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# Today's lecture

- Trends and tendencies today
- The Far Right a glance at the Nordics
- How to combat the ideas?



#### The Far Right

People and state is one; foreigners threaten this community

#### Radical right

Democracy should be maintained.

The liberal elites must be replaced.

#### Extreme right

Democracy must be replaced.

Violence against enemies of the people is legitimate.

#### Cultural nationalism

Muslim culture is backward and repressive.

Western culture must be protected against Muslim immigration and Islamization.

Muslims must assimilate to Western culture or return to their homelands.

#### Ethnic nationalism

People of different ethnic origin should not be mixed. Cultral diversity should be maintained.

White Europeans and Americans have a right to defend their nations from foreign peoples and cultures.

People of different ethnic origin should return to their homelands.

#### Radical nationalism

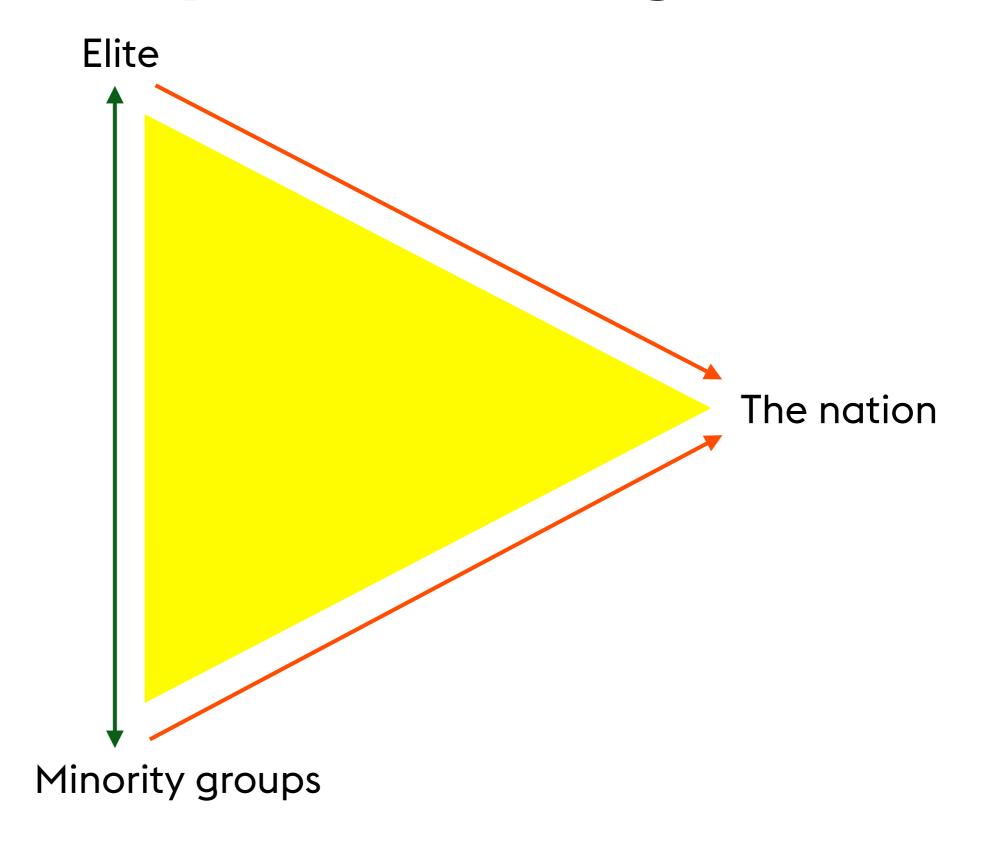
The white race is superior; racial mixing threatens its survival.

Revolutionary change is needed to overthrow Jewish dominance.

Inferior races and racial enemies must be subjugated, deported or exterminated.



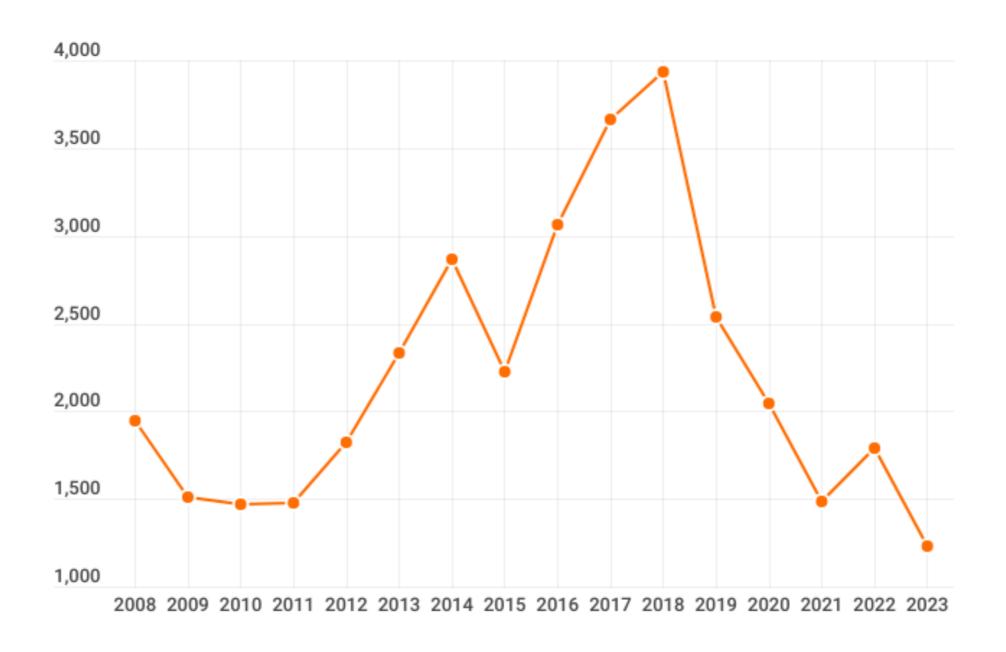
# The story of the Far Right



#### A few of the current trends



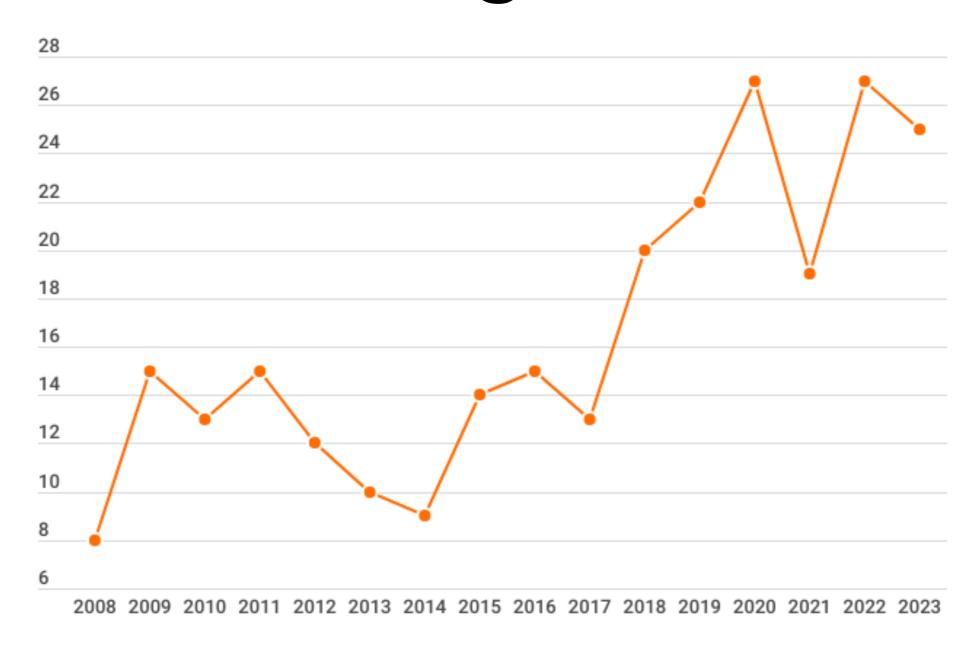
## The number of activities drops



Antal aktiviteter i den svenska rasideologiska miljön, 2008-2023



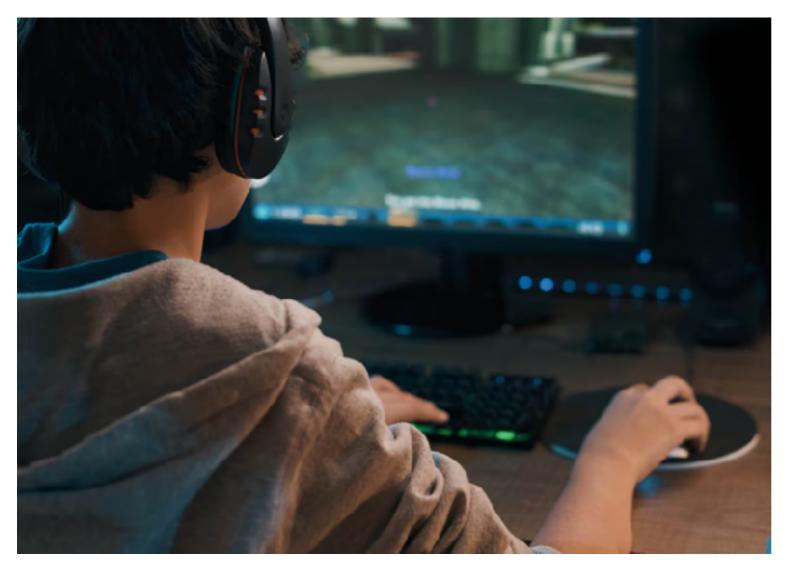
# A more heterogeneous millieu

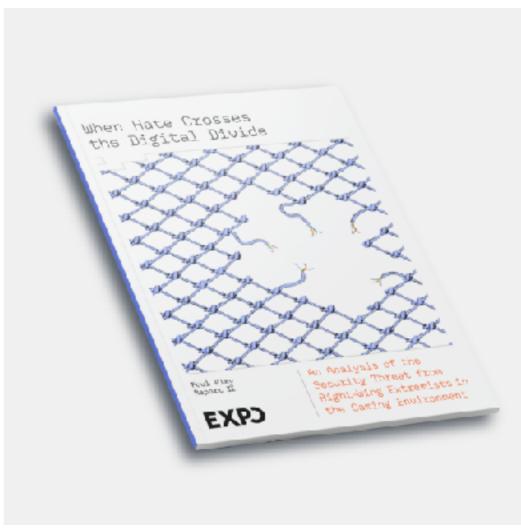


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# Radicalization on gaming platforms







# Active clubs and local gyms





# "Pedophile hunters"



#### al-Noor Islamic Centre Mosque in Baerum



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"When neo-Nazis march on Norwegian streets, both in Fredrikstad and in Kristiansand, you hear a lot of Swedish. Their neo-Nazis are also trying to organize in the neighboring countries"."

ERNA SOLBERG, THE THEN PRIME MINISTER OF NORWAY





"If you govern with
Fremskrittspartiet and
appoint Sylvi Listhaug as
minister twice, then maybe
you should look at yourself in
the mirror before glancing
across the border"

ANDERS YGEMAN, THEN SWEDISH MINISTER OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORT





""We do not take any advice from Sweden, which has a documented much larger neo-Nazi environment than Norway" "

MINISTER OF ELDERLY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AT THE TIME AND MEMBER OF FREMSKRITTSPARTIET





#### Soliders of Odin





#### Nordic Resistance Movement (NRM)



#### Stop Islamisation of Denmark





#### Right wing extremism in the Nordics

1990-2015, a total of 141 events have been recorded (21 were deadly)

- Sweden: 89

- Norway: 25

- Denmark: 19

- Finland: 8



#### In conclusion...

- Successful in its international contacts
- A diverse millieu challenging to monitor
- Formal and informal organizations and "lone-actors"
- Calls for international resistance



#### A strategy for resistance

Know your own story

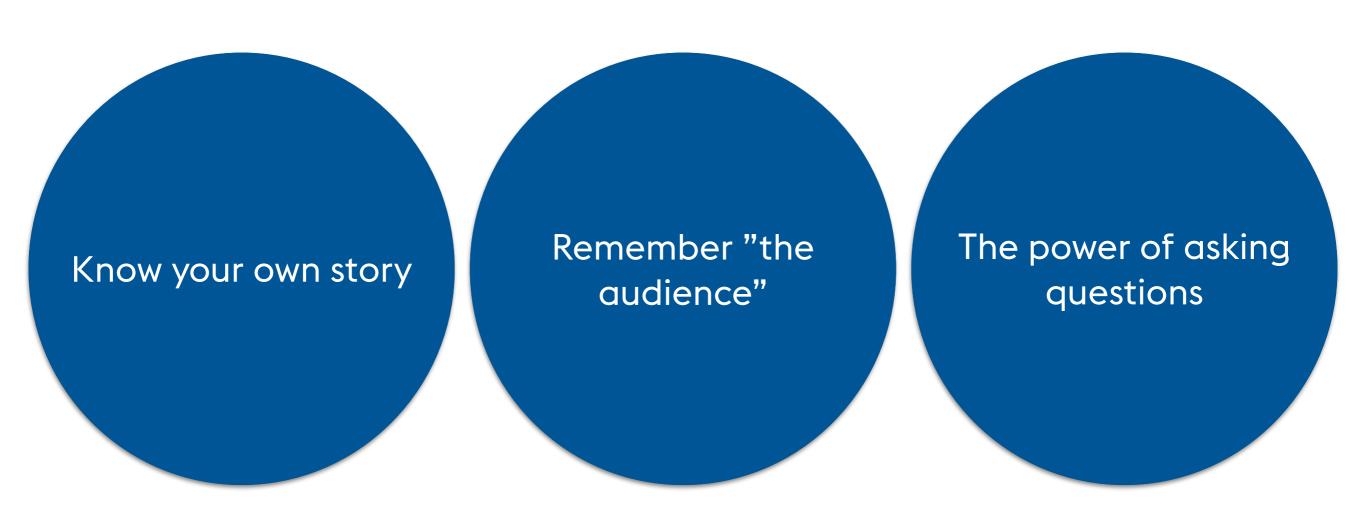
# Let Empathy Drive Your Dialogue

A Toolkit to Dismantle Far Right Arguments





# Key principles





COMMUNITY	CONFLICT	VISION
Ethnic and cultural homogenity	Majority population vs minority groups "Ordinary people" vs	A homogeneous society without any minority cultures and religions.
The national culture as a unifying element	"the elite"	



#### Defining our own narrative

- What are the unifying elements in our society?
- Where are the conflict lines?
- What does your vision of the society look like?



"I now turn to the immigrant population in Sweden. We respect you, but you have to understand that Sweden has its own culture and traditions. Respect and adapt to the Swedish way of life"



#### COMMUNITY

Ethnic and cultural homogenity

The national culture as a unifying element

Equal opportunities, respect and solidarity.



#### 2. Remember "the audience"

	CLOSED	AMBIVALENT	OPEN
PROACTIVE	Build trust	Build trust	Strengthen
REACTIVE	Sow doubt	Offer alternatives	Support

"I'm Jewish, it's something I'm proud of but haven't dared to tell anyone. At my school they joke that Jews should be gassed to death."



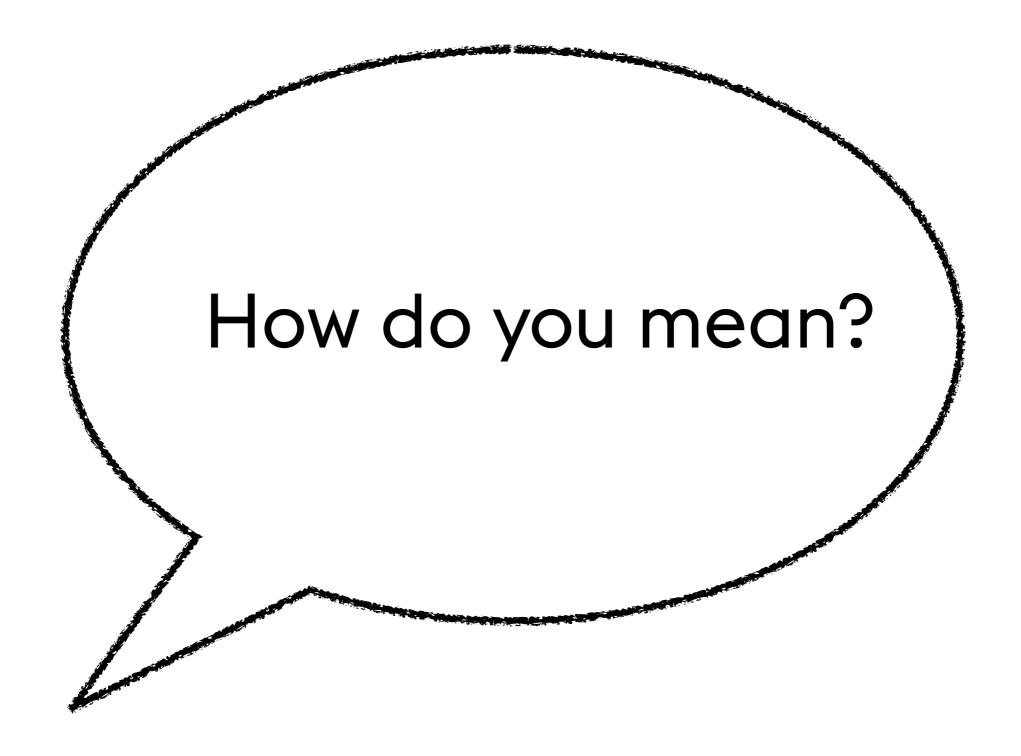
CLOSED	AMBIVALENT	OPEN	MINORITY GROUPS	
Build trust	Build trust	Strengthen	Protect and show solidarity	
Sow doubt	Offer alternatives	Support		



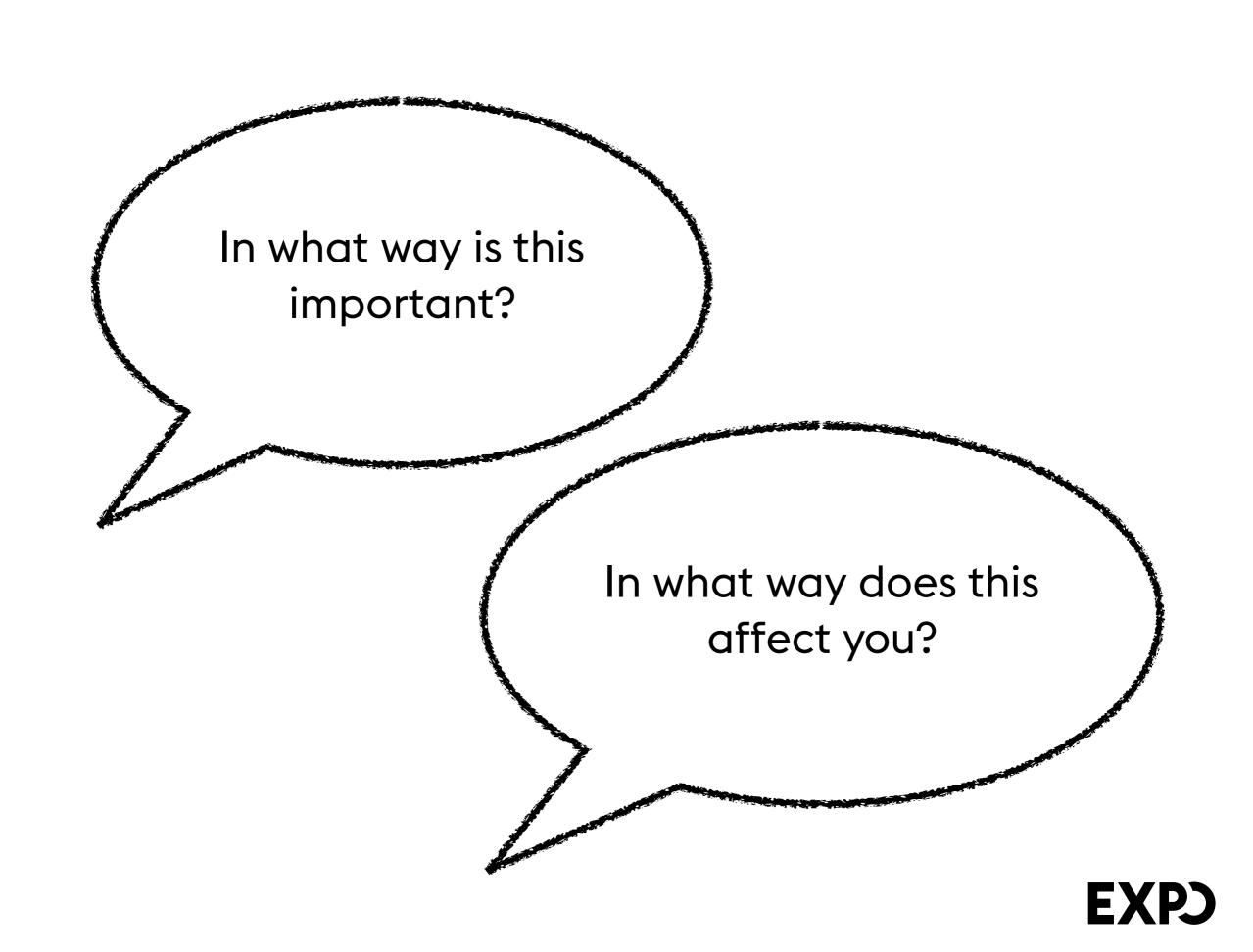
# 3. The power of asking questions











As I understand it, the city has been able to survive because of immigration. Nor do I see how recognition of other people's rights would mean that my rights are reduced.



# 3. The power of asking questions

- Ask questions to make sure you understood what the person actually said, to make sure there are no misunderstandings...
- To gain time and get an overview of your options
- To show that you care and are curious
- To force the person to take responsibility for what was just said



# Use questions to lead the dialogue to be about our story



I do not recognize my own neighborhood anymore. I don't go out at night



Well, according to crime statistics you have nothing to worry about in your neighborhood



	ldea to confront	The response
Surrounding		
Behaviour		
Knowledge		
Values		
Vision		



I do not recognize my own neighborhood anymore. I don't go out at night



How do you know it's so dangerous that you can't go out?



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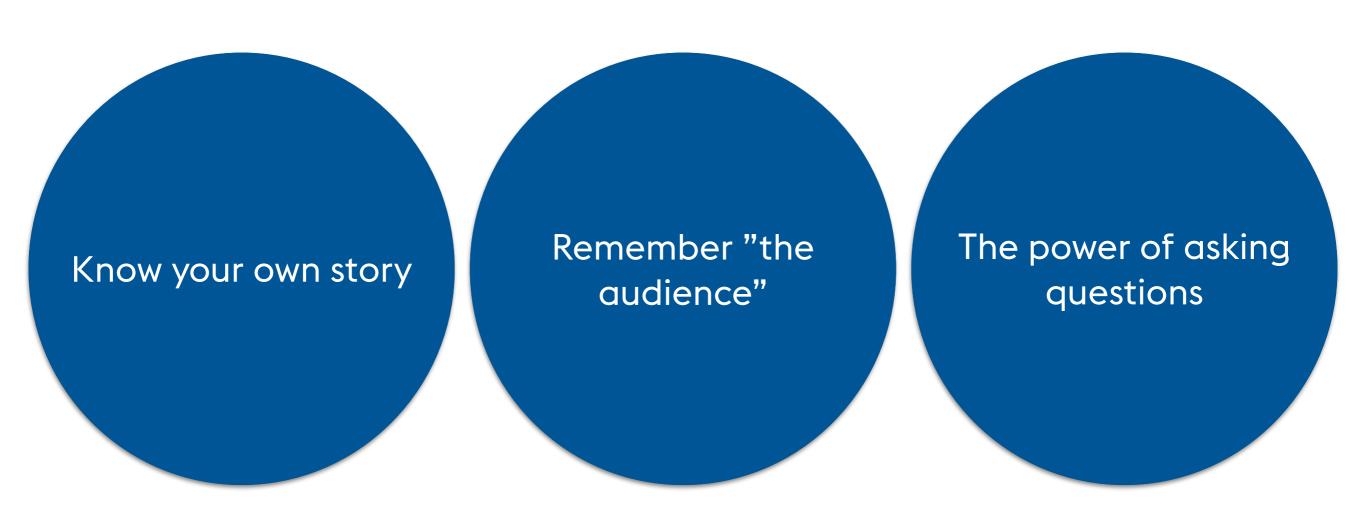
	ldea to confront	Your ideas	Questions to ask
Surrounding	"My neighborhood is unsafe"	X	
Behaviour	"I dont go out at night anymore"		What does that do to you?
Knowledge	"Immigrants are criminals"		How do you know that?
Values	"All crime should lead to deportation"		What needs to be done?
Vision	"A safe society"		How would you like it to be?



## **Surrounding Behaviour** Lead the dialogue to be about visions and values to open for a social Knowledge democratic answer. **Values Vision**



# Key principles





# THANK YOU! TACK!

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