Radical Individualism and Social Trust:

The Paradoxes of Nordic Society in a Comparative Perspective

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"I want to be alone"
Swedes and the Specter of the Other
The Swedish Social Contract

Statist Individualism

and

The Swedish Theory of Love

“The dumb Swede”
Social Trust in Europe
Sweden – a Land of Individualists

Power Relations in Modern Welfare States
Erik Gustaf Geijer (1783-1847):
The Swedish Ideology

Swedish National Identity and the Idea of Freedom
Carl Jonas Love Almqvist (1793-1866):
Philosophy of the Swedish Bedroom

The Pride of the Nation:
The Modern and Egalitarian Family
The Sovereign Individual

The Most Modern of Nations
“A Model Country for the World”

“with a well-balanced people geared for progress,"
endowed with a sense for
“good organization, sound political instincts, and some of the world’s best engineers.”
Ludvig Nordström, 1916

“The Prototypical Modern Society”

“The Progress Machine”
David Jenkins, 1969

“The Prototypical Modern Society”
Richard F. Tomasson, 1970

“The New Totalitarians”
Huntford, Roland, 1971

“The Second New Nation”
Arne Ruth, 1984
"The Peaceful Revolution"
Family-policy and the Discreet Charm of Individual Taxation

"Only a House-wife"
One Woman's Freedom
Another Woman's Loss
Saving the Swedish Family

Sweden and the EU
The Moral Logic of the Swedish Social Contract:

From Charity and Philanthropy

To Taxes and Social Rights

The Dark Side of Swedish Individualism
Individual Rights and the Welfare State
Current Challenges

Immigration and Diversity

Rising Equality

The Work-ethic in the Shadow of Permanent Unemployment

Segregation and the Decline of Social Cohesion

Is there a Future for a Nation-based Welfare State
Generalized trust in Europe 1980-2010

![Graph showing generalized trust in Europe from 1980 to 2010. The graph includes data for Norden, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, and South Europe. The trend shows a general increase in trust over the period.]
Community Trust

![Community Trust Graph]

Trust and Diversity 2001-2009

![Trust and Diversity Graph]

- Generell tillit, procent som "litar på de flesta"
- Andel utrikes födda i Sverige
Community Trust and Diversity

Trust and the Position in the Labor Market
Trust Trends – Most Recent Data from World Values Survey

Trust Trends in Sweden by Age
Trust Trends – People with Different Religion

Generalized Trust and Percentage that Vote for the Sweden Democrats