



The Swedes' view of punishment





How would *you* sentence someone?

It is often said that the public think that those who commit crimes should be given different sentences from those that are awarded today. But what does the general public actually think about punishment?

A survey is currently underway in the five Nordic countries, focused on the public's sense of justice in relation to serious crime, and violent crimes in particular. We want to know what you think the sentence should be in six different cases that are based on actual court trials.

You have been chosen together with 2,500 other Swedes to participate in this survey. The sample covers the whole country, and the individuals from the population register who have been included in the study have been chosen completely at random.

It is important that those who like you have been chosen for the survey participate, but your participation is naturally completely voluntary.

To begin with you will be given a description of how to complete the questionnaire and a description of different types of sentence. It is estimated that it will take approximately fifteen minutes to complete the questionnaire. We hope that you will take the time to share your views on this important subject and we ask you to send in your answer in the attached envelope within fourteen days.

Your answers are an important piece of the puzzle in relation to our knowledge about the public's sense of justice, which may in turn be of significance for the direction of future developments in the justice system.

By participating in this survey you will be contributing to BRIS (Children's Rights in Society) receiving up to 20,000 SEK, with the final sum being dependent on how many people answer the questionnaire.

Thank-you for your participation!

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How to complete the questionnaire

After each case description, there is an answer form with three columns for your responses.

In the first column, at the far left, you mark with a cross the sentence that you believe a *court* would award. You can choose a maximum of two alternatives, but one is sufficient.

In the second, middle column, you mark with a cross the sentence that *you yourself* would award if it was up to you. You can choose a maximum of two alternatives, but one is sufficient.

In the final column, at the far right, you mark with a cross the sentence that you think that *people in general* would award if it was up to them. You can choose a maximum of two alternatives, but one is sufficient.

Place a distinct cross in the box that corresponds to the sentence that you want to be your answer	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you wish to change your answer, fill the incorrect box completely	<input type="checkbox"/>
Then place a distinct cross in the box that corresponds to the sentence that you instead want to be your answer	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following two pages contain descriptions of the different sentences that you can choose from in relation to the six different cases. Please read through the descriptions of these different sentences so that you can decide how you want to answer.

It is important that you provide responses in all three columns for all six cases.

Once you have given your three responses for all six cases, place the whole questionnaire in the postage paid response envelope, seal the envelope and send it back within 14 days.



Different forms of sentence

Fines, fixed amount

Fines are specified in the amount of at least 200 SEK and at most 4,000 SEK.

Day fines

Day fines take the seriousness of the crime into consideration and also the financial situation of the person convicted of the crime. The smallest number of day fines that can be awarded for a crime is 30, and the largest is 150.

Suspended sentence

If a person is awarded a suspended sentence, they do not go to prison provided that they behave themselves for a period of two years. This sentence can be combined with day fines or community service.

Probation

Probation is like a suspended sentence, but the probationary period is three years, and the convicted individual is placed under supervision for the first year. Restrictions can be placed on the convicted individual's way of life. If the sentence includes some form of treatment plan, e.g. for alcohol or drug abuse, the individual must complete the treatment program.

Community service

Community service involves between 40 and 240 hours of unpaid work in a voluntary association, organisation or church. The convicted individual must consent. Community service is awarded in addition to a suspended sentence or probation. For youths, the sentence is instead called youth service, and is shorter.

Electronic monitoring

Prison sentences of up to six months may be served outside prison. This is done by means of intensive supervision by electronic monitoring combined with the convicted individual being prohibited from leaving his or her home other than at specified times, e.g. in order to work.

Prison

Prison means that the convicted individual is placed in a prison service institution. The prison may be either closed or open, in which case there are no walls around the institution. The length of the sentence can range from fourteen days to several years, depending on the crime for which the person has been convicted.

Treatment for the offender

For adults, treatment outside prison usually means substance abuse treatment in a treatment institution. This can take place as part of a prison sentence or within the framework of probation. Youths under the age of 21 may be given treatment in the form of a range of programs focused on e.g. substance abuse, conflict resolution or job training.

Mediation

Mediation is not a punishment but rather an offer to the offender and the crime victim to meet together with a mediator. Mediation is voluntary, it should take place in the interest of both parties and the goal is to reduce the negative consequences of the crime.

Financial compensation for the crime victim

Financial compensation is not a punishment. It involves compensation paid by the offender to the crime victim for the violation that the crime involved for the victim. Thus it is not a damages payment to compensate the victim for any financial loss caused by the offender; instead it specifically represents compensation for violation.



Case no. 1

Mats and Anne are married and have lived together for six years. They have a four-year-old daughter. There have been problems in their marriage during the past year and they have been arguing increasingly often. They decide to try and talk through their problems. They choose a weekend to be alone together and organise a baby sitter. As early as the Friday, however, they fall out and it develops into a violent argument. Mats leaves the apartment in anger and meets some friends in town. Anne is sad about how the evening has developed but does not want to stay at home by herself. She therefore also leaves the apartment after a short time in order to be with friends.

Over the course of the evening, Mats starts to regret that they have missed the opportunity to talk things through. He therefore phones Anne at home several times, but she is not there. Mats also tries to ring Anne on her mobile, but gets no answer, and Anne does not call back. Mats goes back to the apartment at one in the morning.

Anne comes home at around two. Mats wants to know where she has been. Anne says: "I don't have the energy to talk to you now." Mats wants to talk things through, however, and he wants to know where Anne has been. Anne continues not to answer Mats' questions and she doesn't want to talk to him. Mats starts to experience feelings of jealousy because Anne doesn't want to talk about where she has been. Mats is also angry that Anne doesn't seem to want to talk about their problems. When Anne still doesn't want to answer Mats' questions, he starts to accuse her of being unfaithful. Anne gets angry and they argue loudly and accuse each other of infidelity. Mats becomes increasingly angry.

At some point, Anne says that it would be better if they split up. Mats now becomes so enraged that he hits Anne hard in the chest. Anne falls to the ground. Mats kicks Anne twice in the back. Anne tries to fend him off with her hands, but Mats kicks her again, kicking her in the side and kicking her hands, and he punches her again, this time in the back of the head. Anne gets to her feet and shouts that it's now definitely over. She then runs out of the apartment.

Anne goes to the hospital, where she is given an examination and x-rayed. Anne has bruises to her chest and back, and for the next four to five days she suffers from pain in her back, ribs and kidneys. Two of the fingers on her right hand were also broken. Anne applies for a divorce and the couple separate.

Mats is 24 years old and has lived his whole life in a large town in Norrland. He is from a normal family background and has a permanent job. One year ago he was convicted of pushing Anne to the ground and kicking her legs.

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1-2 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 and 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspended sentence...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service			
Less than 50 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50 and 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic monitoring			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
From 2 to 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prison			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 months to 5 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 months to 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3 years to 4 years 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 years or more...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treatment for the offender			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 months and 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mediation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial compensation to the crime victim			
Less than 50,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50,000 and 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Case no. 2

Anders has received an offer to earn 20,000 SEK. He is to travel to Madrid in Spain and bring a package containing heroin back to Sweden. Anders is experiencing major financial problems.

He had previously told a drug dealer he knows that he had got into financial difficulties due to the fact that he has no money. After a day or so, the dealer told him about a job that could give him 20,000 SEK.

Anders thinks that it sounds like easy money and given the open borders he feels sure that there won't be too many controls.

Anders collects the heroin in a bar in Madrid. He has been given half a bank note and told to show this to a man who has the other half of the same note. Anders has never met the man before, but the two halves fit and Anders is given the heroin. In the hotel room, he makes sure that it is really heroin that he has been given. The next day he takes the flight back to Arlanda airport. The heroin is packed in four small bags. Altogether the four bags contain a total of 250 grams of heroin, which corresponds to approximately 25,000 doses for a heroin user. At home, before travelling to Madrid, Anders had made a hole in a pair of old shoes and placed an insole over it. He puts two bags in each shoe and has the shoes on throughout the journey back to Sweden.

Once Anders has picked up his luggage in the arrivals hall at Arlanda, he walks through the green channel for passengers with nothing to declare. He is tense, and one of the customs officers gets suspicious because he seems nervous, and because his packed shoes mean that he is walking a bit strangely. The customs officer waves him over for control and goes through Anders' luggage but finds nothing. Anders is nervous and sweating. The customs officer asks for Anders' jacket and shoes and then finds the four packages of heroin. Anders is then taken into custody by the police.

Anders is 34 years old and has grown up in Stockholm. He has been a drug abuser for many years. He has no prior convictions.

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Fine, fixed amount...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day fines			
1-2 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 and 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspended sentence...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service			
Less than 50 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50 and 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic monitoring			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
From 2 to 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prison			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 months to 5 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 months to 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 year to 1 year 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 years to 2 years 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 years to 4 years 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 years or more...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treatment for the offender			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 months and 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mediation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial compensation to the crime victim			
Less than 50,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50,000 and 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Case no. 3

On a Tuesday evening, just after 6 pm, Lars goes into a shop wearing a hood that covers his head and face with the exception of his eyes. The shop assistant is on her own in the shop at the time. When Lars gets to the counter, he pulls out a breadknife and holds it threateningly towards the shop assistant.

“Give me the money!” he shouts. The shop assistant does not react straight away, and Lars therefore runs behind the counter and holds up the knife in front of her. “Open the till – give me the money!” Lars shouts, and he pushes the shop assistant against the counter. The shop assistant gets the till open, but it contains only 1,000 SEK in notes and coins. Lars then takes the notes with one hand and at the same time as he holds the knife threateningly in the other and says: “I want more money! Where is the rest of the money?”

The shop assistant explains that the rest of the day’s takings are in a safe in the rear of the premises, which she does not have the code to. Lars grabs the upper arm of the shop assistant at the same time as he holds the knife in his right hand. He forces the shop assistant into the rear of the premises where there is a safe bolted to the floor, with just a narrow slit to post the money through. There is a key pad on the safe for keying in the code. Lars points the knife at the shop assistant and shouts: “The code!”. “I don’t know it,” the shop assistant says again. Lars moves a step closer and points the knife at the shop assistant. “The code!” he shouts again.

The shop assistant then keys in the code and opens the safe. Lars takes a wad of notes and a bag of coins and runs out of the shop. In total he gets away with 16,500 SEK.

Lars is 28 years old. He grew up in a rural town in normal family circumstances and works as a servicing mechanic at a garage. Lars sometimes uses cocaine and amphetamines. He has no prior convictions.

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No punishment...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fine, fixed amount...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day fines			
1-2 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 and 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspended sentence...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service			
Less than 50 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50 and 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic monitoring			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
From 2 to 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prison			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 months to 5 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 months to 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3 years to 4 years 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 years or more...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treatment for the offender			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 months and 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mediation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial compensation to the crime victim			
Less than 50,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50,000 and 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Case no. 4

Jenny and Martin do not know each other, but they work at the same firm. They meet on a business course that is held on Friday and Saturday at a hotel. After dinner on the Friday evening they dance a couple of dances together and when the music stops at about 2 a.m. they decide to have a drink in the hotel bar.

The bar is already closed however and they therefore go off towards their hotel rooms, which lie on different floors. On the way up, Martin asks if he can give Jenny a hug. Jenny says yes and they hug each other. When they move off, Martin offers Jenny a beer in his room. Jenny accepts and they go together to Martin's room.

In the room, Jenny sits in an armchair and Martin sits on the bed. The atmosphere is good and they talk about work and drink a couple of beers. Then Martin comes back after going to the toilet and goes up to Jenny, leans over her and starts to kiss her. Jenny says that she doesn't want to. She takes hold of his hands and tries to push them away. Martin ignores her rejection, however. He pulls off her blouse and opens her bra, and he touches and kisses her breasts while Jenny tries, without success, to push him away. Jenny gets to her feet and says that she wants to leave, but Martin takes hold of her and pulls her to the bed.

Jenny protests and says that Martin should let her go. As if he hasn't heard her protests, Martin pulls off Jenny's trousers, underwear and blouse. He pushes her down on the bed and lies on top of her, holding her down. At the same time, he gets his own trousers off, presses himself against Jenny and has brief vaginal intercourse with her. Once he has ejaculated, he withdraws and gets up from the bed. Jenny runs into the toilet, wipes herself off quickly with a towel and puts her trousers and blouse back on. She then gathers up the rest of her clothes and immediately leaves Martin's room.

Early on Saturday morning, Jenny rings her sister and tells her what has happened. The sister takes Jenny to the Centre for raped women at the South Stockholm Hospital where Jenny is given an examination. No physical injuries are found, but Jenny is in shock, and is very upset and scared. On Wednesday, four days after the rape took place, Jenny reports it to the police.

Martin is 28 years old and has lived his whole life in a large town in rural Sweden. He has no prior convictions.

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Day fines			
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Suspended sentence...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service			
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Between 50 and 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Electronic monitoring			
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Prison			
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Treatment for the offender			
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Over 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mediation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial compensation to the crime victim			
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Case no. 5

Elsa is 39 years old and has been employed by a large bank for fifteen years. Over recent years she has advanced to become a highly trusted employee. She has had a series of senior positions. For the past ten years Elsa has been a private advisor specialising in elderly clients with private fortunes. She has built up a special relationship with many of the clients whom she has advised over the years and these clients therefore have great confidence in the advice she gives.

Over the course of a two year period between May 2006 and June 2008 she has committed the offence of breach of trust against a principle by establishing thirteen false client accounts through which she has herself routinely accumulated a total of just under 28 million SEK. The money has immediately been invested in shares. She has conducted these transactions through another bank. Her bank has suffered losses of approximately 5 million SEK.

Further, in her capacity as private advisor to Mrs. Elna Nielsen (aged 82), she has committed gross embezzlement by having acquired and made use of slightly under half a million SEK from Mrs. Nielsen's account between January 2001 and May 2003.

In addition, as private client advisor to social services officer Kristin Peterson, she has committed gross embezzlement on twelve occasions between August 2003 and October 2005 by using approximately 350,000 SEK from the latter's account.

Finally, during the period between 2005 and May 2008, she has on five occasions unlawfully withdrawn and used a total of just under 40,000 SEK in fees from different client accounts. These fees should have been placed in the accounts that the bank itself had set up for this purpose.

Elsa has no prior convictions. She lives in good conditions. She has been together with her husband for eighteen years and they live with their three children in a house in a suburb of Stockholm. Her health is wavering as a result of long-term abuse of amphetamines and prescription medications.

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Suspended sentence...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service			
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Prison			
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Treatment for the offender			
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Between 2 months and 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mediation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial compensation to the crime victim			
Less than 50,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50,000 and 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Case no. 6

Hans is on his way home from a party at 2 a.m. Hans has had an argument with his girlfriend and left the party as a result, together with an acquaintance, Klas. Hans and Klas talk about the incident, and Hans is both upset and angry about his girlfriend's behaviour.

Hans and Klas head home together through town and on the way they stop off at a grill to get something to eat. They stand outside the grill to eat and Hans goes in to go to the toilet. On the way back out he buys a coke.

When he comes back out, Klas is gone. Hans looks for Klas and walks up and down in front of the grill. Olle and Jens are sitting a little way away. They have also been to the grill and are now sitting and eating. Olle and Jens are talking and laughing.

Hans doesn't know either Olle or Jens. He can't hear what they are saying, but his perception is that that it is him that they are talking about and laughing at. He keeps looking for Klas and starts to become impatient and irritated that Klas has simply left. He goes over to Olle and Jens to ask whether they have seen Klas.

Olle and Jens are in the middle of a conversation, so Olle just turns his head towards Hans and says a brief: "Nope", after which they continue their conversation and ignore Hans. Hans now becomes angry and grabs Olle's arm and says: "You've got no reason to be so condescending towards me." Olle tries to twist his arm free. Hans then punches Olle on the side of the head. Then he hits Olle on the side of the head with his coke bottle so that it breaks. Olle falls, and when he's lying on the ground, Hans takes a step back and kicks Olle in the face, and then stamps on one side of his face, just in front of his ear. Hans then runs off.

Olle suffers serious cuts to the corner of his mouth and to his scalp (which require medical attention). He also suffers a broken nose and cheekbone. Olle also has a concussion, but no lasting injuries.

Hans is 27 years old. He grew up in normal family conditions in a rural town and is studying at university. He usually has no problems with alcohol. He has no prior convictions.

Give your answers on the next page. A maximum of two responses in each column.

	What sentence do you think a court would have awarded?	What sentence do you personally think should be awarded?	What sentence do you think people in general would want to see awarded?
No punishment...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fine, fixed amount...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day fines			
1-2 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 and 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 4 months wages...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspended sentence...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service			
Less than 50 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50 and 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 150 hours...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic monitoring			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
From 2 to 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 3 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prison			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 months to 5 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 months to 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 year to 1 year 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 years to 2 years 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 years to 4 years 11 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 years or more...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treatment for the offender			
Less than 2 months...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 2 months and 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 1 year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mediation...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial compensation to the crime victim			
Less than 50,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 50,000 and 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 100,000 SEK...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

+ **Are you....**

- Male
- Female

How old are you?

What is your gross household income per annum?

- Up to 200,000
- 200,000 – 300,999
- 400,000 – 500,999
- 600,000 – 700,999
- Over 800,000
- Do not wish to specify

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Secondary education
- Further education
- Higher education 1-3 years
- Higher education 4+ years
- Do not wish to specify

Thank-you for your participation!



