

# How Sweden Works and What We Can Learn From It



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### By Hans Rosling

Sweden is a country that has consistently ranked highly in international surveys of quality of life, social progress, and economic competitiveness. But what is it about Sweden that makes it so successful? In his book, *How Sweden Works and What We Can Learn From It*, Swedish journalist and author Hans Rosling argues that the key to Sweden's success lies in its unique combination of social democracy, economic liberalism, and environmental sustainability.

Rosling begins by describing the history of Sweden's social democratic model. This model is based on the idea that the government has a

responsibility to provide for the welfare of its citizens. This includes providing healthcare, education, and other social services. Rosling argues that this model has been successful in creating a more equitable and prosperous society.

However, Rosling also acknowledges that the social democratic model has its challenges. One of the biggest challenges is the high cost of social services. In order to pay for these services, Sweden has one of the highest tax rates in the world. This can be a burden on businesses and individuals.

Despite these challenges, Rosling believes that the social democratic model is still the best way to ensure that all Swedes have a good quality of life. He argues that the model has created a more cohesive and prosperous society, and that it has helped to reduce poverty and inequality.

In addition to its social democratic model, Sweden is also known for its economic liberalism. This means that the government generally does not intervene in the economy. Businesses are free to operate without government interference. Rosling argues that this model has helped to create a more dynamic and innovative economy.

However, Rosling also acknowledges that economic liberalism can lead to inequality. He argues that the government has a responsibility to ensure that the benefits of economic growth are shared by all citizens. He proposes a number of policies that could help to reduce inequality, such as raising the minimum wage and increasing taxes on the wealthy.

Finally, Rosling discusses Sweden's environmental sustainability. Sweden is one of the most environmentally friendly countries in the world. The

country has a long history of protecting its natural resources. Rosling argues that Sweden's environmental sustainability is essential for the country's long-term success. He proposes a number of policies that could help to reduce Sweden's environmental impact, such as investing in renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions.

*How Sweden Works and What We Can Learn From It* is a thought-provoking and informative book. Rosling provides a unique perspective on Sweden's success. He argues that the country's success is due to its unique combination of social democracy, economic liberalism, and environmental sustainability. Rosling's book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand more about Sweden and its success.



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