

The political climate in Sweden is changing, as an increasing number of people choose to put their votes on one of the nationalist or far-right political parties. This wave goes throughout all Europe, though to win over the somewhat reserved Swedish population, the well-tried violence and profanities are not going to do the trick. A more subtle approach was needed.

The anti-immigration movement in Sweden has gone through a transformation the past few years, making the ideas appeal to more voters by adding intelligible, well-dressed and well-mannered spokespersons who addresses the common man.

The political tendencies also rub off on other parts of the society, like presenting xenophobic and racist statements as art.

We have followed seven characters, seven faces that in different ways have been connected with antiimmigration, xenophobia or right-extremism. Showing the complex and versatile state of xenophobia in Sweden.

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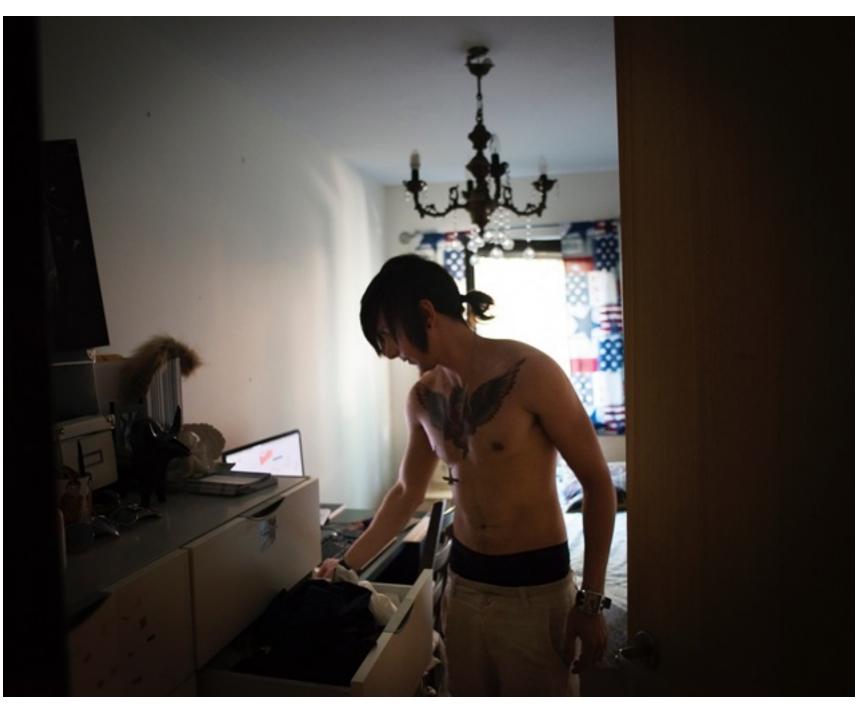


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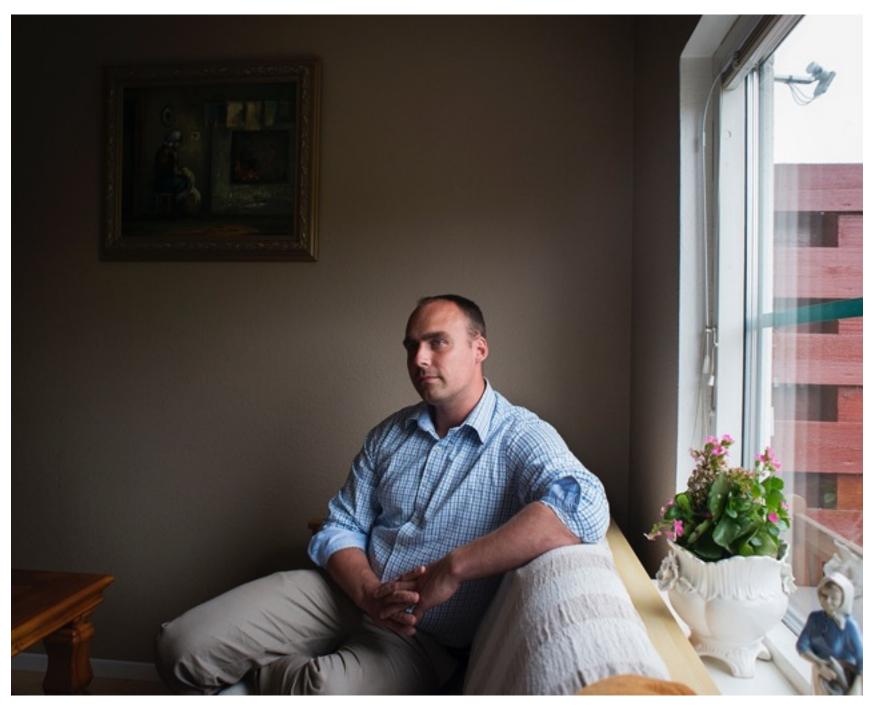
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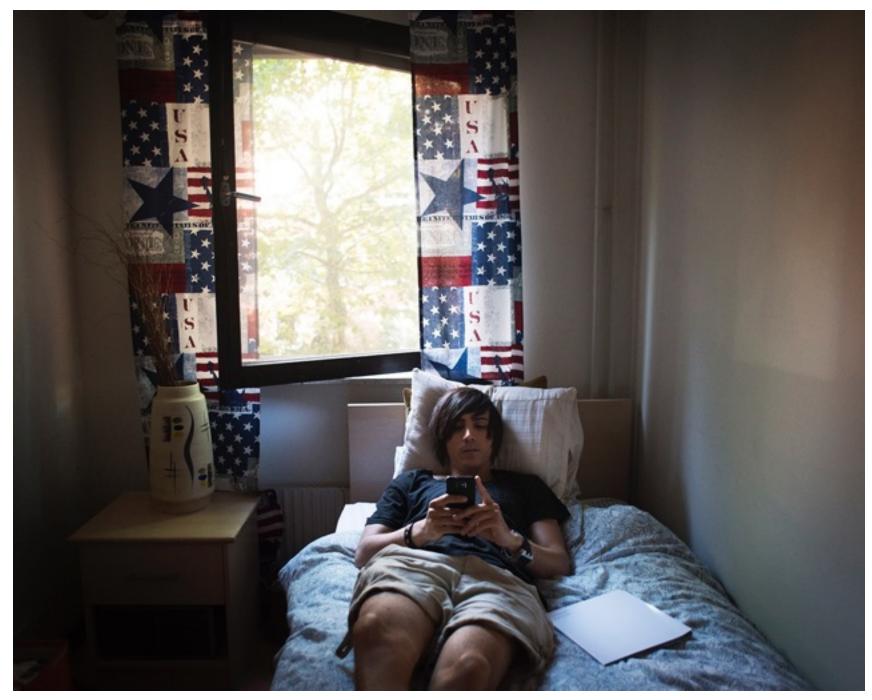


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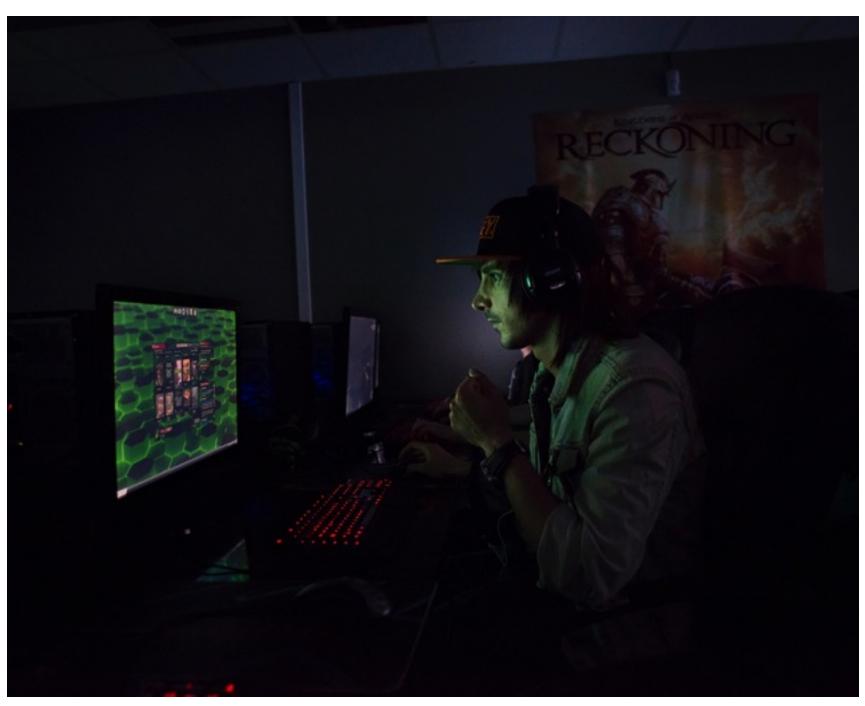


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