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As Peter Baldwin argues in *Disease and Democracy* (2005) national public health strategies adopted during the previous grave epidemics have been remarkably similar to those that had governed contagious disease for at least the last century. Responses thought to be dictated by the nature of the new threat were in fact influenced by past decisions. Current conceptions indicate that in dealing with the latest pandemics, these neighboring countries do, however, not resort to time-honored rhetoric and past solutions.

Rather the Finnish and Swedish responses to AIDS and COVID-19 vary remarkably. In this presentation AIDS and COVID-19 pandemics are reflected through research literature, parliamentary protocols and media sources which provide a vast primary source for charting the modes of representation of reality and understanding the social processes of changing conceptions of responsibility. How have individual's claim to autonomy and liberty been accommodated with the community's concern with safety? And most importantly, the presentation explores explanations why these countries have changed their ways of simultaneous pursuit of individual rights and public good.

Metod och Resultat

Konklusion