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Representations of economic inequality in Sweden: Exploring cues, signals and shortcuts at different levels of personal proximity

Bakgrund/Frågeställning

This paper presents and discusses data derived from eight Swedish online focus groups administered in February 2022 to discuss representations of inequalities in income and wealth in participants' neighbourhoods, communities, regions and in Sweden writ large. Coming from different socio-economic backgrounds, the participants engaged in vivid discussions about economic facts or fiction, the trustworthiness of political parties, politicians and the media, their feelings about economic inequality and who should be in charge to tackle it. First analyses suggest that perceived social ills such as high crime or segregation are mentioned as important indicators of inequality. Moreover, representations of economic inequality solicit a diverse set of emotions that have proven to either trigger or inhibit political action.

Metod och Resultat

Konklusion