



## Questionnaire VA Barometer 2024

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

**Number of telephone interviews:** approx. 1,000

**Telephone interviews carried out:** 12 August – 29 September 2024

### Introduction to the survey

Hello, my name is .....

On behalf of the organisation Public & Science Sweden 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 (respondents either answer 1+3 or 2+4)

#### 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 – *Go to question 3*
3. Neither better nor worse – *Go to question 3*
4. Somewhat worse – *Go to question 3*
5. A lot worse
6. Don't know – *Go to question 3*

#### 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 – *Go to question 4*

3. Neither better nor worse – *Go to question 4*
4. Somewhat worse – *Go to question 4*
5. A lot worse
6. Don't know – *Go to question 4*

**SPLIT BALLOT between 3 & 4 (respondents either answer 1+3 or 2+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 – *Go to question 5*
3. Neither better nor worse - *Go to question 5*
4. Somewhat worse - *Go to question 5*
5. A lot worse
6. Don't know - *Go to question 5*

**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?**

(rotate a-e)

- a) Researchers at universities
- b) Researchers at companies
- c) Politicians in the Swedish Parliament
- d) Politicians in your municipality
- e) Politicians in the European Parliament

(Read out response options 1-4)

1. Very high
2. Fairly high
3. Fairly low

4. Very low
5. Don't know

### **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**

Researchers sometimes comment on various issues discussed in society. Overall, how much confidence do you have in university researchers' statements in the following areas?

*(rotate a-g)*

- a) Climate change
- b) Renewable energy
- c) Vaccinations
- d) Integration
- e) Teaching methods in schools
- f) Gender identity
- g) Crime

*(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 8**

**To what extent do you think researchers ...**

*(rotate a-b)*

- a) ... are driven by preconceived notions?
- b) ... share your own values?

*(Read out response options 1-5)*

1. To a very high extent
2. To a fairly high extent

3. To neither a high nor low extent
4. To a fairly low extent
5. To a very low extent
6. Don't know

**Question 9a**

Do you think researchers should express their opinions on political issues related to their field of research?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Instruction for the interviewer: If the respondent explicitly answers 'Don't know,' no follow-up question is necessary. However, if they respond with 'It depends,' please ask the respondent to explain their answer in question 9b.

**Question 9b**

**Why did you choose that particular option?**

*(Open response)*

**Question 10**

Do you think Swedish politicians in general, give too much, the right amount, or too little consideration to research findings in their opinions and positions?

*(Read out response options 1-3)*

1. Too much
2. To a reasonable extent
3. Too little
4. Don't know

**Question 11**

How much consideration do you feel politicians in the parties you support give to research findings when expressing their views on the following topics?

*(rotate a-f)*

- a) Climate change
- b) Crime
- c) Energy production
- d) Integration
- e) Schools
- f) Gender identity

*(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

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## *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 four years
4. Post upper secondary education, four years or more
5. Postgraduate education
6. Don't know
7. Don't want to say

**Question 17**

**Do either of your parents have a university education?**

1. Yes, both
2. Yes, one of them
3. No
4. Don't know

**Question 18**

*Only asked to people aged 30 or older:*

**What is your gross monthly income?**

*(gross income = income before tax)*

**Question 19**

*Only asked to people aged 18 or older:*

**Which political party would you vote for if a national 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 20**

**Were you born in Sweden?**

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

**Question 21**

**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 22**

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

1. Female
2. Male

**Question 23**

**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 24**

**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)

**Question 25**

**Income at municipal/district level** (*information on record, not to be asked in the interview*)