

British Values 3

Democracy & Responsibility

- To continue to examine Democracy and consider its value
- To demonstrate an understanding of why democracy is valued in Britain .
- To start to develop an understanding of the General Election process.
- To know why voting in the General Election is so important for everybody.



British Values

The UK is a democracy, of course.

Voters must be aged 18 or over and have UK citizenship (people in prison at the time of an election are not allowed to vote).

The UK parliament is the legislative body of the country. It is made up of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Members of the House of Commons (MPs) are elected using a voting system. There are 650 MPs in total.

In a democracy there are a number of political parties who have their own ideas about the way their country should be run. MPs are the elected representatives of these parties.



Before an election each party puts their ideas together in what is called a manifesto. This tells the public how they want to control things such as hospitals, prisons, schools, taxation, laws and the country's relationships with other countries. Voters then decide.

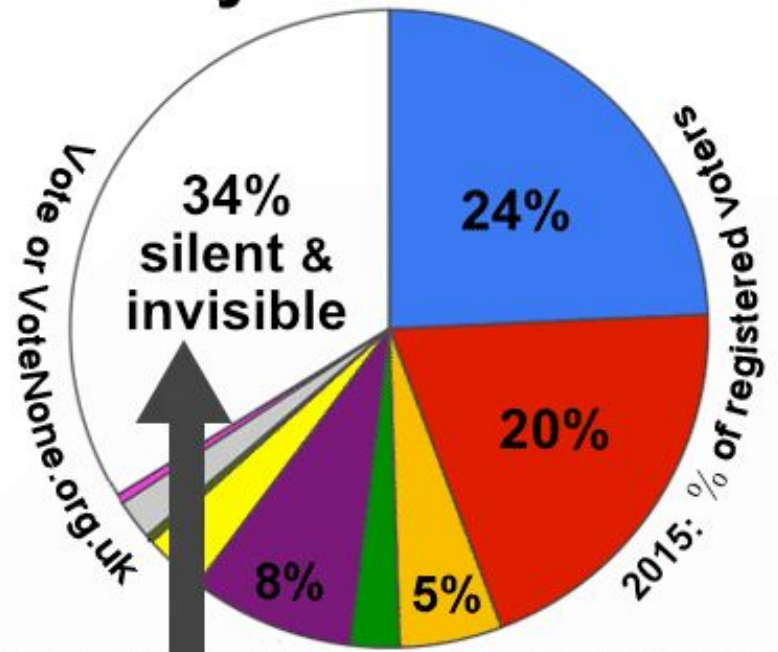
The party which wins the majority of seats usually forms the government and can claim to have a mandate to implement the policies set out in the their manifesto.



“Nothing
strengthens authority
so much as silence”

Leonardo da Vinci
1452 - 1519

Why be silent?



2017: Either Vote, or Vote NONE

Reflect and discuss:

Democracy is one of our British values, the alternative to democracy you have considered today was Dictatorship. Why do a high proportion of eligible voters choose not to vote?

Last lesson you considered dictatorship as an alternative to Democracy:

- Discuss in small groups why democracy is valuable and record your ideas on a large sheet.**
- Present your ideas to the group and add points raised by other groups**
- Complete the sheet provided.**

What are the 3 most important and valuable benefits of a democratic government.

1)

2)

3)



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<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/when-uk-snap-general-election-10247953>

**PM THERESA MAY CALLS FOR A GENERAL
ELECTION ON JUNE 8TH**

Who will win the General Election on 8th June 2017?

TODAY: Why are elections so important for young people?

LEARNING

To know why voting in the General Election is so important for everybody.

**SO
THAT...**

OUTCOME

To identify what existing knowledge we already have about politics and the General Election.
To assess whether Russel Brand was right to tell young people not to vote in the last General Election.

Where will my learning go next?

- Why is it so important to vote?
- SPOTLIGHT on the party leaders.
- Preparing to vote.
- Voting in the Parklands High School General Election

Keywords/phrases

- Constituency
- Democracy
- Citizen
- Candidate
- Parliament
- Members of Parliament (MPs)

Who might these people be?
Why might they be important?
Who might win in a fight?





The Labour Party – Jeremy Corbyn

The Conservative Party – Theresa May

The Liberal Democrats – Tim Farron

UKIP – Paul Nuttall

SNP – Nicola Sturgeon

Plaid Cymru – Leanne Wood

Democratic Unionist Party – Nigel Dodds

Sinn Féin – Michelle O'Neill

The Green Party – Caroline Lucas and Jonathan Bartley

What do you already know about the forthcoming General Election?

4 THINGS I KNOW	

4 THINGS I FOUND OUT	

1. Complete 4 boxes based on what you already know about politics.

2. Move around the room and discuss your points. Collect 4 more pieces of information to fill all 8 boxes.



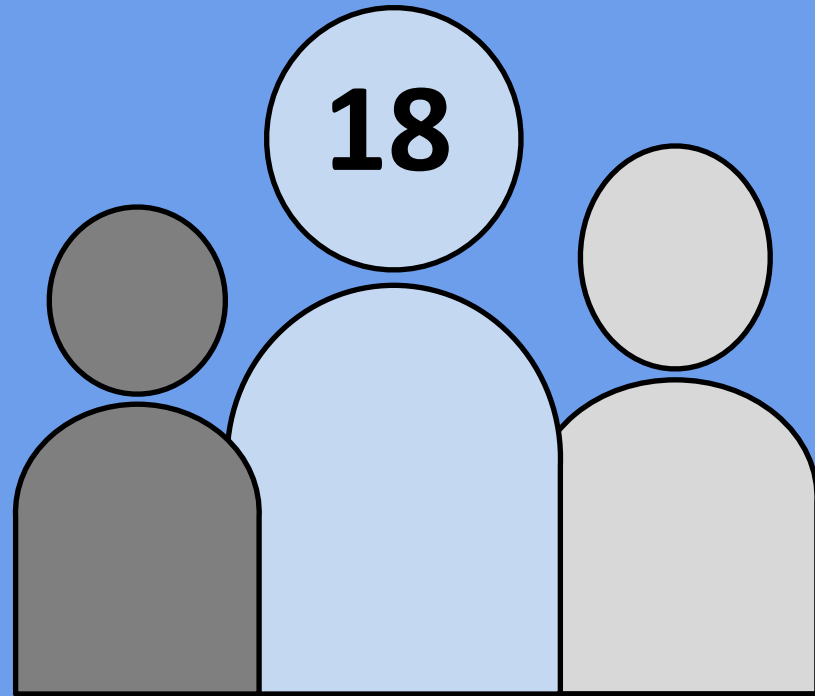
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In June 2017, a General Election will be held in the UK.

In an election, **citizens** aged 18 and over can choose to vote for a **candidate** to represent them and their **constituency** in **Parliament**. Those elected candidates become **MPs**.

The **right** to vote in an election is the heartbeat of our **democracy** and the act of placing a vote is a momentous and empowering experience.

Over the next weeks, you will have the opportunity to become an **informed voter** in



Was Russell Brand right to encourage young people NOT to vote in the last General Election?



“Obviously I don’t vote as I believe democracy is a pointless spectacle where we choose between two indistinguishable political parties, neither of whom represent the people, but instead the interests of the powerful business elites that run the world.”

“What is the point in politics anyway? My vote will never make a difference!”

Consider this poem by Pastor Martin Niemöller

In November 1945
German Pastor Martin Niemöller
visited the former Dachau concentration camp
where he had been imprisoned
from 1941 to April 1945

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sEXWjTyAbA>

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First they came for the Jews, but I did nothing because I'm not a Jew. Then they came for the socialists, but I did nothing because I'm not a socialist. Then they came for the Catholics, but I did nothing because I'm not a Catholic. Finally, they came for me, but by then there was no one left to help me.

— *Martin Niemöller* —

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What is the message of Pastor Martin Niemöller?

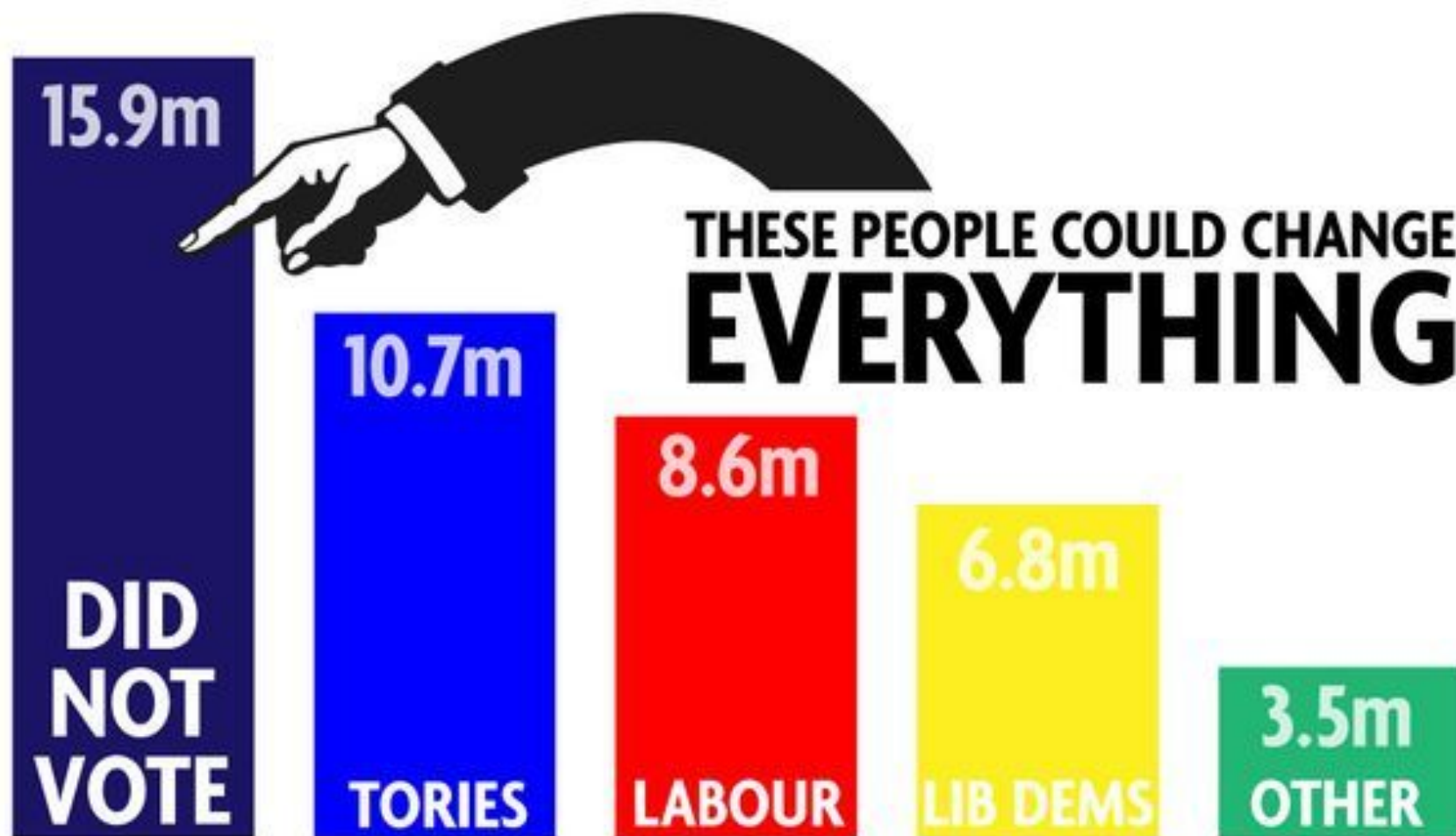


“Not voting is like going to Nando’s and asking someone else to put in your order and then complaining when you get something you don’t want,”

Nick Clegg, Deputy Prime Minister (2010 – 2015)



NON-VOTERS OUTNUMBERED THE SUPPORTERS OF EVERY SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY IN 2010



Has your opinion changed or remained the same?

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The people don't know their true power...

