



Sons of Norway
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NORGE / DAG PANEL DISCUSSION

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Panel Discussion

Reason for This Program:

To educate Sons of Norway members about Norway today.

Persons Needed:

Two Norwegian natives, preferably university students or very recent immigrants.

Two Americans who have visited Norway in the past and recently.

Materials Needed:

Questions for panel members.

Ideal Location:

Wherever lodge meetings are held.

Preparations:

Little preparation time is needed. The only preparation is inviting the panel members, providing them in advance with the questions you wish to ask, and advertising the panel to members.

Other Important Information:

The sample questions attached led to lively, interesting and entertaining discussions when Normanden lodge did the panel.

Sample Questions

Are Americans welcome to visit in Norway?

Are Americans welcome to move to Norway?

How can Norwegians afford to live in Norway?

How have things changed over the last 30 years?

With the social programs available, does anyone have to worry about being hungry or homeless?

How do Norwegians run political campaigns?

Name several things Norwegians are proud of.

Name one thing they are not so proud of.

What do young people like to do?

What is the use of alcohol and drugs among young people?

How do people emotionally survive the long, dark winters?

Do Norwegians really eat *lutefisk*?

Is it true that workers typically leave work at 4:00 and don't spend much of their life at work as our workers?

Why are Norwegians so much more interested in international events than Americans?

Does a traveler in Norway need to worry about crime?

Are children exposed to violence as much as American children (in media, home)?

What do Norwegians think about Americans attempting to hold on to old Norwegian traditions such as we do in *Sons of Norway*?

Americans: What is the funniest thing you've seen a Norwegian do?

Norwegians: What is the funniest thing you've seen an American do?

How are Norway and America most alike?

How are they most different?