

Democracy

Australia is most often referred to as a representative democracy.

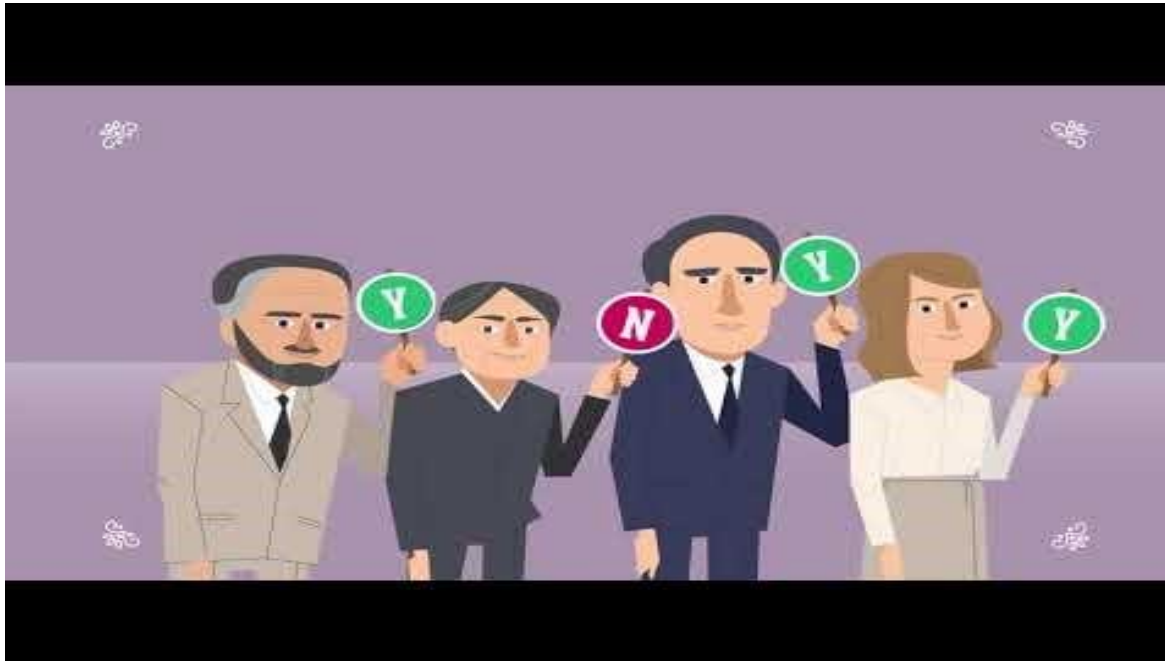
Simply, this means that eligible citizens participate equally and vote to elect representatives to govern on their behalf.

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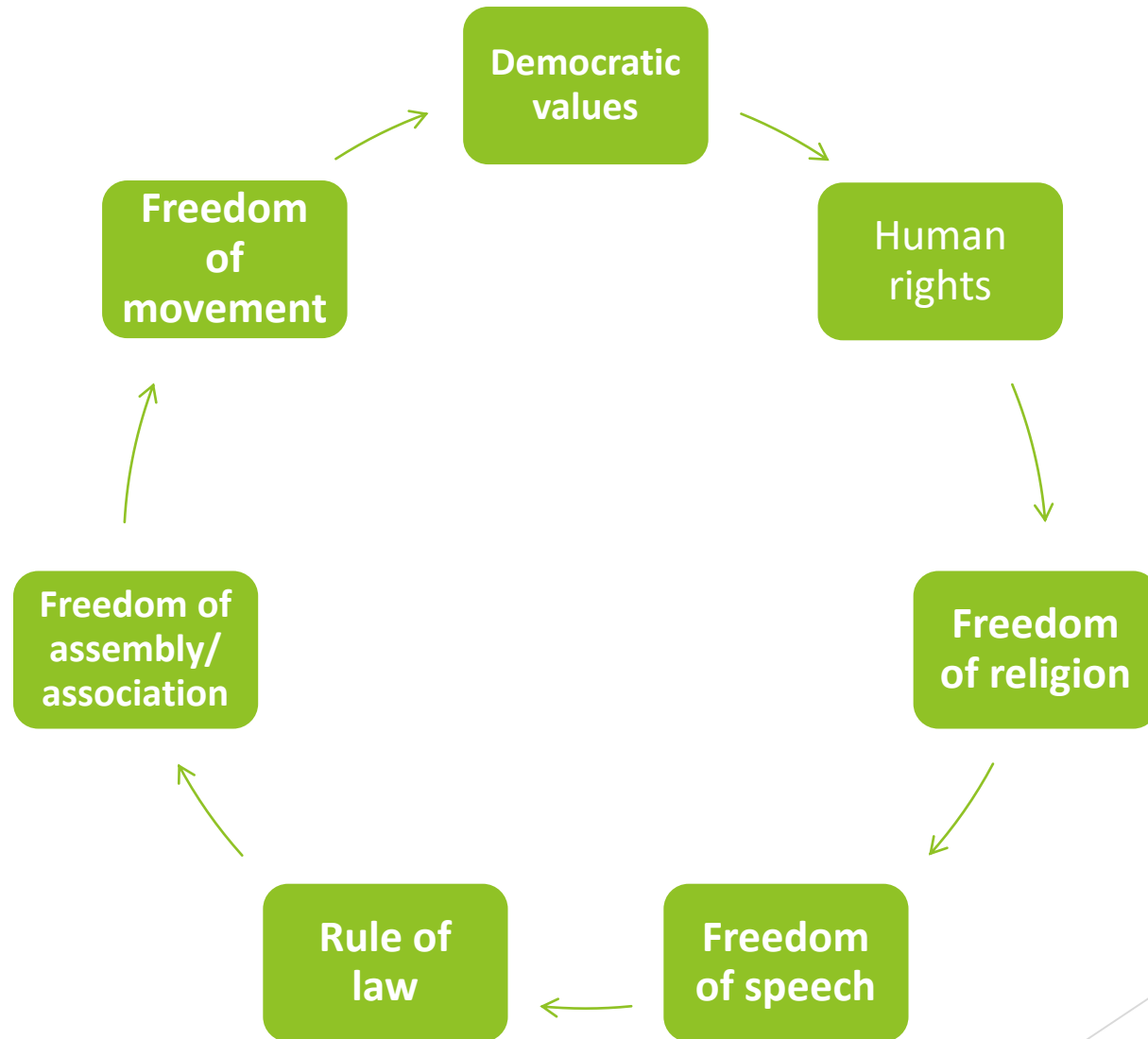


Watch this short clip from the Australian Human Rights Commission Youtube channel.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Eu6G5YrBt4>



Values and freedoms of an Australian democracy



Task:

Click on the link below – in consultation with your teacher, negotiate how much time you will need to allocate to complete these tasks.

[Task document](#)

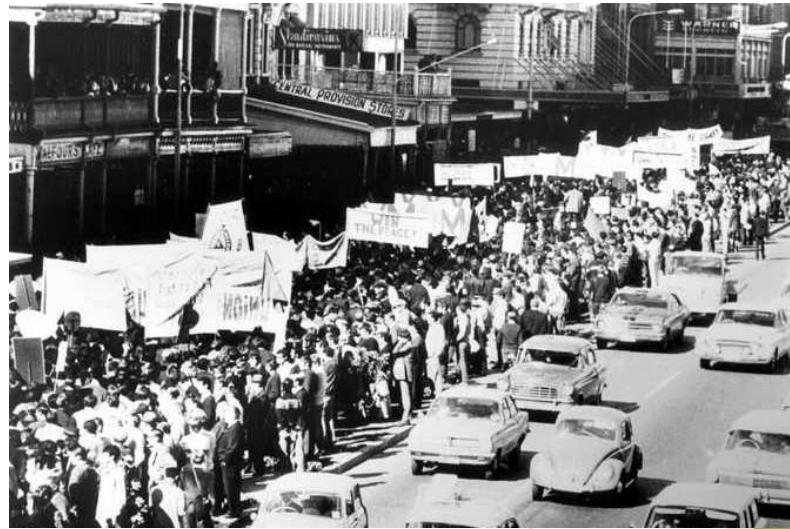


DEMOCRACY

government where all eligible citizens participate equally and vote to elect representatives

All citizens regardless of age can participate in democracy in different ways





Parliament the voice of the people

**If citizens want to see change in their community they
can campaign for change.**

**Protesting and using our freedom of assembly is one
method, but there are ways people of all ages can
campaign for change.**



- **Petitions**
- **Meet with your local Member of Parliament**
- **Lobby for change**

Investigate how to set up a petition so that it can be tabled in the parliament.

[Fourteenth Assembly petitions](#)

Task: prepare the wording for a petition on a topic that you feel strongly about



Changing the law in the Northern Territory

Laws change because:

- Problem in current law – need an **amendment**
- **Pressure from the community** – lobbying member, petitions, protests
- **Government policy** – a promise to do something usually made during an election campaign



Making a Law in the Northern Territory

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1st READING

The bill (an idea for a new law) is introduced in to the Legislative Assembly.

2nd READING

Members debate and vote on the main idea of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Members look closely at the bill, and may make changes.

3rd READING

Members vote on the final version of the bill.

BILL PASSED

in the
Legislative Assembly

ADMINISTRATOR

Assent

The Northern Territory Administrator signs the bill.

**BILL BECOMES A LAW
FOR THE
NORTHERN TERRITORY**



The recap:

- ❖ democratic principles are the foundation of our way of life
- ❖ values and freedoms in Australia play a role in how we interact with each other and are key to the law making process in the Northern Territory

