The Swedish population has already aged considerably and this dema-

HOW GRAY IS SWEDEN?

To understand why Sweden is so gray, you need to understand the

Kathrin Komp

Of Welfare States: Living in the "Gray Model"

ESSAY
less. This short-term measure is expected to result in a decrease in the number of people "at risk" of poverty and social exclusion in the long term. However, if the government continues to invest in social policies and create opportunities for older people, it is possible that the proportion of older people "at risk" of poverty and social exclusion could decrease further.

For the older citizens…

What does the Swedish welfare state do?

Swedish welfare state is a term used to describe the comprehensive social services and community-based care provided to citizens of all ages. The Swedish welfare state is characterized by its focus on equality, solidarity, and social cohesion. The government provides a wide range of services, such as healthcare, education, and social security, to ensure that all citizens have access to basic needs and have the opportunity to participate in society. The welfare state is designed to ensure that everyone has the same opportunities to lead a good life, regardless of their age or background.

How do older Swedes participate in their welfare state?

In Sweden, older people have significant opportunities to participate in their welfare state. They can participate in various ways, such as through social work, healthcare, and education. The Swedish welfare state is designed to support older people in maintaining their autonomy and dignity, and to ensure that they have access to the services they need to live a fulfilling life. The state also provides opportunities for older people to stay active, such as through leisure activities and volunteering. This is important for the wellbeing of older people and for the community as a whole.
Government is able to seize this opportunity.

The next few decades will show whether the Swedish

Consequence: It is also a battle that allows policymakers to think about what it means to be old.

Therefore, since there is a simple pressure point for welfare states, it is a global

voluntary (knapp och behag, 2012). The rising of the Swedish population is

of they could try to increase social cohesion by encouraging older citizens to

be government could, for example, try to provide working lives even more

change open new opportunities for the Swedish welfare state. The 

experience a longer period of healthy life than in many other countries. This

result is particularly well pronounced in Sweden because

aging is more and more associated with an active lifestyle and social capital.

acquire within Sweden. Due to the increasing healthy life expectancy, the

Expected in a Horizon (2010). At the same time, a second type of change is

GLOBAL AGING