**Video Title:** Sweden’s Approach to COVID-19 Pandemic Involves No Lockdown

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As many people are aware, the country of Sweden took a much different approach to the COVID-19 crisis, than virtually all other countries in the world. Instead of locking the country down for one to two months, Sweden kept almost all its businesses and other activities “open” for the duration of the pandemic. Sweden’s approach in part involved the concept of “herd immunity”, i.e., by allowing citizens to receive low-level exposure to the COVID virus, a general societal immunity to it would occur. The country’s approach also involved a careful cost-benefit analysis, which determined that the economic costs of closing the country’s activities outweighed the potential human/health/medical costs involved in adopting this tactic.

Questions:

1. Do you agree with the approach the country of Sweden took with respect to the COVID-19 crisis?
2. What advantages did Sweden arguably have with respect to its ability to adopt an “open” approach to the pandemic as compared to potentially the United States?