



**PIC(S) FROM YOUR
OCDTS SESSION**

GOT 5 MINUTES?

**LET'S TALK ABOUT
DEMOCRACY!**

**WE ASKED THE PEOPLE OF
BLOOMSBURY, LONDON**

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

A word cloud of terms related to democracy. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern around the central word 'parliament'. The words and their approximate positions are: 'the people' (top right), 'rights' (top center), 'power' (top left), 'freedom' (middle left), 'elections' (bottom center), 'referendum' (bottom left), and 'sovereignty (Brexit)' (bottom right). The word 'voting' is positioned to the right of 'parliament'. The words are in various colors and sizes, with 'parliament' being the largest and most central.

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

No (61%)

- Low income
- Can't afford a house
- Job insecurity
- Cost of living (food prices, bills)
- COVID restrictions
- Bad representation
- Difficulty accessing political institutions (local councils, parliamentary representatives)
- Removal of free movement (leaving the EU)

Yes (33%)

- Hard work
- Job security
- Wealth
- Degree gives me good career prospects
- "Life is what you make of it"
- Optimism about the future

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

No (75%)

- No access to government
- Corruption in local government
- Corruption in national government
- Brexit
- "Old Etonians" (senior politicians are an elite class)
- Not enough political diversity in main parties ("labour and conservatives the same")

Yes (17%)

- "I can vote the government out"
- Protected by rule of law
- Privileged by a set of freedoms within which you make your own power
- Power to improve yourself and your prospects

WHAT
WOULD YOU
NEED TO BE
MORE
POWERFUL?

reform petitions to make
more powerful

**Citizens
Assemblies**

More referendums (Switzerland)

Proportional Representation

better access to
government

voting rights for non-
British residents

**stronger
welfare state**

WHAT ARE THE
FIRST 3 WORDS
THAT COME TO
YOUR MIND
WHEN YOU THINK
ABOUT ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE?

unemployment

growth

takeover

automation

communism

ChatGPT

dystopia

Wall-E (enfeeblement)

Cheating (in
exams)

DO YOU THINK AI WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON DEMOCRACY?

No (27%)

- Democratic institutions are broadly resilient
- People will adapt to epistemic uncertainty
- Won't develop fast enough
- Digital literacy will be taught

Yes (65%)

- Deep-fakes
- Centralisation of power
- Well-written fake news
- Impersonation
- AGI
- Unemployment increase will cause culture of dependency
- Race to the bottom for business interests in AI industry