

**Why are the values such as trust, freedom, respect and honesty so important for a successful democracy?**



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In a Democracy there is freedom. Freedom is very important. Freedom is important because we can do what we want and say what we want. In China there is no freedom so there is no democracy. Everyone loves freedom and democracy. Another reason that freedom is important is because we can go anywhere and wear what we want.

Trust is another part in democracy. Trust is also important. People you can trust are your Prime Minister to manage your country, your Government to help the Prime Minister and the police to control the bikie gangs and to help you. You need trust because without trust there is no democracy. People get angry when they cannot trust you.

Another value in democracy is respect, so it is important to everyone. In some countries there is no democracy so there is no respect. Countries like Africa, Congo, Kenya and Afghanistan have no respect, so you can't trust people (trust is another value). Respect is necessary for a successful democracy.

Democracy needs honesty because you need to be truthful, so our leaders and even everyday Australians can make the right decision. The three values this essay has explored: freedom, trust and respect are closely attached to honesty. Trust goes with honesty because the Prime Minister needs to be honest and we need to trust him or her. Respect goes with honesty as well, because you need respect for your elders and each other, and the Government and the Prime Minister to make a better Australia- this comes from being honest with each other. Freedom also goes with honesty because it allows us to vote for whoever we want so we can therefore be truthful in whom we want to run our country. Honesty is linked to democracy because you can't have a democracy without honesty.