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Description

In conjunction with the referendum on Swedish membership of the European Union (EU) an election study was carried out in collaboration between Statistics Sweden and the Department of Political Science at Göteborg University. All interviews were carried out before the day of the referendum, November 13 1994.

The interview included questions on how much the respondent had been taking part of EU-issues in daily papers; political interest in general and interest in the EU-issue in particular; opinion on the EU, and if there had been some changes in the opinion during the last year. For all political parties the respondent had to state if the party supported 'yes' or 'no' in the referendum, and furthermore the respondent had to place the parties on a scale ranging from 'very negative' to 'very positive' towards a Swedish membership of the European Union. Other questions dealt with how a Swedish membership of the EU should affect a number of fields; opinion on a European federal state; and opinion on referenda in general. A number of questions dealt with the respondent's knowledge of EU; probable outcome of the Swedish and Norwegian referenda respectively, and knowledge of the actual outcome of the Finnish referendum; attitudes towards EU among the surroundings, and the importance of other people's attitudes and arguing for one's own attitude; and how one plans to vote in the referendum. Besides the EU-specific questions the interview included questions on attitudes toward the various political parties; opinion on a number of topical questions; confidence in Swedish politicians; type of society one ought to go in for in the future; activities to influence political

decisions; and own experiences of the tightening Swedish labour market. There are also information about education, occupation, trade union affiliation, marital status, and knowledge of languages. After the referendum the respondent had to answer a mail questionnaire, including questions on actual vote; when one decided how to vote; if one had been watching the concluding TV debate; and if the attitude towards a Swedish membership had been altered during the campaign.

Purpose:

Explain why people vote as they do and why an election ends in a particular way. Track and follow trends in the Swedish electoral democracy and make comparisons with other countries.

Data contains personal data

No

Language

[Swedish](#)

Unit of analysis

[Individual](#)

Population

Swedish citizens entitled to vote, resident in Sweden and aged 18-80 years.

Time Method

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

Sampling procedure

[Probability: Simple random](#)

Time period(s) investigated

1994-10-03 – 1994-11-12

Variables

259

Number of individuals/objects

2700

Data format / data structure

[Numeric](#)

Data collection 1

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- Time period(s) for data collection: 1994-10-03 – 1994-11-12
- Data collector: Statistics Sweden
- Source of the data: Registers/Records/Accounts: Administrative, Population group, Registers/Records/Accounts

Geographic spread

Geographic location: [Sweden](#)

Responsible department/unit

Department of Political Science

Research area

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