

**Opinion poll: The Swedish general public's attitudes towards the use of surveillance cameras in public spaces**

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

Very positive	49%
Quite positive	41%
Quite negative	7%
Very negative	2%
Unsure, don't know	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b> <b>(rounding-off)</b>

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	17%
Less	3%
Unsure, don't know	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b> <b>(rounding-off effect)</b>

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

The presence of surveillance cameras in streets and public spaces violates my privacy

Fully agree	5%
Partially agree	17%
Partially reject	30%
Strong reject	45%
Unsure, don't know	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b> <b>(rounding-off effect)</b>

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

The presence of surveillance cameras in my residential area violates my privacy

Fully agree	9%
Partially agree	21%
Partially reject	28%
Strong reject	38%
Unsure, don't know	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?  
The mere PRESENCE of surveillance cameras deters a possible offender to commit crime

Fully agree	35%
Partially agree	47%
Partially reject	11%
Strong reject	3%
Unsure, don't know	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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To what extent do you agree with the following statement?  
Surveillance cameras is a tool to DETECT crime-in-progress

Fully agree	47%
Partially agree	40%
Partially reject	7%
Strong reject	3%
Unsure, don't know	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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 signs</u> informing that camera surveillance in public space is present	38%
Regulation in the form of <u>routines for managing, storing and distributing</u> image material generated from surveillance cameras	41%
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	11%
Unsure, don't know	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### **About the study**

The opinion poll was commissioned by the LUSAX security research team at Lund University, School of Economics and Management (LUSEM) and Securitas Sweden as an outreach-activity. The study was executed by opinion poll institute KANTAR SIFO, 5-11 April, 2018. 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.

#### **Recommended reference style**

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