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

Society  
Dialogue  
Representation  
Justice  
Free from harm  
Freedom  
Expression  
Participation  
We can talk  
openly; before,  
we couldn't.  
Freedom of thought  
and action  
Equity

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

I had this ability [to quit my job in unsafe conditions], to know what is good and what is bad, and that is why I have freedom.

Of course, yes, political. ... Freedom to make my own decisions about what is best for me.

Sometimes, being a woman, not so much.

I have seen repression in our country, justice ... thank God [my husband] never lost his job because of politics. [Political affiliation], hiding it – we had to save it for the next month.

Yes and no – I lived through a dictatorship ... fighting for the dictatorship to end, I couldn't choose another life.

Yes, po, I'm free, thank God.

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

In a democracy, the right to vote: to choose what one wants.

Yes, power, to give my opinion, to be able to vote ... the tool is there.

At a broader, higher level, there is less and less power.

Yes, especially at the local level, with my neighbors, the freedom to do things that involve others.

Yes, a little. The decision-making centers are far removed from territories like this one.

Not much ... I don't often find spaces where I feel very represented. A lot is lost, especially in urban towns. Here people keep gathering, with the identities of the place.

# WHAT WOULD YOU NEED TO BE MORE POWERFUL?

More equity in accessing these processes where important decisions are made.

More safety, to feel less afraid of going to the typical [city].

Nothing is given for free; these times are difficult. We must set our gaze firmly on others, those who suffer, who are abandoned.

**We should be more like partners, united, able to talk and understand things.**

Finding people in a space where we can share in a healthy way. Positive leaders, with a common good.

In Chile, we fight over our own interests.

That decisions are made at the local level, and to the benefit of those who live here.

To be more informed about what is happening in my territory.

Transparency.

More tools, more human capacity