

NORDIC SURVEY

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Operationalization

Variable name	Description of recoding
Gender	Women Men
Age group	Young = 18-34 Adult = 35-64 Old = 65+ <i>Original coding: scale 18+</i>
Education	Low = Basic / public / civil / vocational school High = University <i>Original coding: 8 categories (Denmark, Finland, and Sweden) or 4 categories (Norway and Iceland), which were recoded as Low and High.</i> <i>The recoding for the 8-category countries was done as follows: Low = category 1-4 and High 5-8. The recoding for the 4-category countries was done as follows: Low = category 1-2; and High = category 3-4.</i>
Income	Low = scale 1-4 Middle = scale 5-8 High = scale 9-11 <i>Originally an 11-point/12-point (Iceland) scale: 1 = lowest income level, 11/12 = highest income level, which was recorded as Low, Middle, and High.</i> <i>For all countries, average income was considered and included in the Middle category. As a result, the recoding for Finland was done as follows: Low = scale 1-3; Middle = 4-7; and High = 8-11. For Iceland it was recoded as follows: Low = 1-4; Middle = 5-9; and High = 10-12.</i>

Questionnaire

Survey question / case scenario (treatments underlined)	Statements	Response alternatives
Do you work with children? Possible to check off several. (Q1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No – Yes, children aged 0-5 years – Yes, children aged 6-12 years – Yes, children aged 13-17 years – Yes, children of all ages – Not relevant/will not answer
<p>A</p> <p><u>35-year-old (Q2)</u></p> <p><u>12-year-old (Q3)</u></p> <p>person presents the following statements. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements?</p>	<p>1. The Convention on the Rights of the Child has a very strong standing in the [COUNTRY] population</p> <hr/> <p>2. In cases about where the child should live after a family dissolution, children who are old enough must always be talked with</p> <hr/> <p>3. Important decisions in a person's life should only be made by the person themself</p>	Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5
<p>Would you agree or disagree more or less if the statements on the previous page came from a person who was</p> <p><u>12 years old (Q2a)</u></p> <p><u>35 years old (Q3a)?</u></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Disagree more – Equally agree or disagree – Agree more
<p>As you see it, what is the most important reason why children must be heard in cases that concern them? (Q4)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – It helps the adult to make better decisions – It is their life – It is in the best interest of the child to be heard – It is a legally established right – It is important learning for children to be heard – Other – Don't know/will not answer
<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?</p> <p>A child's welfare suffers due to <u>unsatisfactory care from their parents (Q5)</u></p> <p><u>the parents' alcohol problems (Q6)</u></p> <p><u>the parents' mental health problems (Q7).</u></p> <p>In situations such as this, it is necessary for the authorities to move the child from their parents to other caregivers.</p>		Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5

<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements about children? (Q8)</p>	<p>1. Children will typically adjust their answer to a question if they believe that adults prefer certain answers</p> <hr/> <p>2. Self-determination is not important for children until adolescence</p> <hr/> <p>3. It is usually difficult to interact and communicate with children with cognitive impairments</p> <hr/> <p>4. Children of primary school age are impulsive and should therefore not be involved in making important decisions about their own lives</p>	<p>Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5</p>
<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements about children? (Q9)</p>	<p>1. Children usually tell those at home about negative experiences</p> <hr/> <p>2. Children who give incoherent information when asked about something are more likely to lie than children who give coherent information</p> <hr/> <p>3. Children can falsely allege abuse</p> <hr/> <p>4. Age is the most important factor about whether children can provide relevant information about a negative event</p>	<p>Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5</p>
<p>Consider the following: The child protection services have received reports of concern from several sources that a</p> <p><u>5-year-old child is being subjected to sexual violence (Q10)</u></p> <p><u>5-year-old child is being subjected to physical violence (Q11)</u></p> <p><u>5-year-old child is subjected to emotional neglect (the child is ignored and emotional needs such as affection, recognition and emotional support are not met) (Q12)</u></p> <p><u>15-year-old child is being subjected to sexual violence (Q13)</u></p> <p><u>15-year-old child is being subjected to physical violence (Q14)</u></p> <p><u>15-year-old child is subjected to emotional neglect (the child is ignored and emotional needs such as affection, recognition and emotional support are not met) (Q15)</u></p>		<p>– Yes, the case worker should talk directly with the child</p> <p>– Yes, the case worker should talk with an adult who can speak on behalf of the child</p> <p>– No, the case worker should be reluctant to talk with the child</p> <p>– No, the case worker should definitely not talk with the child</p> <p>– Don't know/will not answer</p>

by someone in the family. The child protection services are investigating the case. As you see it, should the case worker talk with the child in question about the content of the reports of concern?		
Do you agree or disagree that the child should be protected from talking with the child protection services about the experience the child has been subjected to? (Q10a-Q15a)		Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5
A <u>5-year-old (Q16)</u> <u>10-year-old (Q17)</u> child lives in foster care after neglect from their parents. The Child Welfare Tribunal will now decide on contact between the child and the parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements?	1. The child should receive information on what the case is about <hr/> 2. The Tribunal should obtain the child's opinion about contact <hr/> 3. The child's opinion should matter for the decision the Tribunal makes	Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5
Now we ask two questions about nonverbal participation for children. «Nonverbal» means forms of expression that do not use words, but drawing, painting, music, or body language. In contrast, «verbal» means using spoken or written words. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements? (Q27) ¹	1. It is important that children who have communication difficulties get to use nonverbal forms of expression <hr/> 2. It is difficult for decision-makers in tribunals and courts to interpret and to understand nonverbal forms of expression	Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5
Imagine that the court is processing a case – either a child protection case or a child custody case – about <u>a 5-year-old (Q18)</u> <u>an 11-year-old (Q19)</u> <u>a 14-year-old (Q20)</u> child. What is your view about the following statements?	1. In order to find out what the child really means, decision-makers themselves should talk with the child in question <hr/> 2. In order to find out what the child really means, the child should talk with someone who has expertise in child welfare who will convey the child's views to the court <hr/> 3. In order to find out what the child really means, the child should talk with a lawyer who will convey the child's views to the court <hr/> 4. It is usually difficult for adults to understand what the child really means	Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5

When it comes to political issues, which one of the following two goals is most important to you personally, if you had to choose just one? (Q28) ¹		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Protecting the freedom of the individual – Caring for those who need help
Which of these two is more important to you? (Q29) ¹		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maintaining order and stability in society – Protecting the freedom of the individual
Finally, which of these two is more important? (Q30) ¹		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Caring for those who need help – Maintaining order and stability in society
<p>The child protection services are investigating a suspicion about neglect of <u>a 5-year-old (Q21)</u> <u>an 11-year-old (Q22)</u> <u>a 16-year-old (Q23)</u> child.</p> <p>In a case like this, to what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements?</p>	<p>1. The child must receive sufficient and adjusted information about all matters concerning the child in the case</p> <hr/> <p>2. The child must be informed about how the information the child provides will be used</p> <hr/> <p>3. The child must be informed about who can access the information the child provides</p> <hr/> <p>4. The child must be listened to and their opinions must be weighted according to age and maturity in all decisions concerning the child</p>	Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5
<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements about children that are <u>5 years old (Q24)</u> <u>11 years old (Q25)</u> <u>16 years old (Q26)?</u></p>	<p>1. Children this age usually do not know enough to make important decisions on their own</p> <hr/> <p>2. Children this age usually do not have a good understanding of what their well-being requires</p> <hr/> <p>3. Children this age usually know what is important and right for them</p> <hr/> <p>4. Children this age usually are able to make their own decisions in important matters concerning themselves</p>	Strongly disagree = 1, Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly agree = 4, Don't know/will not answer = 5
<p>A social worker visits Julie in the hospital when Julie gives birth to a baby boy. Julie is addicted to drugs and the newborn is suffering from drug withdrawal symptoms. The social worker is very concerned about the baby's safety, assesses Julie's ability to take care of the baby, and recommends drug treatment for Julie.</p> <p><u>Julie says she is sorry that she may have hurt her baby, she</u></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Julie should be free to bring her baby home regardless of the social worker's assessment – The baby should stay with Julie in a supervised setting – The baby should be placed in foster care – Don't know/will not answer

<p><u>realizes she has a serious problem, and she is willing to engage in services (T1).</u></p> <p><u>Julie says she did not hurt her baby, she does not think she has a problem, and she refuses to enroll in treatment (T2).</u></p> <p>Based upon the information given, what do you think the authorities should do in this situation? Please consider the following statements and choose an answer.</p>		
<p>“Rights” are things every person should have or be able to have. Some people have more rights than others. Which of the three statements about Julie and her baby do you most agree with?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – As the parent, Julie should have more rights than the baby – The baby should have the same rights as Julie – The baby should have more rights than Julie – Don’t know/will not answer
<p>Which of these statements describes best your current family situation? (Family status)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I live with my parents (or with one of them) – I am single/not cohabiting and have children living at home – I am single/not cohabiting and have no children living at home – I am cohabiting/married and we have children living at home – I am cohabiting/married with no children living at home – Other living situation and have children living at home – Other living situation and have no children living at home
<p>What is your main occupation? If you are currently on parental leave or sick leave, select based on the time before the parental leave/sick leave. (Occupation)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Not employed – retired – Not employed – unemployed, on long-term sick leave, social security benefits, work practice – At home – Student / apprentice / trainee – Employed – office job, teaching, etc. – Employed – skilled worker, trade and service employee, healthcare worker, etc. – Self-employed – Other
<p>Which of the following options describes best your current marital status? (Profile marital)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Married – In a civil partnership – Separated – Cohabiting – In a relationship, but not living together – Single

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Divorced – Widowed
What is your highest completed education? (Profile education)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Basic general education (primary school, lower secondary school) – Upper secondary education (high school / sixth form) – University and other higher education (1-3 years) – University and other higher education (4 years +) – Do not wish to say
Which, if any, of these social networking sites do you use? Please check off all that apply. By “use” we mean that you are registered and log in on average at least once a month or more. (Social media)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Snapchat – Reddit – YouTube – TikTok – Pinterest – Twitter – Facebook – BeReal – Tumblr – LinkedIn – Instagram – Other – Don’t know – None of these
What is your yearly gross personal income (before taxes)? (Personal income)		<p>[Denmark:]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Less than 100.000 kr. – 100.000 til 199.999 kr. – 200.000 til 299.999 kr. – 300.000 til 399.999 kr. – 400.000 til 499.999 kr. – 500.000 til 599.999 kr. – 600.000 til 699.999 kr. – 700.000 til 799.999 kr. – 800.000 til 899.999 kr. – 900.000 til 999.999 kr. – 1.000.000 kr. or more – Do not wish to say – Don’t know
		<p>[Finland:]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Less than 13.500 eur – 13.500 – 26.999 eur – 27.000 – 40.499 eur – 40.500 – 53.999 eur – 54.000 – 67.499 eur – 67.500 – 80.999 eur – 81.000 – 94.499 eur – 94.500 – 107.999 eur – 108.000 – 121.499 eur – 121.500 – 134.999 eur – 135.000 eur or more – Do not wish to say – Don’t know
		<p>[Iceland:]</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less than 1.499.000 ISK - 1.500.000-2.499.000 ISK - 2.500.000-3.499.000 ISK - 3.500.000-4.499.000 ISK - 5.500.000-6.499.000 ISK - 6.500.000-7.499.000 ISK - 7.500.000-8.499.000 ISK - 8.500.000-9.499.000 ISK - 9.500.000-10.499.000 ISK - 10.500.000-11.499.000 ISK - 11.500.000-12.499.000 ISK - 12.500.000 ISK or more - Do not wish to say - Don't know
		<p>[Norway:]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less than 100.000 NOK - 100.000 til 199.999 NOK - 200.000 til 299.999 NOK - 300.000 til 399.999 NOK - 400.000 til 499.999 NOK - 500.000 til 599.999 NOK - 600.000 til 699.999 NOK - 700.000 til 799.999 NOK - 800.000 til 899.999 NOK - 900.000 til 999.999 NOK - 1.000.000 NOK more than - Do not wish to say - Don't know
		<p>[Sweden:]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less than 100 000 SEK - 100 000 till 199 999 SEK - 200 000 till 299 999 SEK - 300 000 till 399 999 SEK - 400 000 till 499 999 SEK - 500 000 till 599 999 SEK - 600 000 till 699 999 SEK - 700 000 till 799 999 SEK - 800 000 till 899 999 SEK - 900 000 till 999 999 SEK - 1 000 000 SEK or more - Do not wish to say - Don't know
Which party would you vote for if there was a general election tomorrow? (Party preference)		<p>[National parties in the specific country]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other party - Would vote blank - Does not have the right to vote - Would not vote - Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a traditional political scale from right to left? (Political viewpoint)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right-wing - Moderate right-wing - Center - Moderate left-wing - Left-wing - Don't know

Note. ¹ Questions were originally later in the survey, therefore inconsistent numbering.