



GOT 5 MINUTES?

**LET'S TALK ABOUT
DEMOCRACY!**

WE ASKED THE PEOPLE OF

HERNE

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

contradiction

equality

political parties

free elections

independent media

danger

disappointment

diversity

rules

freedom

voice

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

Not always, as, for
example, politicians decide

Yes, completely, it is easy to
study and get access to
education in Germany

Yes, nowadays there are many opportunities,
but not in the past. It is different today

**Yes, everyone can
go their own way**

**Personally, I do, but
not everyone does
(e.g., LGBTQIA+)**

Definitely, especially
through support from
others (e.g. friends)

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

Compared to other countries,
we have more power, but this is
still not enough

**Not as an individual
citizen - only as a
demonstration**

Very little. The possibilities to
exert influence are very limited.
The bureaucracy is overwhelming

Little, because politicians decide

**Not power, but a
freedom of choice**

Yes, when you exercise your
right to vote. So you have
to become active yourself,
that's important

WHAT
WOULD YOU
NEED TO BE
MORE
POWERFUL?

More responsive to
citizens, go to the cities
and do surveys

Unnecessary rules
or laws should be
abolished

Direct democracy at the
local level

The power of large international
corporations on politics is too big, their
economic interests have a higher priority

Leaner public processes, more
transparency and communication
about decision-making processes

More referendums

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

scary

uncontrollable

huge potential

technology

opaque

ChatGPT

risks

interesting

medicine

concerns

ethical question

quantum leap

critical

DO YOU THINK AI
WILL HAVE AN
IMPACT ON
DEMOCRACY?

AI could influence democracy
by manipulating elections or
spreading fake news

No, I don't see any
connection between
these two topics

No! The topic is still relatively far
away. We haven't dealt with it much
yet, we can't imagine it

How is AI programmed so that it follows a
general ethics? And would these general
ethics be informed democratically?

Yes, definitely. Look at fake news - is it even
possible to distinguish between what is fake
and what is reality anymore?

AI has *already* had an impact (e.g.,
influence on the US elections)