



Centerpartiet (Centre Party)

Discrimination

- The Centre Party wants to neutralize the segregation of people with foreign background with the help of a more demanding legislation and higher fine penalties among other measures.

Integration and equality

- People coming to Sweden should get in contact with the labour market during their first time here. Then contacts may be tied up early and Swedes and new Swedes integrate.
- Language is important for integration in a society. SFI (Swedish for immigrants) instruction will be individualised and one will be able to choose a teacher and not just be directed to one only alternative.

Refugee Policy

- Sweden will be a welcoming shelter for people that are forced to leave their home countries because of political oppression or other menace.
- Everybody should be able to travel to Sweden looking for job during a limited period of time, as long as the person has a home and support while the time he is looking for a job.
- Sweden shall give 20000green cards to people who want to come to Sweden to work, the working permission shall be granted among others according to profession, age and language capacities. The green card will be applied through the Swedish embassies abroad.
- Those who apply and find a job during the time they are in Sweden will be able to stay and work here.
- Openness and humanity will be found by those who come to Sweden
- The Party wants to introduce host families/contact persons for those who move to Sweden- the Centre Party wants fair asylum processes centred on the individual.
- People seeking for asylum should have a meaningful time while waiting for their residence permit. Work should be encouraged.
- Those who have been working in Sweden for three years should have the possibility to apply for permanent residence permit.

Employment

- Sweden should open up to regulate working force immigration for people who can and wish to come here to work and support themselves. A green card system may turn Sweden into an attractive country to work and develop new ideas.
- Discrimination of people with foreign backgrounds in the labour market must be stopped.

Housing

- Segregation is evident in Sweden, it is especially clear when it comes to housing. It is not just some big-city phenomenon but it is present at smaller cities. It is not as simple as to say that people with foreign backgrounds settle down in immigrant crowded areas because they want to. It has to do with the difficulty of finding a home in other areas, something that among other reasons could be explained by the existence of discrimination of foreigners.
- The Centre Party wants to diminish housing segregation through a varied house-building. This will increase the potential for people with different backgrounds to meet in a natural way.



Folkpartiet (Liberal Party)

Discrimination

- The compensation sum for discrimination at the work place will be elevated substantially to the minimum of one year pay loss. In order to fight against the selection based on ethnic reasons that evidently happens in the Swedish labour market, the party wants to introduce as a tryout the non-identified treatment of work applications when the employer is from the public sector.

Integration

- The key for one successful integration is the Swedish language. For that reason the Liberal party wants to introduce the exigency of a fundamental knowledge of the Swedish to be able to obtain the citizenship.
- Another important aspect to achieve integration is work. For that reason the Liberal party wants to introduce a work guarantee, which means that all able immigrants will have the possibility -and duty- to work.

Refugee Policy

- The Liberal party wants to separate the responsibility from those that first receive asylum applicants and those of the authorities that prove the reasons for this right.
- The Liberal party wants to extend the right for familiar reunification yet leaving the responsibility of their maintenance to their resident relatives within the familiar nucleus.
- The Liberal party also wants to open the borders to an increasing workforce immigration.

Education

- A large investment in language instruction will be directed to adult immigrants who wish to improve their knowledge of Swedish. The quality of the SFI (course of Swedish for immigrants) must improve, in this way the majority will want to participate and the unjustified absences to the courses will decrease. The participation in language courses will be obligatory for all those that ask for maintenance aid and have not yet fulfilled the SFI satisfactorily.

Employment

- Maintenance aid will not be paid to healthy people and in the capacity to work without the exigency of their participation in the work guarantee.

Children and Youths

- Children who come to Sweden at school age frequently have problems at school. For that group an additional program will be offered that will allow them to have a better learning of the Swedish language and on Sweden. Regular controls on the development of the language will take place and the additional program will become obligatory if the school determines that the language development of the student is not sufficient.
- Several language schools must be opened in the segregated areas to offer the young immigrants and children with other mother tongues the possibility of improving their knowledge of Swedish.

Criminality and Delinquency

- In most risk-zones teenage gangs grow rapidly, they become stronger and many youths are recruited by criminal gangs. For that reason an ample package of measures with the following characteristics is needed: the recruitment of policemen with other ethnic backgrounds than Swedish must increase.
- The Liberal party considers that the question of deportation will be always revised when a person without Swedish citizenship is condemned for charges of serious crimes.



Kristdemokraterna (Christian Democrats)

Integration and equality

- The starting point for an integration policy is to provide people with the conditions to take the responsibility over their own lives. The state will contribute to ease and create conditions, but not to plan and control people's life.
- The public sector will strive for good living conditions for the citizens as well as to create equal opportunities for the development and realization of life projects.
- Integration policies shall be embedded with citizen's perspectives. Citizens shall therefore have freedom and the opportunity to organize themselves according to their own goals, for example be able to build their own associations, to start 'kindergartens' and schools based on ethnic grounds.
- Immigrants should enjoy the same freedom as other citizens, have the right to settle down where they want, to practice their own religion, teach their children their native language and in one word, to exercise their human rights.

Refugee Policy

- Migration policy cannot lead to the splitting of the members of a family. Deportation and rejection decisions that lead to family splitting cannot be taken or carried out, unless very special reasons are founded.
- Children's perspective shall always be considered in migration cases.
- When refugees come to Sweden their whole process must be formulated in order to guarantee justice for the individual.
- Resources for the reception and investigation of the situation of refugees should be enough to guarantee a short, righteous and effective process.
- Refugees and asylum seekers health problems, both physical and psychological must be attended.
- It is important that serious and clear information is given about possibilities of support for a voluntary returning home.

Work and Education

- Immigrants will have access to guaranteed opportunities to learn about the Swedish society and the Swedish language. Instruction will be individualised and combined with practices at a working place in order to increase opportunities for integration in society. Personal desire and capacity to self-maintenance should be taken into account.
- Labour legislation should be reviewed in order to make it easier for small firms and to increase possibilities for young people and immigrants to enter the labour market. The Danish 'flexicurity' model could be a good example to follow.
- It is important to have more immigrants in the police force. The admission test has proved to be so advanced that many immigrants are not able to cope with its linguistic part. One must take under consideration the background of minority groups.

Mother Tongue

- School pupils should have access to native language teaching to be able to keep a good contact with their parents' cultural identity and to enlarge language competence in Sweden.



Miljöpartiet (The Green Party)

Discrimination

- All forms of discrimination must be opposed. The Green party want the level of compensation for individuals discriminated against by businesses or authorities to be raised.
- The Green Party want antidiscrimination bureaux to be strengthened and expanded. Great emphasis must be put on counteracting breeding-grounds of racism and discrimination.

Integration

- The Green party wants foreign nationals who are registered residents of Sweden to have the right to vote in municipal elections.

Refugee Policies

- The Green party does not believe in artificial barriers. The party has a vision of free emigration and immigration where people have the right to live and work wherever they wish.
- The Green party does not accept that the rich world can erect high walls to keep refugees out and wants Sweden to pave the way internationally by presenting a plan to introduce free immigration. This shall be supplemented by a generous refugee reception system.
- People who have found their way to Sweden shall have the right to have their case examined in a court of law.
- Sweden and the rest of Europe needs a more human, solidary and fair refugee policy. No person is illegal. Therefore no asylum seeker shall be kept in prison-like circumstances without having committed a crime. For a refugee being forced to wait several years for a decision about his/her application for residence entails an almost inhuman psychological pressure.
- The Green party believes that a residence permit should be given after twelve months. The asylum seeker shall have the right to a decision concerning his/her case within six months.
- People who feel forced to conceal themselves today must be given access to education and health care on the same conditions as the rest of the population.
- The Green party want to see that those who are currently living without papers shall be given permanent residence by means of a one-off amnesty.
- Anyone who has waited for longer than one year for a final decision on their application for asylum because of the time taken by authorities to consider the case should automatically be granted a residence permit.

Children

- All children have the right to live a life marked by love and respect, without discrimination. Each child must be viewed, and have opportunities to develop, on the basis of his or her own circumstances. The green party want the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to be incorporated into Swedish law.

Education

- Our multicultural society puts greater exigencies on schools to meet the necessities of each student at an individual level and at the same time to guarantee an equal education in all the country.