



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

WE ASKED THE PEOPLE OF
STOCKHOLM

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

Greece
Everyone is allowed to express their thoughts and opinions
Freedom
Dangerous
Equality
Good
Responsibility
USA
Equal rights
Nothing
I don't know anything about democracy
Culture
The majority oppresses the minority
Solidarity, respect
Power of people
It doesn't exist in Sweden
Voting
Allow differences
Peace
Safety
Each individual is important in society. Situations are taken seriously. Democracy self-regulates
The right to live
Coherence
To agree and compromise
Everyone's opinions are valuable,
Co-determination
Progress
Mostly positive
Free elections
Being free to say and do whatever I want
Ancient Greece
Community
Equal opportunities
It feels good
Fact-based

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

Not 100%, since society has certain rules and laws that I must follow

Yes, I feel free in every aspect besides from walking alone on the street at night

Of course

Somewhat

I feel more or less free

Yes, I am very free

Yes, no problems

No

Not everyone is free, society has norms and cultures which leads to that some people are left behind

No because I am a second-class citizen with less money and fewer possibilities

It's hard to say...

Yes

Yes, but both time and money limit me

"Law and justice is like two old ladies who cannot get along"

Yes, of course. The pandemic lead to certain limitations of my freedom though

Yes, but there are some rules as well as social and cultural norms

Mainly yes. There are some general limits to what I can do or say but they are necessary for society to work. I do feel free within these frames

I am limited by my economic situation but also by rules such as opening hours and restrictions on when and where it's allowed to drink alcohol

Yes because I am able to stay fit and healthy by choosing what to eat, how to workour and take care of myself

Now when I live in Sweden, yes

Yes, I can make my own decisions

Yes, but the pandemic affected my life as self-employed alot.

Yes, I am 90% free

No, because I have material and economic limitations

Yes, but not at my work place. There are limitations to what I can say and do when I work

Yes but money controls and limits my freedoms. People are slaves under the system since they need to work and make money

I am somewhat free. Because of societal norms people are expected to behave in certain ways and it results in that many are left behind

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

Yes, I used to be politically active but now I do think that the politicians are doing a good job.

Yes of course. Since I vote for a party that I feel represents my opinions.

Not really, because politicians have too much power in comparison to the citizens

Not anymore. The politicians are not listening to the people anymore. They stopped prioritizing the education sector

Each individual doesn't have a lot of power by themselves, but the right to vote is important and we all have the ability to join a party and make a difference

No, because there is not enough high-quality information available and the political system is too complex

No because I have lost my trust for politicians

No, because I vote for politicians, not for politics. And the politicians do not always keep their promises

Yes

Yes, or at least I hope so

No, because for instance, I never wanted Sweden to join NATO but the politicians decided on this without asking the citizens

Absolutely

Yes, because in Sweden

Yes. I feel like I have a party that represents me and my opinions matter

Yes, to an extent. But I do not feel powerful since the parties that I sympathize with have not held political power in many years

Yes I do, since I personally am engaged in politics and regularly send mails to the local politicians

Partly, it requires quite a lot of engagement from civil society to actually feel like one has power

In Sweden, language barriers prevent me from understanding what happens in politics (for example, reading political posters).

Not really. But I appreciate the right to vote

No

I can vote

I don't feel like I can make a big difference by myself, but as a collective group we have a lot of power

No, I feel like I have some influence since I can vote, but I do not have power

Yes, since I can vote, ask questions to my local politicians, scrutinize their work etc

Yes, since Sweden has more than only one party to vote for. On the other hand, democracy is dead in the US

Not anymore. Money and corruption play a great part in politics.

Yes. I feel like my political involvement and my voice matter

I guess, but I don't feel like I need to use it. The politicians are doing a good job.

Influence, yes but power, no. Because democracy relies on a small group of people being in power whilst the rest only have power every fourth year

No, due to segregation, failed integration and because I belong to the working class since I don't have that much money

No, because I am an immigrant and I don't have the same opportunities as the Swedes

There is not enough

variety to vote for

WHAT WOULD YOU NEED TO BE MORE POWERFUL?

The political parties need to get better at collaborating with each other

More involvement on social media platforms

I'm in full control of my life. I live my life as I want. Right now I'm studying abroad in Sweden and it's wonderful.

Politicians who represent, and understand, regular citizens

More focus on welfare, justice and retirement, myself, need to focus more time on political participation in order to feel more powerful

Human rights and respect each other

We must distribute the resources in a fair way, and take care of the earth we live on

Prevent politicians from being able to hold on to power for too long

More and better education regarding the political system, rights and obligations that citizens have, as well as the legal system

The politicians must listen to the citizens

A well functioning intergration. I want to find my place in the Swedish society

I should educate myself better about the different political parties, and engage in politics myself

As a muslim, I would appreciate that people do not burn the Koran

An open debate without cancel culture. All sorts of issues must be able to be discussed

We need to reform democracy so that more people feel included and listened to.

End racism

A better society, with people who express a greater interest for politics and political issues

There needs to be more focus on children, education and family

More and better education, as well as transparency from the politicians

Money

The politicians must not forget about the suburban areas

Transparency

Better education from an early age that encourages self-confidence and that teaches children how they can make a difference in society

More security, more cops on the streets

Re-organize society. But it is in the hands of God

I need people to vote more wisely. Xenophobia destroys society

Nothing

I want to see more protests and political actions. Activist-groups and their actions are very important

Lower the voting age to 17

More communication and transparency from the government

Better collaboration between the politicians and more clarity regarding what each party stands for