

# NORDIC SURVEY

## Operationalization of background variables

Variable name	Operationalization
Gender	1=Woman 2=Man 3=Non-binary (only in Iceland)
Age group	1=Young 2=Adult 3=Old  <i>Original coding:</i> Scale 18+. 18-34 coded as Young, 35-64 coded as Adult, 65+ coded as Old.
Educational level (two categories)	1=Low 2=High  <u>Original coding:</u> <i>[Denmark:]</i> 1=Primary/elementary school 2=General upper secondary education (upper secondary school diploma/HF) 3=Vocational upper secondary education (HH/HTX/HHX) 4=Vocational education 5=Short higher education under 3 years 6=Intermediate higher education 3-4 years 7=Long higher education 5 years or more 8=Research education (e.g., Ph.D.) 9=Do not wish to state 1-4 coded as Low, 5-8 coded as High, 9 coded as NA. <i>[Finland:]</i> 1=Comprehensive school / Basic education 2=Matriculation examination (high school diploma) 3=Vocational school or secondary vocational qualification 4=Higher vocational school qualification 5=University of applied sciences degree 6=Lower university or college degree 7=Higher university or college degree 8=Licentiate or doctoral degree 9=Do not wish to state 1-4 coded as Low, 5-8 coded as High, 9 coded as NA. <i>[Iceland:]</i> 1=Primary school 2=Academic/vocational secondary school 3=University (1-3 years) 4=University (4 years+) 5=Do not wish to answer 1-2 coded as Low, 3-4 coded as High, 5 coded as NA.

	<p><i>[Norway:]</i>  1=Primary/elementary school  2=Upper secondary school level  3=University and college level short (1-3 years)  4=University and college level long (4 years+)  5=Do not wish to state  1-2 coded as Low, 3-4 coded as High, 5 coded as NA.</p> <p><i>[Sweden:]</i>  1=Primary school  2=Upper secondary school/real school  3=Post-secondary education  4=Post-secondary vocational education  5=University or college education, 1-2 years  6=University or college education, 3-4 years  7=University or college education, 5 years or longer  8=Postgraduate education (e.g., doctoral degree)  9=Do not wish to state  1-4 coded as Low, 5-8 coded as High, 9 coded as NA.</p>
Educational level (three categories)	<p>1=Low  2=Medium  3=High</p> <p><u>Original coding (see above):</u>  <i>[Denmark:]</i>  1 coded as Low, 2-4 coded as Medium, 5-8 coded as High, 9 coded as NA.  <i>[Finland:]</i>  1 coded as Low, 2-4 coded as Medium, 5-8 coded as High, 9 coded as NA.  <i>[Iceland:]</i>  1 coded as Low, 2 coded as Medium, 3-4 coded as High, 5 coded as NA.  <i>[Norway:]</i>  1 coded as Low, 2 coded as Medium, 3-4 coded as High, 5 coded as NA.  <i>[Sweden:]</i>  1 coded as Low, 2-4 coded as Medium, 5-8 coded as High, 9 coded as NA.</p>
Personal income (before taxes)	<p>1=Low  2=Middle<sup>1</sup>  3=High</p> <p><u>Original coding:</u>  <i>[Denmark:]</i>  1=Less than 100.000 DKK  2=100.000 til 199.999 DKK  3=200.000 til 299.999 DKK  4=300.000 til 399.999 DKK  5=400.000 til 499.999 DKK  6=500.000 til 599.999 DKK  7=600.000 til 699.999 DKK  8=700.000 til 799.999 DKK  9=800.000 til 899.999 DKK  10=900.000 til 999.999 DKK  11=1.000.000 DKK or more  12=Do not wish to say  13=Don't know  1-4 coded as Low, 5-8 coded as Middle, 9-11 coded as High, 12-13 coded as NA.  <i>[Finland:]</i>  1=Less than 13.500 eur  2=13.500 – 26.999 eur  3=27.000 – 40.499 eur</p>

<p>4=40.500 – 53.999 eur  5=54.000 – 67.499 eur  6=67.500 – 80.999 eur  7=81.000 – 94.499 eur  8=94.500 – 107.999 eur  9=108.000 – 121.499 eur  10=121.500 – 134.999 eur  11=135.000 eur or more  12=Do not wish to say  13=Don't know  1-3 coded as Low, 4-7 coded as Middle, 8-11 coded as High, 12-13 coded as NA.</p> <p><i>[Iceland:]</i>  1=Less than 1.499.000 ISK  2=1.500.000-2.499.000 ISK  3=2.500.000-3.499.000 ISK  4=3.500.000-4.499.000 ISK  5=5.500.000-6.499.000 ISK  6=6.500.000-7.499.000 ISK  7=7.500.000-8.499.000 ISK  8=8.500.000-9.499.000 ISK  9=9.500.000-10.499.000 ISK  10=10.500.000-11.499.000 ISK  11=11.500.000-12.499.000 ISK  12=12.500.000 ISK or more  13=Do not wish to say  14=Don't know  1-4 coded as Low, 5-9 coded as Middle, 10-12 coded as High, 13-14 coded as NA.</p> <p><i>[Norway:]</i>  1=Less than 100.000 NOK  2=100.000 til 199.999 NOK  3=200.000 til 299.999 NOK  4=300.000 til 399.999 NOK  5=400.000 til 499.999 NOK  6=500.000 til 599.999 NOK  7=600.000 til 699.999 NOK  8=700.000 til 799.999 NOK  9=800.000 til 899.999 NOK  10=900.000 til 999.999 NOK  11=1.000.000 NOK more than  12=Do not wish to say  13=Don't know  1-4 coded as Low, 5-8 coded as Middle, 9-11 coded as High, 12-13 coded as NA.</p> <p><i>[Sweden:]</i>  1=Less than 100 000 SEK  2=100 000 till 199 999 SEK  3=200 000 till 299 999 SEK  4=300 000 till 399 999 SEK  5=400 000 till 499 999 SEK  6=500 000 till 599 999 SEK  7=600 000 till 699 999 SEK  8=700 000 till 799 999 SEK  9=800 000 till 899 999 SEK  10=900 000 till 999 999 SEK  11=1 000 000 SEK or more  12=Do not wish to say  13=Don't know  1-4 coded as Low, 5-8 coded as Middle, 9-11 coded as High, 12-13 coded as NA.</p>
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Region	<p>Coded by data provider based on respondent's municipality.</p> <p><u>Original coding:</u></p> <p><i>[Denmark:]</i>  1=Hovedstaden  2=Sjælland  3=Syddanmark  4=Midtjylland  5=Nordjylland</p> <p><i>[Finland:]</i>  1=Helsinki – Uusimaa  2=Etelä-Suomi  3=Länsi-Suomi  4=Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi</p> <p><i>[Iceland:]</i>  1=Höfuðborgarsvæðinu  2=Suðvesturhorninu  3=Vesturlandi  4=Vestfirðum  5=Norðvesturlandi  6=Norðausturlandi  7=Austurlandi  8=Suðurlandi</p> <p><i>[Norway:]</i>  1=Oslo  2=Innlandet og Viken  3=Agder og Sør-Østlandet  4=Vestlandet  5=Trøndelag/Nord-Norge</p> <p><i>[Sweden:]</i>  1=Stockholm  2=Norra mellersta Sverige  3=Norra Sverige  4=Södra mellersta Sverige  5=Skåne, Halland och Blekinge</p>
Political viewpoint (Where would you place yourself on a traditional political scale from right to left?)	<p>1=Right  2=Center  3=Left</p> <p><u>Original coding:</u>  1=Right-wing  2=Moderate right-wing  3=Center  4=Moderate left-wing  5=Left-wing  6=Don't know  99=Do not wish to answer</p> <p>1-2 coded as Right, 3 coded as Center, 4-5 coded as Left, 6,99 coded as NA.</p>
Party preference (Which party would you vote for if there was a general election tomorrow/today?)	<p>0=Left-block party  1=Right-block party</p> <p><u>Original coding:</u></p> <p><i>[Denmark:]</i>  1=A. Social Democrats  2=B. Danish Social Liberal Party  3=C. The Conservative People's Party  4=F. SF - Green Left</p>

	<p>5=I. Liberal Alliance          6=K. KD - Christian Democrats          7=O. Danish People's Party          8=V. Venstre, The Liberal Party of Denmark          9=Ø. Red-Green Alliance          10=Other party/Candidate outside the parties          11=Would not vote          12=Would vote blank          13=Does not have the right to vote          14=Do not wish to say          15=Don't know          16=Å. The Alternative          17=D. The New Right          21=M. Moderates          22=Q. Independent Greens          23=Æ. Denmark Democrats - Inger Støjberg          1,2,4,9,16,22 coded as Left-block, 3,5,6,7,8,17,21,23 coded as Right-block, 10-15 coded as NA.</p> <p><i>[Finland:]</i>          1=Centre Party          2=National Coalition Party          3=SDP, Social Democratic Party of Finland          4=Left Alliance          5=Green League          6=Christian Democrats          7=RKP, Swedish People's Party of Finland          8=Finns Party          19=Movement Now          95=Change Party          96=Would not vote          97=Does not have the right to vote          98=Do not wish to say          99=Don't know          3-5 coded as Left-block, 1,2,6,7,8,19,95 coded as Right-block, 96-99 coded as NA.</p> <p><i>[Iceland:]</i>          1=Independence Party          2=Left-Green Movement          3=Progressive Party          4=Social Democratic Alliance          5=Centre Party          6=Pirate Party          7=People's Party          8=Revival          9=Icelandic Socialist Party          10=Liberal Democratic Party          11=Responsible Future          12=Other party          13=Would vote blank          14=Does not have the right to vote          15=Would not vote          16=Don't know          17=Do not wish to say          2,4,6,7,9 coded as Left-block, 1,3,5,8,10,11 coded as Right-block, 12-17 coded as NA.</p> <p><i>[Norway:]</i>          1=Norwegian Labour Party (AP)          2=Progress Party (FRP)          3=Conservative Party (H)</p>
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	<p>4=Christian Democratic Party (KRF)  5=Green Party (MDG)  6=Red Party (R)  7=Centre Party (SP)  8=Socialist Left Party (SV)  9=Liberal Party of Norway (V)  10=Other party  11=Would vote blank  12=Does not have the right to vote  13=Would not vote  14=Don't know  1,5,6,7,8 coded as Left-block, 2,3,4,9 coded as Right-block, 10-14 coded as NA.  <i>[Sweden:]</i>  1=Moderate Party  2=Centre Party  3=Liberals  4=Christian Democrats  5=Green Party  6=Social Democrats  7=Left Party  10=Sweden Democrats  13=Other party  14=Would not vote  15=Would vote blank  16=Does not have the right to vote  17=Don't know  18=Do not wish to say  5-7 coded as Left-block, 1,2,3,4,10 coded as Right-block, 13-18 coded as NA.</p>
Children in the household	<p>0=No/don't have children  1=Yes/have children</p> <p><u>Original coding (variable 'family status'):</u>  1=I live with my parents (or with one of them)  2=I am single/not cohabiting and have children living at home  3=I am single/not cohabiting and have no children living at home  4=I am cohabiting/married and we have children living at home  5=I am cohabiting/married with no children living at home  6=Other living situation and have children living at home  7=Other living situation and have no children living at home  3,5,7 coded as No, 2,4,6 coded as Yes, 1 coded as NA (as children were not mentioned).</p>
Profile marital	<p>1=Divorced  2=In a civil partnership  3=In a relationship, but not living together  4=Cohabiting  5=Married  6=Separated  7=Single  8=Widowed</p>
Occupation	<p>1=Not employed – retired  2=Not employed – unemployed, on long-term sick leave, social security benefits, work practice  3=At home  4=Student / apprentice / trainee  5=Employed (category 1 – nation specific)  6=Employed (category 2 – nation specific)<sup>2</sup>  7=Self-employed  8=Other</p>

Social media (used at least once a month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Snapchat</li> <li>-Reddit</li> <li>-YouTube</li> <li>-TikTok</li> <li>-Pinterest</li> <li>-Twitter</li> <li>-Facebook</li> <li>-BeReal</li> <li>-Tumblr</li> <li>-LinkedIn</li> <li>-Instagram</li> <li>-Other</li> <li>-Don't know</li> <li>-None of these</li> </ul>
<p><i>Note.</i> <sup>1</sup> For all countries, average income was considered and included in the Middle category. <sup>2</sup> Nation specific formulations – see <i>Nordic survey – methodological report</i>.</p>	

## Survey questions and response alternatives

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"> <li>-No</li> <li>-Yes, children aged 0-5 years</li> <li>-Yes, children aged 6-12 years</li> <li>-Yes, children aged 13-17 years</li> <li>-Yes, children of all ages</li> <li>-Not relevant/will not answer</li> </ul>
A <u>35-year-old (Q2)</u> <u>12-year-old (Q3)</u> person presents the following statements. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements?	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1=Strongly disagree</li> <li>2=Disagree</li> <li>3=Agree</li> <li>4=Strongly agree</li> <li>5=Don't know/will not answer</li> </ul>
Would you agree or disagree more or less if the statements on the previous page came from a person who was <u>12 years old (Q2a)</u> <u>35 years old (Q3a)?</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1=Disagree more</li> <li>2=Equally agree or disagree</li> <li>3=Agree more</li> <li>4=Don't know/will not answer (only in Iceland)</li> </ul>
As you see it, what is the most important reason why children must be heard in cases that concern them? (Q4)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1=It helps the adult to make better decisions</li> <li>2=It is their life</li> <li>3=It is in the best interest of the child to be heard</li> <li>4=It is a legally established right,</li> <li>5=It is important learning for</li> </ul>

		<p>children to be heard</p> <p>6=Other</p> <p>7=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<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>		<p>1=Strongly disagree</p> <p>2=Disagree</p> <p>3=Agree</p> <p>4=Strongly agree</p> <p>5=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<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>1=Strongly disagree</p> <p>2=Disagree</p> <p>3=Agree</p> <p>4=Strongly agree</p> <p>5=Don't know/will not answer</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>1=Strongly disagree</p> <p>2=Disagree</p> <p>3=Agree</p> <p>4=Strongly agree</p> <p>5=Don't know/will not answer</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>1=Yes, the case worker should talk directly with the child</p> <p>2=Yes, the case worker should talk with an adult who can speak on behalf of the child</p> <p>3=No, the case worker should be reluctant to talk with the child</p> <p>4=No, the case worker should</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>by someone in the family. The child protection services are investigating the case.</p> <p>As you see it, should the case worker talk with the child in question about the content of the reports of concern?</p>		<p>definitely not talk with the child, 5=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<p>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)</p>		<p>1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Agree 4=Strongly agree 5=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<p>A</p> <p><u>5-year-old (Q16)</u></p> <p><u>10-year-old (Q17)</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements?</p>	<p>1. The child should receive information on what the case is about</p> <hr/> <p>2. The Tribunal should obtain the child's opinion about contact</p> <hr/> <p>3. The child's opinion should matter for the decision the Tribunal makes</p>	<p>1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Agree 4=Strongly agree 5=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements? (Q27)<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>1. It is important that children who have communication difficulties get to use nonverbal forms of expression</p> <hr/> <p>2. It is difficult for decision-makers in tribunals and courts to interpret and to understand nonverbal forms of expression</p>	<p>1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Agree 4=Strongly agree 5=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<p>Imagine that the court is processing a case – either a child</p>	<p>1. In order to find out what the child really means, decision-</p>	<p>1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree</p>

<p>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?</p>	<p>makes themselves should talk with the child in question</p> <hr/> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p>4. It is usually difficult for adults to understand what the child really means</p>	<p>3=Agree 4=Strongly agree 5=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<p>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)<sup>1</sup></p>		<p>1=Protecting the freedom of the individual 2=Caring for those who need help</p>
<p>Which of these two is more important to you? (Q29)<sup>1</sup></p>		<p>1=Maintaining order and stability in society 2=Protecting the freedom of the individual</p>
<p>Finally, which of these two is more important? (Q30)<sup>1</sup></p>		<p>1=Caring for those who need help 2=Maintaining order and stability in society</p>
<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. 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>	<p>1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Agree 4=Strongly agree 5=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<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>	<p>1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Agree 4=Strongly agree 5=Don't know/will not answer</p>

	4. Children this age usually are able to make their own decisions in important matters concerning themselves	
<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 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>1=Julie should be free to bring her baby home regardless of the social worker's assessment                  2=The baby should stay with Julie in a supervised setting                  3=The baby should be placed in foster care                  4=Don't know/will not 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>		<p>1=As the parent, Julie should have more rights than the baby                  2=The baby should have the same rights as Julie                  3=The baby should have more rights than Julie                  4=Don't know/will not answer</p>
<p>Note. <sup>1</sup> Questions were originally later in the survey, therefore inconsistent numbering.</p>		