



GOT 5 MINUTES?
LET'S TALK ABOUT
DEMOCRACY!

WE ASKED
THE PEOPLE
OF JOENSUU...

WHAT ARE
THE FIRST
WORDS THAT
COME TO
YOUR MIND
WHEN YOU
THINK ABOUT
DEMOCRACY?

social control voting universalism
freedom majority freedom of speech
fairness political parties
greece
equality participation
opportunities community lies choice
rights decisions
elections
power to the people
abstract

DO YOU FEEL
FREE WHEN
IT COMES TO
CHOOSING
YOUR LIFE'S
PATH?

yes, there are many possibilities

yes, I have many
different life
choices

no, influenced by my
family and society

influenced by my
previous choices

influenced by my
family and country

it is up to me if I success or not in my
goals, but I have no control in politics

overall yes

some restrictions,
but I am generally
privileged

yes but I have sometimes adapted
to the values of my family

Yes, but I may have to
consider moving abroad as it
is difficult to find a job on my
field in my country

in general yes,
but not in some
countries for
being LGBTQ+

yes, without
government
interference

no, we are embedded
in a social system

yes, but not in
economic issues

yes, I can
decide what I
want

DO YOU FEEL
LIKE YOU
HAVE ANY
POWER AS A
CITIZEN?

no, representative
democracy is obsolete

yes, I can protest and vote
not individually but
yes collectively

even if I had, I am not
educated enough in
politics

not in my country, the
government does not listen
yes, helping others
in my community

no, but I have the power
to convince others

yes as for voting, it is
mandatory in my
country

not as much as I would like,
elections only every 4 years
and empty promises

yes if I put
more effort

no, at least I can
speak freely

yes when i'm with others

no, I need more
people to make
a change

i vote but it is
hard to find a
party you feel
represented
with

WHAT
WOULD YOU
NEED TO BE
MORE
POWERFUL?

more local and
bottom-up
democracy

more
transparency

less economic
dependence, having my
daily needs covered by
the government

to be a part of a
collective

a change of attitude and
being more proactive

more knowledge and more
education on politics

being rich and not
caring about others
around me

as young people, being heard by
older voices

education

a change of
system

being brave to
change things

more commitment

nothing