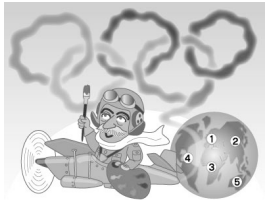


The Five Democratic Values



The Five Core Values of a Democratic Society

- Liberty
- Equality
- Justice
- Majority Rule
- Minority Rights

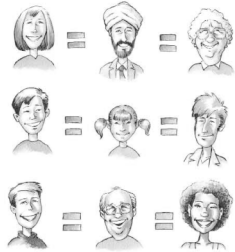


Liberty



- All people in a democratic society are born free and remain free throughout their lifetimes
- Their freedoms include those enumerated (spelled out) in the Bill of Rights - speech, religion, assembly, etc

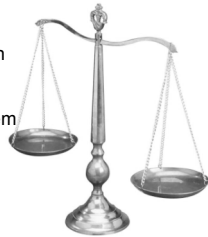
Equality



- All persons are created equal
- This does not mean all people have the same abilities or should be treated exactly the same
- It means people's differences should be celebrated but not used as a reason to mistreat them
- It means people should have equal access to the freedoms everyone else has

Justice

- People should be treated fairly
- If they break the law, they get punished in a fair way
- People who break laws get certain rights and privileges taken away
- When people are accused of breaking the law, our justice system assumes they are innocent until proven guilty
- Accused people have the right to attorneys, to know the charges against them, and to confront witnesses



Majority Rule



- In a democracy, people vote and when more than 50% of the people who vote feel a certain way, that is called a majority and that point of view prevails

Minority Rights



- Even though the majority rules, people on the “losing” or minority side, also have the right to their opinion and to have their opinions listened to and respected by the winning side
