



The Family Campaign Foundation

of Sweden

AGAINST political steering of the upbringing of our children

FOR equal distribution of government support to all children

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Swedish intolerance in child care

We Swedes are the most highly taxed people in the world. Our ruling politicians do not stop their taxation at the poverty line - the economical level under which a family can not exist decently. In fact the family, as a unit for taxation and with important social functions, is not recognized at all. The very word "family" is being erased in law-texts and official documents. The ruling political principle is that each adult shall support him/herself and the politicians (the Society) take care of the children and their education. This "Family Policy" forms the base for the completely socialistic society and is clearly described as such in for example the social democratic women's programme "Familjen i framtiden" (The Family of the Future), Publisher Libers.

So, when the Kullman-Andersson family with two small kids in the city of Norrköping finally gave up trying to manage on what was left after tax of the truck-driving husband's wages, they asked the social authorities for an additional 60 pounds a month in order to come up to a minimum economical level of existence.

True to the political principle, this request was turned down by the authorities, who instead offered the family two heavily subsidized municipal day care places for the small kids so that their mother could get a gainful employment.

In spite of this solution being very much more expensive for the tax-payers and not at all wanted by the family who preferred to take care of their kids themselves, no other help was offered.

The case passed the Swedish administrative courts and went to the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg (appl. No 11776/85). The family's complaint was turned down by the Commission with the statement that a state did not have "a general obligation to provide for financial assistance to individuals in order to enable one of two parents to stay at home to take care of children". In other words the Commission said that one may not be a house-wife at the tax-payers' expense.

Now, the Swedish policy is evidently so absurd that it was not possible for the foreign judges to understand that the family's income would have been quite enough to support a house-wife and the two kids if Mr Andersson had been allowed to keep some of the money he was forced to pay in tax and that the tax-payers' net cost for the two day care places would be some 10 000 English pounds a year **more**

expensive than the economical help asked for by the family. Two day care places namely cost as much as a full-time worker produces in his/her job (see the official investigation of the state, SOU 79:89) and the small fee paid by a parent is often not enough to pay for the kid's food, diapers etc in the day care centre. The bulk cost is subsidized by the tax-payers.

So, if also the leader of the Swedish Conservative Party has his children in a state-owned day care center it is because he does not have much choice. In our country you can not support a family on what is left even of a high salary and in practice no alternatives to the municipal state approved day care centres (or state schools) are possible.

Frequent infections and changes of staff in the municipal day care centres are by many parents not considered good for the kids' physical and emotional health. Some parents may not approve of the collectivistic and anticapitalistic views expressed in the study material "Världen i förskolan" (The World in the Pre-school) or the view on sex-life in the book "Barnens Kärleksliv (The Love-life of the Children), both recommended for use in the day care centres by the Supreme Swedish Social Authority, Socialstyrelsen.

We parents, who have our own ideas about what is good child care are victims of this Swedish "Family" policy and thus outcasts from the welfare society. We have no right to keep enough money for the survival of our families nor any right to social security, sickness payment, ATP-pension etc. The new system proposed by the socialists in power, aiming at allowing parents to stay at home with their kids longer than a year, will further increase the discrimination as the financial compensation is based on ones position in the work-life. If you have not had a well paid job six months before your pregnancy, an abortion is for many the only economical alternative.

Being a victim of this absurd policy, our family have fled the system five times in order to live and work abroad. Thus we have found that in countries called dictatorships by Swedish politicians, the freedom to lead a life and choose child care and schooling for your children as you prefer is far greater than in "democratic" Sweden.

One can ask how this inhuman and intolerant policy can continue in a western country. In the official SCB-inquiry about parents' need for child care, you can only tick for municipal child care or nothing at all. Thus Mr Lindqvist, the "Family Minister" in Sweden, can say that parents "do not want alternatives". The private inquiries made by the IMU and Sifupolling institutes clearly indicate that 2 out of 3 parents would prefer a more equal distribution of the day care subsidies than what is the case in the "day care for everybody" policy. Mr Lindqvist disregards these polls saying that "the questions are wrongly put". And the state controlled TV and Radio and the heavily leftist and system dependent Swedish journalists let him get away with this.

Thus the socialistic day care policy backed by the Liberal party's preference for a blue-berry equality between men and women survives and is even expanded as also the last remaining parents must join the queue for day-care places as a result of the ever increasing taxes needed to pay for functions previously handled by the families themselves.

The Australian Embassy in Stockholm can testify that Swedish "Family policy" is a favorite reason for Swedish parents wanting to leave their intolerant country in order to be able to get a new life as they want to make it. We Swedish parents, with ideas of our own about care and schooling of our children, would not have to leave our country if the billions in child care subsidies were distributed equally and unconditionally and if the tax system considered how many mouths should be fed on a family's income.

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