

DEMOCRACY

- What do you know already?
 - <https://www.onlinequizcreator.com/democracy/quiz-206951>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KbDNSkSovQ>
 - ***Task 1: Complete the quiz and watch the documentary noting down points about the historical background of democracy***

DEMOCRACY



- In ancient **G**_____ direct democracy existed for a period of time and men (sometimes chosen by a lottery) could serve on a council of 500. They would meet regularly and vote on important decisions but it excluded poor people, women and **s**_____ so was **not inclusive**.
- **Task 2: Why is this type of democracy problematic in today's world?**
- **Who campaigned for women to get the vote?**

CHRONOLOGY



Democracy was wiped out by the **R**_____ but it did reappear in the Middle Ages in some small Italian cities but again only included **m**_____ and the **r**_____.



Democracy was then replaced by hereditary **m**_____ and autocratic rulers until the 18th century.



During the 19th century, many countries began following a liberal, representative democracy model, e.g. Britain



WHO IS THIS MAN?

WHAT DOES HE DO?

Representative Democracy

- Citizens represented by elected MPs
- Parliament as the guardian of the **mandate** of the people
- Government (the Executive) is drawn from Parliament
- Government is accountable to Parliament
- Parliament should represent the national interest
- Parliament is the source of all political authority-
parliamentary sovereignty
- **Task 3 Challenge- what is a mandate?**

Social Democracy

- Social Democrats argue that it is the role of the state to promote social and economic equality as outlined in the German constitution.
- **How has COVID 19 impacted public opinion about the NHS and what government should do?**

WE 
THE
NHS

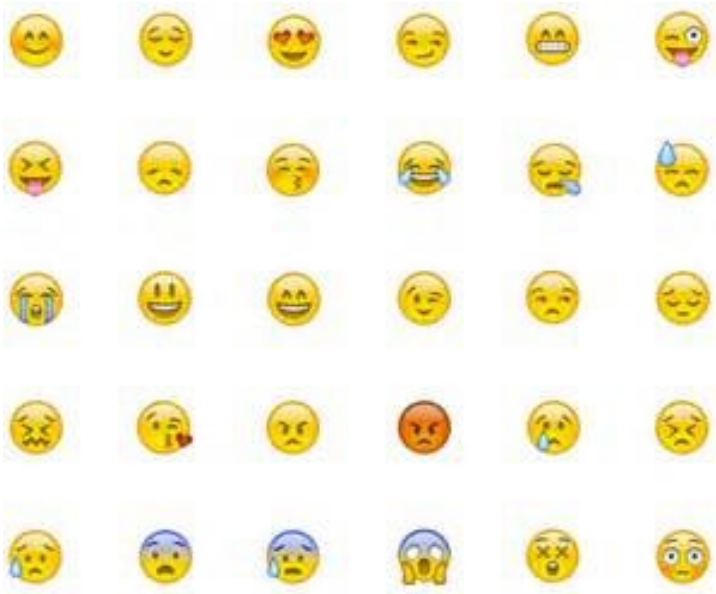
Is Britain a
liberal
democracy?

Using the democracy article you've already read -
[Week1 Politics Review democracy introduction.pdf](http://Week1_Politics_Review_democracy_introduction.pdf)
(tggsacademy.org)

Liberal democracy is a style of democracy offering free and fair elections and a belief in the importance of key rights and responsibilities. There is freedom of speech and freedom of expression to assemble peacefully and address the government if necessary.

Is Britain a liberal democracy?

YOUR OPINION



- Free and fair elections?
 - Proportional system of voting?
 - A free press and free broadcasting?
 - Toleration of different beliefs and philosophies?
 - Accountability of government to Parliament?
 - Acceptance of electoral results (transfer of power)
 - A government limited by a written Constitution?
 - Individual rights and liberties?
- **TASK 4 - Which of these do you think are worthy of different emojis?**



Participatory democracy

- What does a hybrid model mean?

WHY IS DEMOCRACY IMPORTANT?



IMPORTANCE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY



Democracy ensures citizens get to choose the government they prefer and through elections, to influence the policies that are followed.



It ensures that the interests and demands of all minority groups are considered and are free from discrimination. This then avoids a tyranny of the majority situation.



Democracy controls state power and often disperses power by electing different levels of government – e.g. councils, mayors & nations of the UK



It ensures that power does not corrupt by making governments accountable to the people and ensuring that they submit to re-elections, and are controlled by elected representatives.

Democracy establishes and protects freedom

The French Revolution promoted the ideas of equality and ended the autocratic rule of the monarchy with a new political system which included the middle and working classes.

The American Revolution was also a battle against the British rule and the US Constitution allowed freedom of the individual within a representative democracy (although initially only for white men).

No government today should be allowed to threaten freedom of the people unless they consent.

Democracy provides opportunities for popular participation and contributes to civil society



IS DEMOCRACY ALWAYS APPROPRIATE?

- Some cultures and societies do not share democratic principles. **Can you think of any examples?**
- In some societies there are **strict religious codes** which govern life rather than concepts of personal liberty. Some Islamic governments implement the sharia laws of the Koran instead - **e.g.?**
- Democracy can slow down and hinder decision making when speed is essential. **Can you think of any examples of this?**



Democracy

- This can be suspended in times of national emergencies or when the need for economic development is more important. Recent example of COVID 19
- Nelson Mandela stated that it was better for the black people to be free than to be well fed.
- Communist Cuba provides full health and social care for the people, but does not allow free elections or free speech.
- **Task 5: Visual spidergram on the importance of democracy**





<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-37861888>

TASK 6 - Read the article and explain the verdict of the Supreme Court in both cases brought by Gina Miller