Independence and accountability: opposites or complements?

A Swedish Perspective

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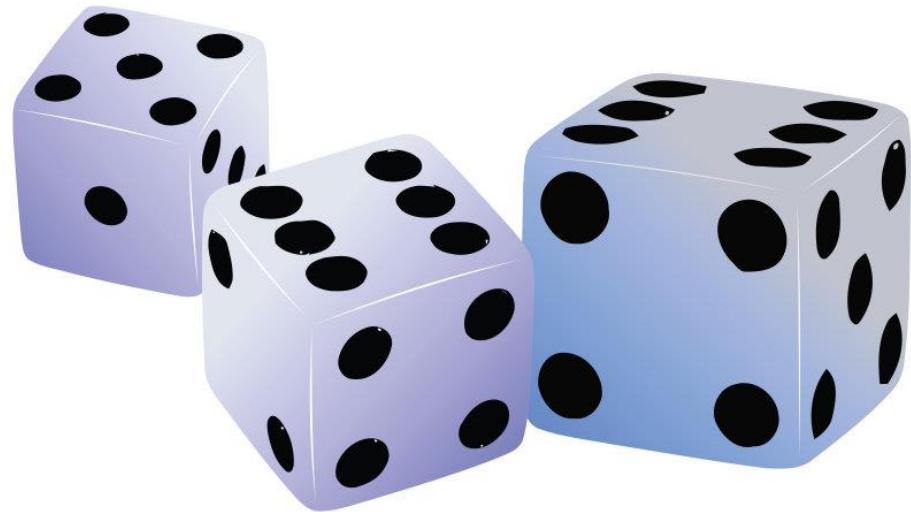# Independence

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Independence (cont.)

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$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

Independence (cont.)

Can this be applied to Competition Authorities?

Independence (cont.)

Sufficient Independence?

Autonomy?

Independence (final)

Relationship to the Government

Relationship to the Courts

The Agency's Leadership

Budget

Independence = Accountability?

What constitutes accountability?

– There has to be a holding to account

– The holding to account has to fall within the scope of the Competition Agency's sphere of influence

– The Agency's leadership can only effectively acknowledge accountability for actions, decisions & products it has the means to influence!

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