

## **Results and analysis of the survey, evaluated on April 1st, 2014 in Swedish Falkenberg**

"Swedish teenagers are the fittest in terms of media competence." These and more statistics are the result of a multicultural comparison based on surveys. The topics of the survey were generation, history, lifestyle and values.

Within the context of the comenius-project, enabled by the EU, students from Sweden, France, Italy and Germany created and evaluated a survey. Groups of all these countries met for evaluating differences and similarities of their home countries in Swedish Falkenberg in the first week of April. Among them twelve students accompanied by their teachers T. Stolz and J. Zöllner of the Rottmayr-Gymnasium in Laufen were busy creating, evaluating and presenting the results.

The survey covers four main topics: Health, values, technology and history. In addition the respondents are divided into three groups depending on their age which represent the generations in today's society.

Healthwise it was found out that fast food is mainly consumed by the younger generation, which ironically think that their nutrition is the healthiest compared to nutrition in the past. This result might be bound on the fact that doing sports is important especially to the youth. Italian results prove that sports is very important to 92% of their youth.

The topics "values and attitudes" revealed interesting results as well: The opinion of over 60% of today's youth thinks, that their generation deteriorates more and more. When asked about the acceptance of homosexual marriages is an interesting picture emerges: In every country the 70+ generation is most critical homosexual marriage. The more young the interviewees get, the more liberal they are. In more catholic countries like Italy and the south of Germany homosexual relationships are not as well accepted as in Sweden and France, where about double as much are ok with it. The question whether adopting a child should be allowed got answered similarly. In every country people said, that they do not actively care for environment.

Another topic was advancing technology. Sweden is the most skilled country when it comes to the use of modern technology. Even the older generation uses that technology daily, which also means that they will get more and more dependant on it. 85% of the Swedish youth uses social networks daily, 50% of Germans, 40% in Italy. Of course people being older than 70 do not use any social media platform as young people do. All in all, Sweden is the most modern country. European history influenced the 70+ generation a lot. The younger the asked people are, the less impact the Second World War had on them.

The idea of teaching history in school is more important to young people as to the older generation, who also dislike the development Europe has gone through while it became more and more international and multicultural in the last years because they, especially Italians, do not want to lose their national pride.

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