

Following the Swedish breakdown



Overview

While the first half of the 20th century was marked by political challenges, high inflation, unemployment, and a pressing need for economic recovery, it also witnessed the emergence of a new economic framework: the Swedish model. The welfare state has been the vision of the Swedish Social Democratic Party (SDP), which was founded in 1889. The SDP aimed at building a system that would provide. Sweden has long been regarded as epitomizing the modern welfare state. ¹ That in Sweden—naturally if somewhat imprecisely referred to as the “Swedish model”—is marked by the use of big, centralized institutions. [Note: This is a corrected version of the footnoted article that was earlier posted on the web.] Once one of Europe's poorest countries, in the post World War II decades Sweden evolved into a slum-free, affluent, egalitarian full employment welfare state, with a strong commitment to work for all. What happened to Russia after the Soviet Union dissolved?

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