



INTERNATIONAL  
**YOUTH**  
THINK TANK

**GOT 5 MINUTES?**

**LET'S TALK ABOUT  
DEMOCRACY!**

**WE ASKED THE PEOPLE OF  
NEW YORK CITY**

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

Biden

rights

equality

different opinions

politics

voting

parliament

senate

media

welfare

promise

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

yes, it also  
depends on luck

yes, even though being  
a woman limits the  
spectrum of possibilities  
you have

no, I have to survive  
somehow, you need  
money first

I think no one can take  
away my freedom to  
choose, even among  
limited options, the  
choice is always mine

yes but gender is  
limiting factor

money is definitely a constraint, it limits your  
opportunities. If I want to live in one place  
but I cannot afford it, I have to move out

my family has always put pressure on me

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

no I'm not interested in  
politics that much

It's always the same people, politics  
it's an elite thing, I do my job [works  
in a grocery store] and that's it

not really, don't have many  
chances to be heard

I am part of a community organisation,  
we help elderly people in the  
neighborhood and yes there I have  
power, I can make people's life slightly  
better every day

yes by voting

I don't feel like I can  
change much

yes I'm an american citizen  
and I can vote, I think it's a  
lot more power than what  
many other people in other  
countries have

I feel distant,  
politics seems  
like a TV series,  
and I can't do  
much to change

WHAT  
WOULD YOU  
NEED TO BE  
MORE  
POWERFUL?

referendum

I don't know

I should probably start  
in my neighborhood,  
volunteering

If the system stays the same  
nobody can hear me really

having meetings with the  
community to decide on things

voting more often, even for small things

more voting  
opportunities

they should give more  
days to vote, last time I  
couldn't vote because I  
was not available on  
that date

privacy

surveillance

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

self-driving cars

automation

data

big brother

machine learning

capitalism

regulations

control

technology

DO YOU THINK AI  
WILL HAVE AN  
IMPACT ON  
DEMOCRACY?

I don't know

yes maybe with  
electronic voting

yes definitely

yes but I don't know  
how

maybe judges or other  
people could use AI to  
make choices when the  
case is complex

it can be dangerous if  
used to manipulate  
people's opinions

yes everything  
will be more  
efficient. I think  
some political  
decisions could  
be taken by AI,  
not all of them,  
you still need  
humans