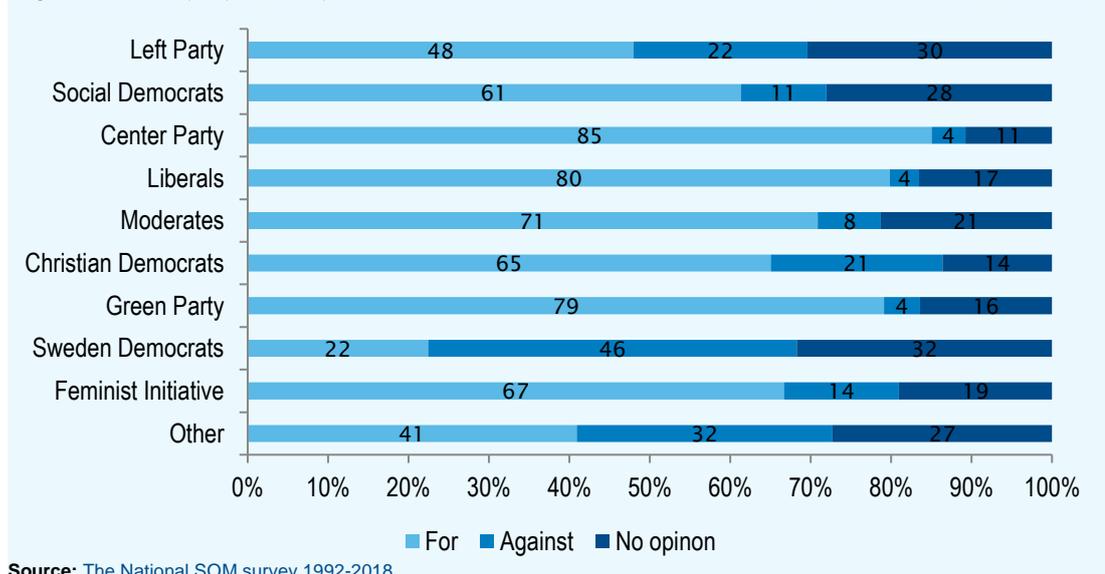


Party sympathy and attitude towards Sweden's membership in the EU

Previous fact sheets have shown how the Swedish attitude to EU membership has changed over time and that different groups view membership differently (see fact sheet 2019: 10). This also affects which party people prefer. The national SOM survey from 2018 allows us to see how attitudes toward EU membership can vary based on party sympathy. We can see that the largest group supporting Swedish membership in the EU is found in those sympathetic to the Center Party (85 percent), followed by the Liberals (80 percent) and the Green Party (79 percent). The largest proportion against Swedish membership in the EU is found among those who support the Sweden Democrats (46 percent against, and 22 percent for). The support is also slightly lower among the Left Party's sympathizers, with 48 percent for and 22 percent against. Compared with 2017, the proportion that is for membership in the EU has increased by 14 percentage among the Center Party's sympathizers, passing the Liberals, which in 2017 was the party whose sympathizers were most for EU membership in 2017. The Green Party's sympathizers increased the most regarding the proportion for EU membership, with an increase of 21 percentage points.

Figure 1. Party sympathy and Attitude to Sweden's membership in the EU (percent).



Source: [The National SOM survey 1992-2018](#)

Comments: The figure shows the result of a cross table including two variables. The first variable is based on the following question; "Which party do you like best today?", Where the answer alternatives were "Left Party", "Social Democrats", "Center party", The "Liberals", The "Moderates", The "Christian Democrats", The "Green Party", "The Swedish Democrats", "Feminist Initiative" and "Other Party". The second variable is based on the question "What is your opinion on Swedish membership in the EU?" On this issue the answer alternatives were; "Essentially for the Swedish membership of the EU", "Essentially against the Swedish membership in the EU" and "No opinion".