

Research findings

Country code	Year	Reference details title	Reference details URL	Main thematic focus	Institution	Key findings - Short summary	Methodology (Qualitative/Quantitative and exact type used, questionnaires etc)	Sample details and representativeness	Area/location of interest - NUTS3 level
Sweden	2022	Swedish Defence Research Agency (Totalförsvarets forskningsinstitut, FOI) (2022) A study in prejudice - about racist stereotypes in digital environments (En studie i fördom - om rasistiska stereotyper i digitala miljöer), report, October 2022	https://www.foi.se/rapportsammanfattning?reportNo=FOI-R-5352-SF	Public perceptions and attitudes	Sweden, Swedish Defence Research Agency Totalförsvarets forskningsinstitut, FOI	This report studies manifestations of racism in digital environments. It studies in particular expressions of prejudice against some of the minority groups that have been indicated in the Swedish government's plan against racism, similar kinds of hostility, and hate crime, as particularly exposed to racism. The study shows that people of Middle Eastern and North African descent are particularly exposed to prejudice, as are Muslims. Prejudicial statements were found to often display ignorance and conflation of different ethnic and religious minorities. The result indicates that a substantial increase of islamophobic expressions coincided with the so-called 2022 Sweden riots.	All research in this report is based on quantitative analysis of textual data.	The data used for this study is collected from five Swedish-language discussion forums and social media during the time period 2020-07-01 – 2021-06-30. The sources are chosen to give a broad picture of Swedish digital environments. A total of 6.8 million comments have been collected.	Not applicable - national level

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