

Folkpartiet: The Liberal Party of Sweden

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Folkpartiet is the Liberal Party of Sweden. Our ideology, liberalism, is based upon the inviolable value of every individual. The aim of Folkpartiet's policies is for every individual to have the freedom and means to fulfil their dreams and achieve their ambitions. We believe in people's common sense, conscience and sense of justice.

Our future

This year's elections are crucial to Sweden's future. Sweden needs to be competitive and believe in the future. There are three words to describe our policies: Knowledge - Work - Security. These will ensure that Sweden is once again a winner in the global market.

Knowledge

Folkpartiet's school policies focus on knowledge. We wish to introduce a guarantee, which will ensure that every pupil learns to read, write and count already by the end of primary school. Written academic performance reports should be given to pupils in lower grades. There must be an end to bullying, fighting and violence in schools, which is why we need to give more authority to teachers and introduce written assessments of pupils' behaviour. The quality of research and higher education should also be improved.

Work

New jobs will be created when knowledge is turned into business ideas. We need more people starting businesses, and this is why red tape needs to be cut and taxes reduced. It must always be advantageous to switch from welfare dependency to work, which is why we introduce a tax deduction for everyone with an income from work, cutting taxes while protecting those with low incomes.

Security

Jobs providing a secure welfare will be created in the private sector. More people with taxable incomes mean better healthcare and care for the elderly. Waiting times for healthcare are to be reduced and the waiting-time guarantee improved. Free choice of doctors and hospitals should be introduced. All elderly people in our society should be covered by a care guarantee, safeguarding their right to all necessary assistance. Those who are not given a place in a nursing home for the elderly will receive an allowance to purchase the services they require. Protection against crime should increase. We need

be more police officers and the certainty that all crimes are investigated. The police must be given access to more effective methods for the fight against crime.

Integration

Many people in Sweden are excluded from jobs and a full integration into our society as a result of their ethnic background. Isolation is growing. With more jobs, better schools, safe residential areas and a relentless fight against discrimination, we can build an integrated Sweden. Liberals will fight segregation, through a work and development guarantee for everyone who is fit for work, through knowledge guarantees focusing on Swedish language instruction in schools, through a tougher fight against discrimination and three times as many local police officers in segregated areas. We believe that a person applying for Swedish citizenship should have a reasonable knowledge of Swedish.

Global solidarity

Folkpartiet is an internationalist party. We endorse globalisation. We wish to see an effective European Union that is focused upon cross-border issues and we wish to increase free trade and development assistance. It is very important that Sweden pursues an active foreign policy. Our voice must not be silenced when injustice is committed. Supporting democratization and human rights work should be a priority for the development policy.

Gender equality

Gender equality must be improved. Men and women are currently judged by different standards, have different opportunities and are treated differently. The wage gap between men and women has not improved in the past twelve years. This is unacceptable.



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