



**GOT 5 MINUTES?**  
**LET'S TALK ABOUT**  
**DEMOCRACY!**

**WE ASKED**  
**THE PEOPLE**  
**OF MADRID...**

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



A word cloud of terms related to democracy, arranged in a circular pattern. The words vary in size and color. The largest word is 'openness' in orange. Other prominent words include 'equality' in red, 'participation' in red, 'freedom' in orange, 'society' in orange, 'fraud' in purple, 'elections' in light blue, 'courts' in dark blue, 'voting' in red, 'human rights' in purple, and 'equity' in light red. The word 'free elections' is at the top in light red.

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

yes

Yes, but your economic situation is crucial in order to feel completely free. In Spain it is very difficult for young people to become independent and "free" from their parents.

Yes

Yes

Partially, not always

Yes, because I can choose what to study, where to live, my friends, etc.

Yes, in an individual way

No because I believe that society is built in a way in which you are only rewarded if you are productive

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

Yes, since I have not only the right to vote but also to choose my way of living, choose my job, my education and whom to marry etc.

Yes, because I can vote and I feel that in my hometown politicians are close to citizens and they are responsive to citizen's demands

Yes, at least every 4 years when there are elections. But there is a lack of meaningful ways to participate in between the election-periods.

Yes, I do have power as a citizen in the sense that I have my freedom of speech, freedom of assembly etc, but to gain real power as a citizen we must gather in larger groups such as political parties, NGOs etc.

Yes, because I have an awareness of which powers I have and how I can use them

I believe I have power but it is difficult to use it or to translate it into policies that have real impact on society

**Not at all**

Yes, I believe I have some power, but not much

WHAT  
WOULD YOU  
NEED TO BE  
MORE  
POWERFUL?

I would need more ways of participating in the decision making process

self governance and more democratic social structures

I can not think of one thing that I would need to feel more powerful.

One specific thing that I would need to feel more powerful is bodily autonomy, many politicians right now think that they have the right to decide over my body when it comes to abortions for instance.

I would need a collision of like-minded people to feel like we can actually make a difference.

A better channel to participate because I feel I only participate every 4 years when I have to vote

I believe that young people should have more voice, their thoughts need to be listened.

I think that the system should be changed, starting with political parties and opening other ways of participation aside from voting every 4 years