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## Major Swedish party calls for banning circumcision in the country

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- A major Swedish political party has voted to change its official stance in favor of banning circumcision.
- The Swedish Centre Party tally at its annual meeting was 314-166, overturning the 18-member party board's unanimous rejection of the proposal.
- The party has 31 of the 349 seats in the parliament.
- "The Swedish Centre Party's decision to promote a ban on religious circumcision is a request for Jews to leave Sweden-the most liberal of E.U. states," said Conference of European Rabbis president Rabbi Goldschmidt in a statement on Thursday.
- "We are appalled to learn that a political party in Sweden has proposed a ban on non-medical circumcision of infant boys," said the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations in a statement.





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- President of the Orthodox Union Moishe Bane stated, "The Swedish Centre Party's decision to promote a ban on religious circumcision is synonymous with calling for the end of Jewish life in Sweden. Religious circumcision is a core Jewish obligation which has been practiced for over two millennia."
- OU executive vice president Allen Fagin added that the party's decision to promote the ban would lead to the exodus of Jews from the country.

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