



# **THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING**

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# WHY DO WE VOTE

- We vote to decide who gets to be in charge of the country and how they choose what happens in countries e.g. laws, joining groups of countries (Paris agreement), leaving groups of countries (United Nations) but they are supposed to keep the interests of the common people when they make their decisions or choices, not for their or their friends financial gain.
- Without voting, the common person would have no say on what happens to them and have no control over what to happen to them, for this reason things such as slavery, no job security and no benefits would be more common

# MODERN HISTORY OF VOTING



During the medieval period, people didn't have much ability to vote and those who did were a small percentage of the population and didn't have the interests of the modern populus.



By the 1800s more people were able to vote but only ~40% of men were allowed the vote, and no women were able to vote.



In article 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 was when the UN decided for everyone to have the right to vote, it was not until 1998 for it to be officially passed in the UK and other European countries.

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# WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE

- ~60% of people who were eligible to vote didn't in the last general election a **quarter** of which were aged **18-25** this means that there is disproportional representation between the older generations and the younger ones, meaning that **the people who have the most to lose the most life ahead of them Are not voting**
  - **The younger people who do not vote are losing more than they think and if they continue to not vote, they will have no say in their lives, their children's or their family's future prosperity.**
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