

Pledge to researchers

The Norwegian Parliament (Storting) is elected by the people to make difficult choices on behalf of society. Various considerations and interests need to be balanced before decisions are made that could affect generations to come.

Such political decisions require a solid knowledge base and an open-minded approach to research. Research results are very rarely final and clear-cut. It is positive for politics and public debate that our leading elected representatives seek independent research and expert knowledge.

On behalf of my party I urge researchers to participate in the public exchange of views and to make their research available – even when this research may appear to contradict the party's official position.

In order to contribute to an informed election campaign and knowledge-based policies for the next parliamentary term, we pledge to:

- ✓ defend academic freedom – in Norway and in other countries. Academic freedom is vital for high-quality research and informed public debate.
- ✓ ensure that we quote researchers accurately and reproduce research results properly.
- ✓ not consciously conceal key research results that we know exist, even though these are not consistent with our political views.

The Norwegian Labour Party

The Conservative Party
of Norway

The Norwegian Progress Party

The Norwegian Centre Party

The Norwegian Christian
Democratic Party

The Liberal Party of Norway

The Norwegian Socialist
Left Party

The Norwegian Green Party