



Moderaterna (Conservative Party)

Discrimination

- Energetic decisions must be taken in the fight against the non-selection for ethnic reasons in the Swedish labour market. For that reason the party demands a clear, an effective and coordinated legislation against discrimination. A united organization of defence will be introduced.

- The conservative party wants to initiate an ample attempt of anonymous work applications within the public sector

Integration

- Immigrants will be respected like individuals and not considered as a homogenous group. More control or less social aid for the immigrants is not needed but a policy that releases the internal forces of the individuals.

- It is important to establish and to value the meaning of citizenship. Many municipalities have during last years introduced one denominated "citizenship ceremony". This is an advance that the Conservative party wants to encourage.

Employment

- The best ways for integration are employment and the mastering of the language. New initial work will be valid during the first three years in Sweden for which they have received the residence permission.

- The conservatives also want to prove possibilities of introducing some new forms of work and "guarantees of development" in benefit of the society and activities of development will be guaranteed to all those that in certain time ask for social aid.

Education

- The Conservative party wants to increase the freedom of election and to replace the present courses of Swedish for immigrants (SFI) with a sum of money for education with which each person will choose and pay for his/her own educator.

- Today, only 25 % of the new residents have revalidated their academic qualifications and even less have obtained their work experience revalidated after 2 years of work introduction. The conservative party wants a simpler and more appropriate alternative to be offered through public tests on the real knowledge that each person has.

Housing

- In order to spread ownership capabilities to more people and to break the housing segregation the rebuilding into home ownership in the suburbs must be facilitated, not less for those with low income.

Criminality and delinquency

- Although most immigrants do not commit crimes, the proportion of criminals among immigrants is double as much as among the Swedish-born people. This is a social problem that needs to be considered with great seriousness. Immigrants also are over-represented among the victims of these crimes; for that reason a reduction of criminality will have an enormous and positive effect among immigrants as well. The principal way to fight against crime is to suppress the social causes that originate it.

- The present application of laws on deportation is neither uniform nor just. On the occurrence of serious crimes, the general rule should be deportation.



Socialdemokraterna (Social Democrats)

Discrimination

- Intolerance and prejudices will be rejected. All discrimination is unacceptable, independently if it happens for reasons of sex, ethnicity, religious, functional, limitations (physical or psychic), the sexual election, religion or age.

Refugee Policies

- Asylum policies will be human. Those who need protection will have a safe-heaven in Sweden. Everyone will have the right to an individual and judicial verification of their reasons for applying for asylum.

- During their mandate, the Social Democrats want to improve the reception of new immigrants.

- Immigrants will be able to enter quickly to labour market.

- A personal contract will be established for all the new residents built on clear rights and duties. All contribution must be adapted so that each individual has the needed support.

Education

- Special educational improvements are needed in the suburb areas of the bigger cities and in areas of high social risk. Improvements are also needed for the children in the schools of these areas. All intolerance and prejudices will be rejected.

- The Social Democrats want to fortify the education of Swedish for Immigrants.

Housing and employment

- In many suburbs with high concentration of immigrants marginality is growing among adults who have not yet entered the work-market and among children who believe not to have any future in the Swedish society. This marginality creates some of the greatest and most worrying abysses in the present society. This marginality and the limited opportunities of life in which too many immigrants are forced to survive in; are utterly incompatible with the ideals of freedom and equality of the Social Democrats.

- Housing segregation clearly affects the hardest inhabitants with foreign backgrounds.

Children and Youths

- The Party wants to see schools as places of encounter for children from different social and cultural atmospheres and that are accessible for children with functional limitations.

- Free-schools offer alternative pedagogical methodologies. But control over free-schools must increase. The establishment of new free-schools must not lead to worse education for the children at municipal school or to an increased segregation.

Criminality and delinquency

- People are victims of threats of hatred on the basis of their opinions, their origin or their sexual inclinations. The daily delinquency creates insecurity in many. For that reason the efforts to improve the judicial system will continue.

- Sweden needs more police officers with better instruments and the possibilities of using the most modern techniques in order to stop the delinquency. The police will collaborate with schools and the social services. However, the party believes that a successful way of confronting criminality is through confronting its causes as well.



Vänsterpartiet (Left Party)

Discrimination

- To coordinate the legislation against discrimination and to sanction industrialists when they commit it.

- Permanent employment will be the norm.

- A resolute no to all forms of tax-reduction for domestic work.

- That non-identified application documents be used even in the private sector.

- That the law about public announcements be applied and that penalties be applied for non-fulfilment

Integration

- Integration will begin on the day that the immigrant steps onto Swedish soil. Nobody will need to be longer than six months at a waiting unit.

- When a person has been granted a permit of residence will an introduction plan be established as an agreement between the immigrant and the municipality that receives him/her.

- People with foreign backgrounds will be represented at all political levels.

Refugee Policies

- The Left Party fights for a just, and humane refugee policy, independently of the economic situation in Sweden. The Party believes that the way Sweden embraces asylum seekers is an important measurement on how Sweden respects and embraces the most fundamental human rights.

- It is necessary to change the rules for family reunion; thus children outside the familiar nucleus or who have passed the limit of age can reunite with their parents.

- To eliminate the fee for the application of Swedish citizenship.

Education

- Tutoring in and of mother tongue languages will be offered from the primary school to high school.

- The study of the Swedish for Immigrants will be reformed to become a part of the Adult Education Program.

- During the waiting time, asylum seekers will be offered Swedish language tutoring along with civic education.

- Academic certificates will be translated and the necessary complementary education or work-related training that could increase the work possibilities will be offered without delay.

Employment

- Many people with foreign background are today outside the labour market or are overqualified for the work they have and receive a lower payment than their Swedish work colleagues.

- Instead for pushing immigrant women to low-paid jobs the party proposes a policy that will facilitate jobs in the same conditions and fight against discrimination.

Housing

- Where to settle down will be an election and not an obligation.

- For the housing areas to allow a social mixture it is necessary one active social housing policy with multiculturalism as a leading principle. It is necessary to establish active measures to reach justice, good housing conditions and to avoid discrimination.

Children

- The Convention on the Rights of the Child will be included in the Swedish legislation.

It is possible to measure how democratic a society is by reviewing the different social groups that participate in the elections, and here we do not refer only to the number of voters but the level in which these groups reflect the diversity of this society.

The Peruvian Committee for Human Rights, in collaboration with several immigrant associations and the support of Stockholm's Department of Culture carries out this project with the desire to encourage immigrant participation in General Swedish Elections and in this way fortify the democracy of this society.

Inmigrants and the Swedish Elections 2006

The central idea is to summarize the issues and problems that interest us as immigrants, and to compare them with what the political parties say and offer on the matter. By that channel we can know and choose the political alternative that fit us better, as individuals and as a group.

Throughout the work we found limitations that we considered important to clarify: in spite of our efforts (communication via Internet, mail, telephone, in direct contact with political representatives, etc) the summary of this brochure has been written with the help of the electoral material provided by the different parties at their present campaign (manifest of elections, etc) and with information available at their respective Internet sites.

It is a fact that the parties that have a common ideology, or share basic ideas about society, its individuals and its development, work together in many forms (the bourgeois alliance and the red and green alliance). Thus they can deepen their proposals in reference to certain issues that they consider as most important. At the same time they use the proposals of other parties within their alliance in reference to other issues.

Another point that is important to keep in mind is that there are many issues that affect all the people who live in Sweden and not just immigrants; like for example unemployment, the abysmal economic differences, housing, education, etc. This means that the treatment of these issues must have that greater dimension.

Lastly, we believe that it is time that we as immigrants should bring up our own questions and concerns to the political parties and that we participate in the elections with conscience.

This project is an effort in that direction.

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