Statistiska centralbyrån
Statistics Sweden

STATSVETENSKAPLIGA INSTITUTIONEN
GÖTEBORGS UNIVERSITET

ELECTION STUDY 1998

TO YOU WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED

Through the helpful participation of you and many others we have been able to conduct an interview survey in connection with this year's election. It is our hope that it will bring useful and reliable results.

Our study will now be concluded with this postal questionnaire. Among other things, it includes some questions which we, of practical reasons, were unable to include in the interviews before the election.

We would be very grateful if you could answer the questions and then return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope. The address is printed on the envelope and no stamp is needed. Please post the questionnaire as soon as possible, preferably already today or tomorrow.

Your answers to the questions we be treated as anonymous. No outsider will get to know your particular answers. The answers will be subject to statistical analysis and only reported in the form of figures in tables. The tables will never reveal the answers of any individual.

Yours faithfully

Olle Johansson
Statistics Sweden

Sören Holmberg
Department of Political Science
Göteborg University

AS YOU KNOW WE HAD THREE ELECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME THIS YEAR, that is election to the Riksdag, local *kommunfullmäktige* election and regional *landsting* election. (Except on the island of Gotland, where no *landsting* election was held.)

Our questions concern how you voted in the different elections. We would also like to ask when you decided how to vote, whether you had the chance to watch the concluding party leader debate, and what you thought of the election campaign.

The questions are answered by putting crosses ☒ in the appropriate boxes.

QUESTION 1A
For which party did you vote in the *Riksdag election*?

☐ Left Party
☐ Social Democrats
☐ Centre Party
☐ People's Party Liberals
☐ Moderate Party
☐ Christian Democrats
☐ Green Party
☐ Other party (state which):……
……
☐ Voted blank
☐ Did not vote

QUESTION 1B
In this year's election it was possible to cast a personal vote, by putting a cross before one of the candidates on the ballot paper. Did you use the possibility to cast a personal vote in the *Riksdag election?*

☐ Yes
☐ No

If you cast a personal vote, do you the name of the candidate you voted for?

Name:……..……

QUESTION 2A
For which party did you vote in the local *Kommunfullmäktige election*?

☐ Left Party
☐ Social Democrats
☐ Centre Party
☐ People's Party Liberals
☐ Moderate Party
☐ Christian Democrats
☐ Green Party
☐ Other party (state which):……..
……..
☐ Voted blank
☐ Did not vote

QUESTION 2B
Did you use the possibility to cast a personal vote in the *kommunfullmäktige election*?

☐ Yes
☐ No

QUESTION 3A
For which party did you vote in the Regional *landsting election*?

☐ Left Party
☐ Social Democrats
☐ Centre Party
☐ People's Party Liberals
☐ Moderate Party
☐ Christian Democrats
☐ Green Party
☐ Other party (state which):……
……
☐ Voted blank
☐ Did not vote

QUESTION 3B
Did you use the possibility to cast a personal vote in the *landsting election*?

☐ Yes
☐ No

QUESTION 4
When did you decide which party to vote for in this year's Riksdag election?

- ☐ I decided during the last week before the election
- ☐ I decided earlier during the autumn or summer
- ☐ I knew all along how to vote

- ☐ I did not vote in the Riksdag election

QUESTION 5
What do you think of the new personal vote system that was used in this year's Election?

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Fairly good
- ☐ Neither good nor bad
- ☐ Fairly bad
- ☐ Very bad

QUESTION 6
Did you watch the concluding party leader debate on Sveriges Television (SVT), on the Friday before the election on 20 September?

- ☐ Yes, watched the whole debate
- ☐ Yes, watched part of debate
- ☐ No, did not watch the party leader debate

QUESTION 7
Generally speaking, how interested in politics are you?

- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Fairly interested
- ☐ Not very interested
- ☐ Not at all interested

QUESTION 8
Generally speaking, how high is your confidence in Swedish politicians?

- ☐ very high confidence
- ☐ fairly high confidence
- ☐ fairly low confidence
- ☐ very low confidence

QUESTION 9
Have you, during 1998, visited any of the following home pages on the Internet to get information about politics or what the political parties stand for?

- ☐ Have no access to the Internet (go to question 10)

Have visited…	**yes, many times**	**yes, on occasion**	**No, never**
The home page of a morning newspaper	☐	☐	☐
The home page of an evening newspaper	☐	☐	☐
The home page of a TV channel	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the Left Party	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the Social Democrats	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the Centre Party	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the People's Party Liberals	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the Moderate Party	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the Christian Democrats	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the Green Party	☐	☐	☐
Home page of the one or more MPs	☐	☐	☐

QUESTION 10
How would you characterise this year's election campaign?

Tick the characterisations that are closes to your opinion. More than one characterisation is possible.

- ☐ Interesting and thrilling
- ☐ Too much quarrelling among the parties
- ☐ Too conflictual and aggressive
- ☐ Clear differences between the parties
- ☐ Too concentrated on the party leaders
- ☐ Objective and informative
- ☐ The election debate in the press and on radio and TV was difficult to understand

QUESTION 11
Has your view of the parties changed during this year's election campaign? For each of the parties, has your view become:

For each party – tick the relevant box.

	much more positive	somewhat more positive	neither more positive nor more negative	somewhat more negative	much more negative
Left Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social Democrats	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Centre Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
People's Party Liberals	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Moderate Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Christian Democrats	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Green Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

QUESTION 12
Here are a few proposals that have appeared in the political debate. What is your opinion about each of them?

	very good proposal	Fairly good proposal	Neither good nor bad proposal	Fairly bad proposal	very bad proposal
Reduce the public sector	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lower taxes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sweden should join the EMU	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Receive fewer refugees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sweden should in the long run abolish nuclear power	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

THE SURVEY RESULTS

We would be delighted to send you an account of our results. If you wish to receive a report on the survey results, you may place an order by putting your name and address here below. Of you do not wish to receive the report you do of course not need to fill in your name and address.

……

……

……

The only purpose of this number is to keep a record of the incoming answers. This means you will avoid unnecessary reminders .