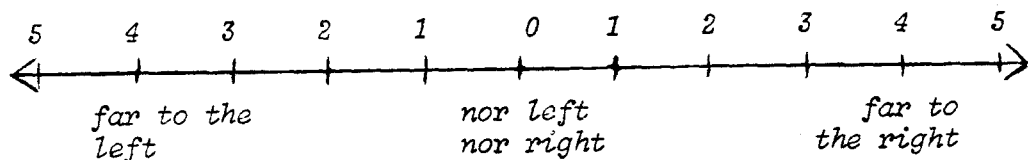
SHOW QUESTION CARD

On this card there is a kind of scale. I would like you to say where you think the party you like best should be on the scale.

If you think it stands very far to the left or the right, you can choose a high figure on the scale's left or right arrow. If you think it is somewhat, but not so much to the left or to the right, you can choose a lower figure.

TO INTERVIEWER: TRY TO HAVE R INDICATE ONE OF THE FIGURES ON THE SCALE AS AN ANSWER AND MARK THE ANSWER ON THE SCALE BELOW.

the party's position is:

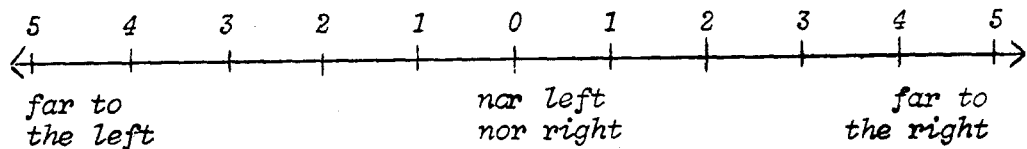


44B

Where do you think you would place yourself on the scale?

SHOW QUESTION CARD. SAME AS IN 44A

TO INTERVIEWER: IF NECESSARY, EXPLAIN THAT THIS QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH R'S OWN POLITICAL OUTLOOK. TRY TO HAVE R INDICATE ONE OF THE FIGURES ON THE SCALE AND CROSS IT.



45

In some quarters it has been proposed that the Conservative Party, the People's Party and the Center Party ought to go together and form a united party. Others have proposed, instead, that the Center Party and the People's Party should form a united party.

What is your opinion of these proposals? May I ask you to choose the answer on this card that is in best agreement with your opinion.

SHOW QUESTION CARD. IF NECESSARY READ THE RESPONSE ALTERNATIVES LOUDLY.

- 1 the Conservative Party, the People's Party and the Center Party should form one united party.
- 2 the Center Party and the People's Party should form one united party.
- 3 Plays no role as far as I am concerned.
- 4 Dislike both proposals.
- 8 DK/RFS

IF R WANTS TO AGREE WITH BOTH 1 AND 2, ASK R TO TELL WHICH PROPOSAL HE LIKES BEST AND MARK JUST ONE ALTERNATIVE

46A

What do you think is most important when you are to vote? Is it your opinion of the party leader or your opinion of the politics of the party in general or your opinion of the persons on the parties' ballots in this constituency?

- 1 the party leader is most important
- 2 the party's politics in general is most important
- 3 the persons on the ballot are most important

46B

And what do you think is least important?

IF NECESSARY, MENTION THE TWO ALTERNATIVES THAT R DIDN'T MENTION IN 46A

- 1 the party leader is least important
- 2 the party's politics in general is least important
- 3 the persons on the ballot are least important

47A

It sometimes happens that a Member of the Riksdag has another opinion than that of his party in the Riksdag. What do you think a Member of the Riksdag should do in such a case? Should he vote according to his party's position or according to his own viewpoint?

- 1 his party's position
- 2 his own viewpoint
- 8 DK/RFS

47B What do you think Members in general usually do?

- 1 votes for his party's position
 2 votes according to his own viewpoint
 8 DK/RFS

48A Suppose that a Member believes that most of those who has voted for him in the election, have another opinion than he himself in a certain question, what do you think he should do? Should he vote according to his voters' opinion or according to his own viewpoint?

- 1 according to the opinion of his voters
 2 according to his own viewpoint
 8 DK/RFS

48B What do you think a Member should do if his party in the Riksdag has one opinion and most of those who voted for him in the election have another opinion? Should he vote for his party's standpoint or according to the opinion of his voters?

- 1 according to his party's standpoint
 2 according to the opinion of his voters
 9 DK/RFS

49A Suppose the Riksdag was deliberating a bill that you considered unfair or wrong. What do you think you could do in such a case?

ADDITIONAL QUESTION:

Is there anything more you could do?

49B

Are you a member of some organization or association where one could for example raise such a matter at a meeting or do something else in such a case?

1.yes

3.depends on what
the matter is/may be

5.no/DK

→ 49C

Which organization do you have in mind?

ADDITIONAL QUESTION:

Any more organization?

49C

Is there any Member of the Riksdag in this constituency or any of those on the party ballots that you think you could turn to in such a case?

49D

How likely do you think it might be that you would really try to do something in such a case if you thought that the Riksdag was on its way to enact an unfair or wrong law? Would it be: very likely, somewhat likely or not at all likely?

- 1 very likely
 3 somewhat likely
 5 not at all likely
 8 DK/RFS

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Do you know the names of any of those who are on the parties' ballots in this constituency in this year's election?(Do you remember the name of anybody else?)

WRITE DOWN THE FIRST 4 NAMES THAT R MENTIONS.
ASK THE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS BELOW FOR EACH NAME.
WRITE DOWN THE PARTY. CROSS IF R SAYS THAT THE PERSON IS A MEMBER, OR ACTIVE/IN LOCAL POLITICS.
WRITE DOWN THE NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP.

Which party does he belong to?
Is he already a Member of the Riksdag?
Have you observed if he is active in local politics?
Do you know if he belongs to the leading people in any organization or group?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Member of the Riksdag</u>	<u>Active in local politics</u>	<u>Leading in organization (indicate which)</u>
a) _____				

//The original questionnaire had rows for 3 additional candidates.//

8 DK any name

IF R SAYS THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN THIS YEARS BALLOT ASK THE ADDITIONAL QUESTION: "Do you remember the name of any of the present members?" THEN ASK THE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOVE AND MARK THE ANSWERS ABOVE

51 We have also listed some different opinions about parties and politics, which one sometimes hears that people have. Some of them are quite critical.

I will read one such opinion at a time and ask you to choose one of the answers on this card

SHOW QUESTION CARD

Do you agree with this opinion or do you think it is wrong?

	<u>Agree entirely</u>	<u>Agree in the main</u>	<u>In the main opposite view</u>	<u>Entirely opposite view</u>	<u>DK/RFS</u>
A. Politics is often so complicated that one can not understand what it is all about.	5	4	2	1	3
B. There is at least some party that always tries to take care of my interests.	1	2	4	5	3
C. That which happens in politics has seldom any great meaning for me.	5	4	2	1	3
D. Parties are just interested in people's votes but not in their opinions.	5	4	2	1	3
E. There is never any difficulty to see where the <u>important</u> differences among the parties are.	1	2	4	5	3
F. People like me can certainly vote, but there is nothing else one can do to influence politics.	5	4	2	1	3
G. Those Members of the Riksdag that we elect soon lose contact with common people.	5	4	2	1	3
H. Through voting one can truly take part in deciding how things shall be run in this country.	1	2	4	5	3
I. One can never trust that any of the parties intends to keep their promises.	5	4	2	1	3
J. Those who sit in the Riksdag and make decisions do not pay much attention to what common people want and think.	5	4	2	1	3