

## “My Voice in America’s Democracy?”

What is Democracy? Democracy means “rule by the people.” “Rule by the people” means the citizens have the say-so in the country. There are two main forms in Democracy. The first is Direct Democracy. Direct Democracy is when all the voters come together to make laws and decisions. Representative democracy is when people elect someone to speak for them. The elected representative makes the decisions and Laws. America is a Representative Democracy because we vote for someone to be president to speak, make laws, and decisions for us.

Many people come to America for religious freedoms. They want to come to America for school, have a say-so, and to be able to express themselves. For us kids we have the privilege to go to school for an education. Many countries don’t give that opportunity to go to school. Which is why I’m very thankful that I get to go to school.

As a young teen in America, I can’t do much, but I can listen to the things that are happening in the country. For example he or she can watch the news to educate themselves, but as they get older they can do more. When he or she turns 15, they can get their learners, at 16 they can drive with a license, 18 they are legally an adult, also at this age they can vote, 21 they are legally allowed to have alcoholic beverages.

One way people show their voice is by voting, but your voice doesn’t have to be just voting, it can also be writing, drawing, or even social media. One way at school we show our voice is by voting for the student council. In social media you’re surrounded by like minded people that you can connect with, and can express yourself freely. A big part about that is you can influence people and make a big impact. My voice is this paper to tell you my thoughts on, “My voice in America’s Democracy?”