“Why are the values freedom trust, respect and honesty so important, for a successful democracy?”

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A democracy is a political system where the people vote for a person who represents his/her political party, the people will then vote for the person they think will do the job well.

A ‘successful’ democracy is where the people elected will do things for the people as a whole. The below paragraphs will explain why the values freedom, respect, honesty and trust are important in a ‘successful democracy’.

Honesty is important for a democracy to work because, if the person voted president is not being honest with the people about what he will do when he/she is president. An example of this is where John Howard invaded a country; this was against the will of the people, some who of the people who had voted for him.

“Freedom is the right of all sentient beings” - Optimus Prime.

Freedom is an important aspect of democracy, for example; we in Australia are allowed to mingle with different people from different countries. While some people in other countries have no freedom such as China currently. Someone who used the media to restrict freedom is Hitler. He used the media to turn people against the Jews. This caused many deaths. With freedom there comes choice and with choice there is democracy.

Respect is important for a democracy this is exemplified by, the state of some countries, where the people do not respect and do not have enough trust to respect. Respect is closely tied to the value trust.

Trust is very important for a democracy to work. If trust is not an active part in a democracy, some countries people can’t trust each other, as result fights occur often. If the people did trust each other it would be the effect in reverse.