

Opinion poll: The perception of surveillance cameras and privacy among the general public in Sweden

What do you think of surveillance cameras in public spaces? Are you ...

Very positive	49%
Quite positive	41%
Quite negative	8%
Very negative	1%
Unsure, don't know	1%
Total	100%

Do you think there is a need for more surveillance cameras, approximately the right amount of surveillance cameras right now or a need for less surveillance cameras?

More	72%
Approx the right amount	21%
Less	3%
Unsure, don't know	4%
Total	100%

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

The presence of surveillance cameras in public spaces violates my privacy

Fully agree	4%
Partially agree	12%
Partially reject	25%
Strong reject	58%
Unsure, don't know	1%
Total	100%

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

The mere presence of surveillance cameras prevents potential perpetrators from committing crimes.

Fully agree	28%
Partially agree	55%
Partially reject	11%
Strong reject	3%
Unsure, don't know	3%
Total	100%

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

Surveillance cameras is a tool to detect crime-in-progress

Fully agree	45%
Partially agree	41%
Partially reject	9%
Strong reject	2%
Unsure, don't know	3%
Total	100%

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

The image material generated from surveillance cameras solves crimes.

Fully agree	35%
Partially agree	47%
Partially reject	9%
Strong reject	2%
Unsure, don't know	8%
Total	101% (rounding-off effect)

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

My privacy is breached if the police are allowed – at their own discretion – to install surveillance cameras in public spaces.

Fully agree	13%
Partially agree	17%
Partially reject	23%
Strong reject	45%
Unsure, don't know	3%
Total	101% (rounding-off effect)

Which of the following statements – that deals with regulatory aspects of surveillance cameras – aligns most with your need for privacy.

Regulation in the form of <u>clear signage</u> informing that camera surveillance in public space is present	39%
Regulation in the form of <u>routines for managing, storing and distributing</u> image material generated from surveillance cameras	43%
Regulation in the form of having permits <u>restricting the use</u> of surveillance cameras during certain times of day/week	2%
Regulation in the form of having <u>restrictive policies</u> for issuing permits for surveillance cameras in public spaces	10%
Unsure, don't know	6%
Total	100%

About the study

The opinion poll was commissioned by the LUSAX security research team at Lund University, School of Economics and Management (LUSEM) and executed by KANTAR SIFO, 7-11 August, 2017. A representative sample (both in terms of age and demographic variation) of 1 000 participants were interviewed by phone. The participants were 15 years of age and older. No upper limit in terms of age.

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