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# Information about politics

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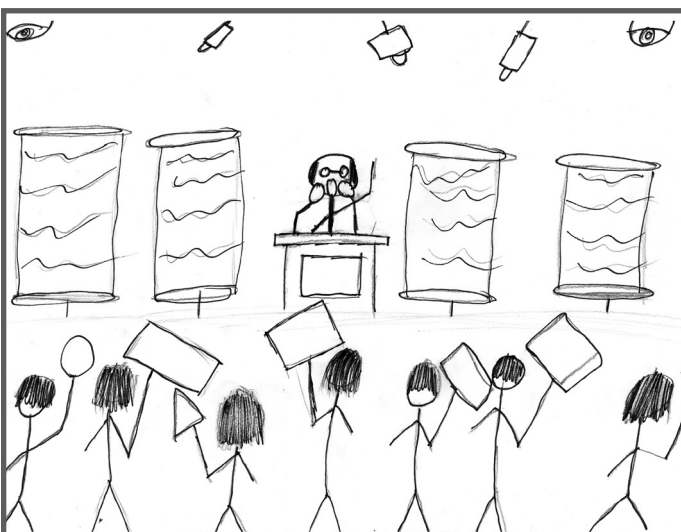
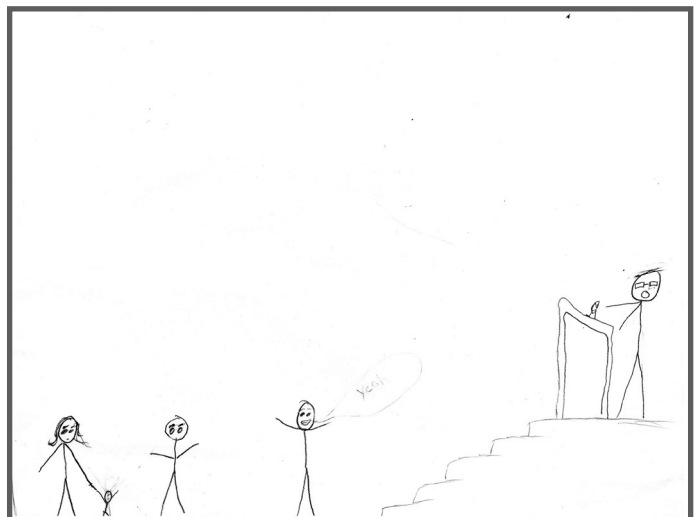
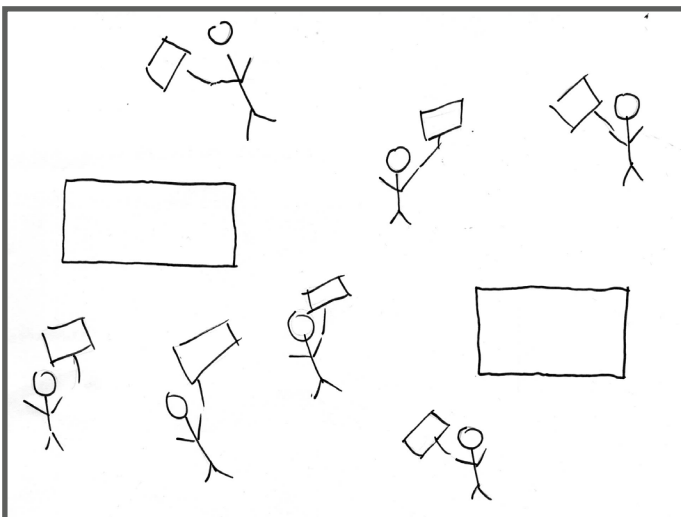
## Today we write about politics. What does politics mean?

Politics is based on rules and laws that guide people to work for a better country. The people elect politicians that speak for everyone to not create chaos. Which topics are discussed in Parliament? They talk about topics like the European Union, different problems, the economy, nature, technology, freedom, the health of people, the rights of citizens, and many more. So every topic is political. Politics means people decide together how they want to live together. How do you act politically?

Everyone can act politically, not only politicians. Stating my opinion on social media, writing a letter, and protesting on the street can all be

political acts. You can also form a group that has the same interests as you and try to change things. We did interview Kai Jan Krainer, who is a Member of the National Council in the Austrian Parliament. He said the role of parliament in politics is to make rules. We asked him about his definition of politics. He said politics is everything that is public and not private. He said you can not not act politically. He also told us about the role of youths in politics. He thinks that everyone has their time and every generation is an expert of their own time. We think young people should be interested in politics, their future, and be free.





Organizing a protest is one important form of acting politically. They They can all look different as you can see in our drawings!

# Democracy

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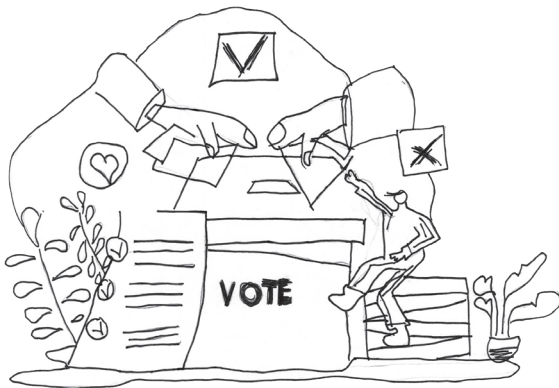


**This article is about democracy, including interesting remarks from politician, Mr. Krainer.**

Democracy is the power and the reign of the people. Democracy means unity and freedom, where people are treated equally and should receive the same respect and treatment as everybody else. All citizens are heard and have the right to decide and choose, which gives many people more self-respect and value in life. In a democracy, everyone has their place in society. Everybody has the right to express their opinions, and one way to do this is by voting. We vote politicians who can represent us in the decision-making process.







We live in a democracy, which means we can make decisions and express opinions. But in order to form democratic opinions, we need knowledge and accurate information to make the right choices. In that context, we discussed the benefits and dangers of social media for our democracy. Social media is like a tool – a hammer – said Mr. Krainer. When someone hits you with it, it will hurt, and the pain will last a long time. Social media can act like that when it spreads misinformation and fake news. But it can also be a useful tool that helps to reach more people and spread more information – but we have to be very careful.

Furthermore, Mr. Krainer said that living in a democracy means that we must treat others



well and respect all opinions.

In a democracy, it is important not to be selfish. Mr. Krainer also mentioned that especially politicians have to be more careful because they are role models and

the people are their priority. A politician's job is to take care of the people first, said Mr. Krainer. We are thankful that we live in a democracy, where we have freedom of expression.

Democracy gives meaning to our society and our lives. Treat it with respect.

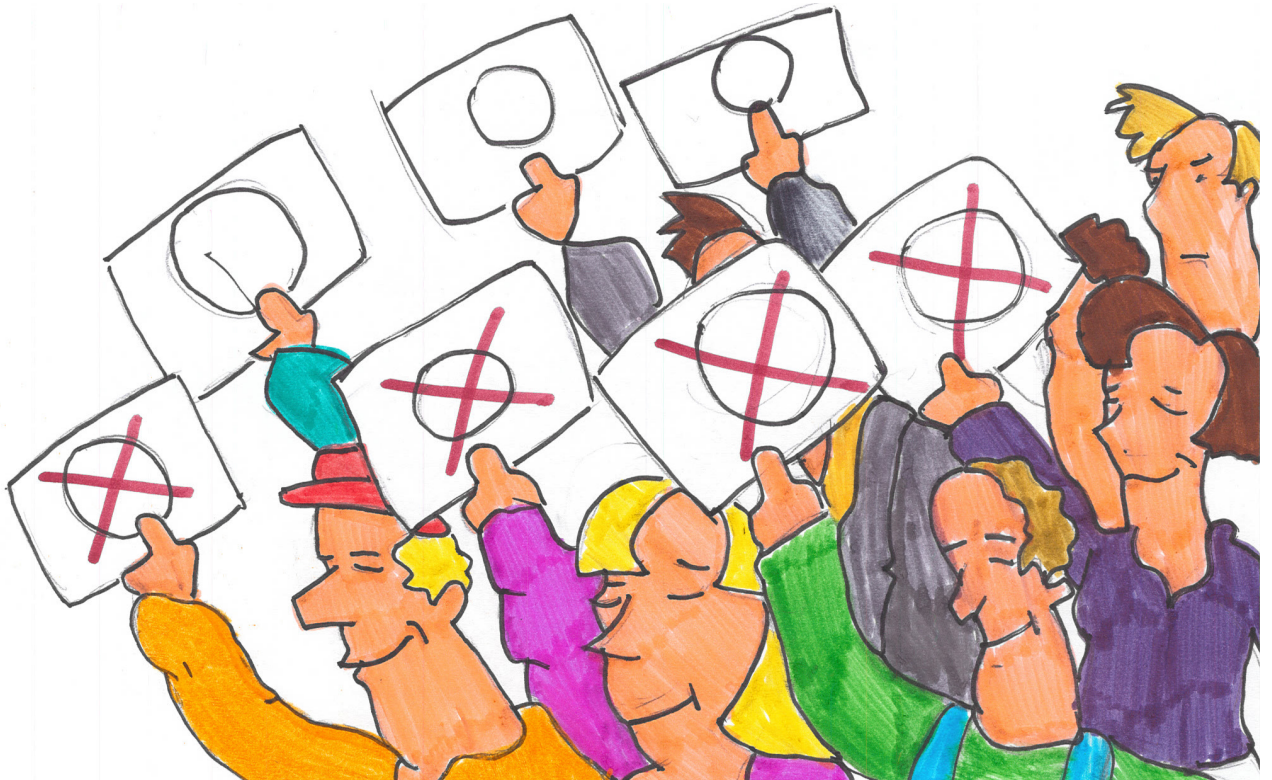


Respect and Peace is very important in every democracy.



# Parliament

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This article is about the Parliament in Austria and of other countries in the world.

In Parliament, people's opinions are the most important things. The people in Parliament, called parliamentarians, are discussing lots of these opinions, with the goal to make laws for the whole country. So Parliament is a very important place in a democracy. Every democracy has one.

Today we spoke to Kai Jan Krainer, who is a Member of Parliament of Austria, exactly of the National Council. The Austrian Parliament has two chambers, the National Council and the Federal Council. Together, they have many

## Main Functions of Parliament:

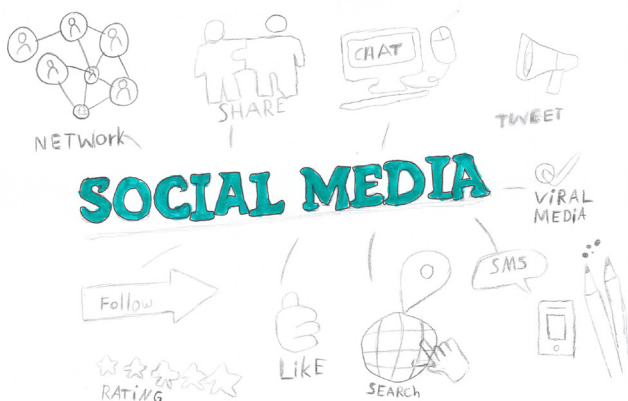
- ♦ **Law Making** - Debates and passes laws.
- ♦ **Representation** - Represents the people's interests.
- ♦ **Oversight** - Monitors and checks government actions.
- ♦ **Budget approval** - Reviews and approves national spending.

tasks. Mr. Krainer told us that everyone's opinion counts and is important, not only from the people in Parliament. He also told us that





every Member of Parliament is specialized in a certain topic, for example, taxes, school, police, and much more. He also told us that with opinions from other people, we should always first listen; sometimes you might not like it, sometimes it may be very interesting what other people say. And then there might be opinions that are not yours, and you don't agree



(Social) Media helps us to stay informed about what happens in Parliament.

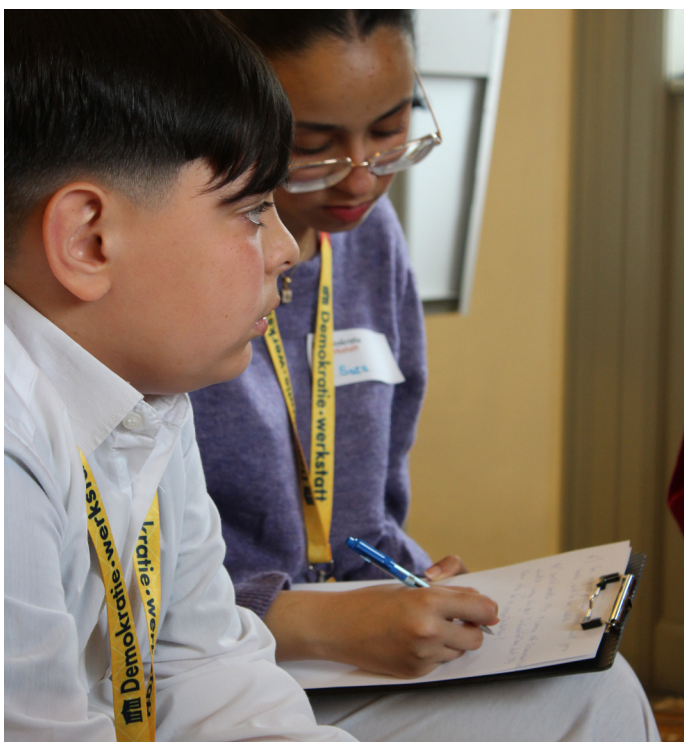


A Portrait of Mr. Kai Jan Krainer - he was very nice

with but it's still ok because everybody thinks or sees things in different ways. We also asked for his opinion on Parliament. He told us that it's the place where the representatives of all people think, and he also thinks that Parliament is a very important place and institution in every democracy. For us, the interview was very interesting and fun.







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