



Vetenskap & Allmänhet

Questionnaire VA Barometer 2020

Sample: Representative sample of the Swedish population aged 16–74

Number of telephone interviews: 1,018

Telephone interviews carried out: 24 August – 1 October 2020

Introduction to the survey

Hello, my name is

On behalf of the organisation Vetenskap & Allmänhet we are conducting a national survey to find out about the public's attitudes to research and science. I would like to ask you some questions. It will take about seven to eight minutes.

SPLIT BALLOT between 1 & 2

Question 1

Do you think that scientific developments in the last 10 to 20 years have made life better or worse for ordinary people? Would you say they have made life...?

(Read out response options 1-5)

1. A lot better
2. Somewhat better
3. Neither better nor worse
4. Somewhat worse
5. A lot worse
6. Don't know

Question 2

Do you think that technological developments in the last 10 to 20 years have made life better or worse for ordinary people? Would you say they have made life...?

(Read out the response options 1-5)

1. A lot better
2. Somewhat better
3. Neither better nor worse
4. Somewhat worse
5. A lot worse
6. Don't know

SPLIT BALLOT between 3 & 4

Question 3.

Do you think that scientific developments in the next 10 to 20 years will make life better or worse for ordinary people? Would you say they will make life...?

(Read out response options 1-5)

1. A lot better
2. Somewhat better
3. Neither better nor worse
4. Somewhat worse
5. A lot worse
6. Don't know

Question 4.

Do you think that technological developments in the next 10 to 20 years will make life better or worse for ordinary people? Would you say they will make life...?

(Read out response options 1-5)

1. A lot better
2. Somewhat better
3. Neither better nor worse
4. Somewhat worse
5. A lot worse
6. Don't know

Question 5.

How much confidence do you have in the following people? You should say if you have very high, fairly high, fairly low or very low confidence? Let's start with... ?

(rotate A-D)

- A. Researchers at universities
- B. Researchers at companies
- C. Science journalists
- D. News journalists

Question 6

Generally speaking, how much confidence do you have in research? You should say if you have very high, fairly high, fairly low or very low confidence.

(Read out response options 1-5)

1. *Very high*
2. *Fairly high*
3. *Neither high nor low*
4. *Fairly low*
5. *Very low*
6. *Don't know*

Question 7

Would you want to work as a researcher in the future?

(Ages: 16–65)

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No
4. Don't know (DON'T READ ALOUD)

Question 8

Would you recommend someone you know to become a researcher?

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No
4. Don't know (DON'T READ ALOUD)

SPLIT BALLOT between 9 and 10

Question 9

Overall, to what extent do you think that research is taken into account when political decisions are made in Sweden? Is research taken into account too much, too little or to a reasonable extent?

1. Too much
2. To a reasonable extent
3. Too little
4. Different for different subjects
5. Don't know (DON'T READ ALOUD)

Question 10

Overall, to what extent do you think that research is taken into account when political decisions are made regarding the handling of the corona pandemic in Sweden? Is research taken into account too much, too little or to a reasonable extent?

1. Too much
2. To a reasonable extent
3. Too little
4. Different for different subjects
5. Don't know (DON'T READ ALOUD)

Questions 11 (rotate 11a+11b) and 12 (rotate 12a+12b).

Question 11a

Has the corona pandemic affected your confidence in researchers, and if so, in what way? Is your confidence greater, less or unchanged?

1. Greater confidence
2. Unchanged confidence
3. Less confidence
4. Don't know (DON'T READ ALOUD)

Question 11b

(Only asked to those who respond "Greater confidence" or "Less confidence" to question 11a)

What is the main reason why your confidence in researchers has increased/decreased?

Open response

Question 12a

Has the corona pandemic affected your confidence in journalists, and if so, in what way? Is your confidence greater, less or unchanged?

1. Greater confidence
2. Unchanged confidence
3. Less confidence
4. Don't know (DON'T READ ALOUD)

Question 12b

(Only asked to those who respond "Greater confidence" or "Less confidence" to question 12a)

What is the main reason why your confidence in journalists has increased/decreased?

Open response

Background questions

Question 13

Do you work in research?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No, but work/have worked in a research-related job (research administration)
4. No, but have previously
5. Don't know

Question 14

Does any member of your family, relatives or close friends work in research?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No, but have previously
4. Don't know

Question 15

What is your occupation?

1. Employed

2. *Self-employed*
3. *Student*
4. *Retired*
5. *Jobseeker*
6. *Other*
7. *Don't want to say*

Question 16

What type of education do you have?

(Read out options 1-5)

1. *Elementary school*
2. *Upper secondary school*
3. *Post upper secondary education, less than three years*
4. *Post upper secondary education, three years or more*
5. *Postgraduate education*
6. *Don't know*
7. *Don't want to say*

Question 17

Only asked to people aged 30 or older:

What is your gross monthly income?

(gross income = income before tax)

Question 18

Only asked to people aged 18 or older:

Which political party would you vote for if an election was to be held today?

1. *Centre Party*
2. *Christian Democrats*
3. *Liberal Party*
4. *Green Party*
5. *Moderate Party*
6. *Social Democrats*
7. *Sweden Democrats*
8. *Left Party*
9. *Another party*
10. *Would vote blank*
11. *Wouldn't vote*
12. *Don't know*
13. *Don't want to say*

Question 19

Were you born in Sweden?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*
3. *Don't want to say*

Question 20

Were one or both of your parents born in Sweden?

1. *Both*
2. *One of them*
3. *Neither of them*
4. *Don't want to say*

Question 21

Sex (*information on record, not to be asked in the interview*)

1. *Female*
2. *Male*

Question 22

Age (*information on record, not to be asked in the interview*)

1. *16–20 years*
2. *21–29 years*
3. *30–44 years*
4. *45–59 years*
5. *60–74 years*

Question 23

SKL's municipal classification (*information on record, not to be asked in the interview*)

Location types: city, other towns, rural area (SKL's municipal categories)