



DO YOU KNOW YOUR DEMOCRACY · WORLD 1 CARD SET

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WORLD 1 · UNDERSTANDING DEMOCRACY
QUESTION Q01

STATEMENT SORT

"People can choose leaders in free and fair elections."

Core to Democracy / Possible but not guaranteed / Myth or Risk?

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QUESTION Q02

STATEMENT SORT

"If the majority wants something, it should always happen."

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QUESTION Q03

STATEMENT SORT

"Independent courts can limit government power."

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QUESTION Q04

STATEMENT SORT

"Everyone must agree to keep society stable."

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QUESTION Q05

STATEMENT SORT

"Media can investigate those in power."

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QUESTION Q06

STATEMENT SORT

"Democracy means the government gives you everything you want."

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QUESTION Q07

STATEMENT SORT

"Citizens can organize, protest, petition, and join associations."

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QUESTION Q08

STATEMENT SORT

"Democracy is only about national politics."

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QUESTION Q09

WHO DECIDES?

"Fixing streetlights and local roads"

Who mainly decides this? Local / National / EU/Supranational / Mixed

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QUESTION Q10

WHO DECIDES?

"Minimum wage law"

Who mainly decides this? Local / National / EU/Supranational / Mixed

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QUESTION Q11

WHO DECIDES?

"Trade rules between countries"

Who mainly decides this? Local / National / EU/Supranational / Mixed

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QUESTION Q12

WHO DECIDES?

"School curriculum rules"

Who mainly decides this? Local / National / EU/Supranational / Mixed

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QUESTION Q13

WHO DECIDES?

"Regional development funds"

Who mainly decides this? Local / National / EU/Supranational / Mixed

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QUESTION Q14

WHO DECIDES?

"Police operational funding in a city"

Who mainly decides this? Local / National / EU/Supranational / Mixed

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QUESTION Q15

SCENARIO

A journalist exposes misuse of public funds. The government labels it harmful and shuts the outlet down.

Is this democratic? Choose the best response.

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QUESTION Q16

SCENARIO

During a crisis, ALL gatherings are banned indefinitely — no end date, no oversight, no review.

Is this democratic? Choose the best response.

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QUESTION Q17

SCENARIO

A city votes to ban a minority from a public space "because most people feel uncomfortable."

Is this democratic? Choose the best response.

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QUESTION Q18

SCENARIO

Your friend at the municipality offers to speed up your paperwork — for a small gift.

Is this the right thing to do? What is the democratic response?

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QUESTION Q19

SCENARIO

Students propose a new chill space. The principal decides alone: "Students don't understand budgets."

What is the most democratic first step?

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ANSWER A02

POSSIBLE — NOT GUARANTEED

This can exist in a democracy, but democracy alone does not ensure it.

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ANSWER A05

NATIONAL DECISION

Mainly decided by national government or parliament.

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ANSWER A08

ACCEPT IT — AUTHORITY KNOWS BEST

Trust those in power to make the right call without question.

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ANSWER A11

CHALLENGE IT LEGALLY + BUILD PUBLIC PRESSURE

Use courts, civil society, and media to hold power accountable.

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ANSWER A14

DEMAND TRANSPARENCY + PROPORTIONAL RESPONSE

Ask for clear rules, time limits, oversight, and review mechanisms.

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QUESTION Q20

SCENARIO

A public budget meeting is scheduled when most working people cannot attend. Notes are never published.

What is the most democratic first step?

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ANSWER A03

MYTH OR RISK

This is a misconception about democracy — or a direct threat to it.

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ANSWER A06

EU / SUPRANATIONAL

Requires coordination and decision-making beyond national borders.

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ANSWER A09

USE OFFICIAL CHANNELS + COLLECTIVE PRESSURE

Engage institutions, build alliances, and act through legal democratic means.

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ANSWER A12

RAISE AWARENESS ONLINE ONLY

Post and share — but take no direct or structured action.

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ANSWER A15

PROTECT RIGHTS — REGARDLESS OF MAJORITY

Rights are not a popularity contest. Minorities are protected even when majorities disagree.

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ANSWER A01

CORE TO DEMOCRACY

This is a fundamental feature that democracy requires to function.

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ANSWER A04

LOCAL DECISION

Mainly decided at municipality or city level.

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ANSWER A07

MIXED / SHARED

Multiple levels share responsibility — local, national, and/or EU.

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ANSWER A10

IGNORE IT — NOT MY PROBLEM

Stay passive. Avoid involvement entirely.

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ANSWER A13

ESCALATE TO HIGHEST LEVEL IMMEDIATELY

Skip local steps and go straight to national or international bodies.

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CURVEBALL C01

PLOT TWIST

Facilitator reveals a hidden detail. Teams may change answer. No penalty — +2 bonus if new answer is correct.

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CURVEBALL C02

STEAL

Steal 2 points from the leading team — only if you correctly explain why the correct answer is correct.

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CURVEBALL C03

DOUBLE DOWN

Declare before reveal. Correct = x2 points.
Wrong = 0 points. Commit now.

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CURVEBALL C04

MINORITY REPORT

If your team is the **ONLY** one correct this round, score +4 instead of +2.

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CURVEBALL C05

PHONE A CITIZEN

Ask one person outside the game for help — in the room or by phone. No penalty. 60 seconds.

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CURVEBALL C06

DEMOCRACY MOMENT

Whole group votes on the correct answer. If majority is wrong, facilitator explains why — in real time.

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REFLECTION R01

Which democratic value felt most obvious — and which felt hardest to defend?

Discuss as a group. No single correct answer.

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REFLECTION R02

Can you think of a real example where majority rule harmed a minority in your community?

Share and compare. What was or should have been the democratic response?

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REFLECTION R03

Where in daily life do you make decisions that affect others? How democratic is that process?

Who has a voice — and who doesn't?

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REFLECTION R04

If you could change one thing about how decisions are made in your city, what would it be and why?

Think about: who decides, who is included, how transparent the process is.

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