

Topline questionnaire

2021 Pew Research Center Surveys in Australia and the UK

Social Research Centre: Life in Australia™ March 2021, TOTAL N = 1,127

Kantar Public: PUBLIC Voice panel March 2021, TOTAL N = 2,097

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In a few words, what does democracy mean to you? What comes to mind when you think about democracy? [OPEN-END]¹

	Australia	UK
NET: Freedom and human rights	38%	30%
Freedom of choice	6%	6%
Freedom of speech	18%	14%
Freedom of religion	2%	1%
Freedom of assembly	1%	*%
Human rights	3%	2%
Freedom from oppression	4%	1%
NET: Elections and procedures	30%	27%
Voting	8%	7%
Referendums	1%	1%
Free and fair election	5%	3%
Public chooses government	20%	17%
Ability to vote people out	1%	1%
NET: Voice in government	26%	34%
Needs of the majority win out	3%	7%
Public has power to influence decisions	17%	18%
Elected officials listen to the public	7%	9%
NET: Institutions	5%	3%
Parliament	1%	1%
Judicial system	1%	*%
Separation of powers	1%	*%

¹ Data presented in this topline are the share of a given public who mention a topic in an open-ended response. Each topic is part of a Pew Research Center generated codebook. For more on the codes themselves, see Appendix A.

Orderly change of government	1%	*%
Multiple parties	*%	*%
NET: Equality and fairness	11%	14%
Fairness	5%	8%
Racial and ethnic equality	1%	*%
Gender equality	*%	*%
NET: Societal well-being	3%	3%
Safety and security	1%	1%
Happiness	1%	*%
Harmony and peace	1%	1%
NET: Economic and social benefits	2%	1%
Welfare state	*%	*%
Health care	*%	*%
Job opportunities	1%	*%
NET: Democratic failings	7%	5%
Corruption	2%	1%
Public is misinformed or misled	1%	1%
Democracy is not working here	2%	1%
NET: Democracy is the best system	3%	6%
Democracy is better than alternatives	2%	2%
NET: Other	3%	4%
NET: Don't know	10%	5%