



B.reach (DS300172) - 7 May - Kings Cross

- Politics is a good thing because we need democracy
- It's a bit of a lost cause... whoever we vote for, the establishment will still be ruling the country.
- The politicians themselves I don't really have faith in... I voted today because I had that democratic right to do so

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- I don't feel we have enough power through our votes.
- I think consensus is the best thing... the more participation you can get from a variety of people with different views, the stronger we will be, and the better the decisions would be for the country.
- ...politics? I don't even have a clue as to what my candidate stands for, I don't see them, I don't hear from them, I don't know anything about them.
- I think that's where it would make a difference: to actually have much more local interaction, and to understand the differing views... and not to go, well they are Tory, or they are Labour, so I can't vote for them on my principles...
- I don't know what the female perspective on politics would look like, but... I think collaboration would be at the centre of that.
- I am born and bred British, but I have roots, ancestry, that goes beyond that and I need to be mindful of all that as a global citizen, we all need to be mindful...
- I am not part of the movement of feminism, but strongly believe in that women have a power that men will just never get.

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- I am disappointed with politics. They are not listening to the people... all they think about is themselves.
- I have always voted Labour, but this year, because I think UKIP have done a good job stirring them all up, I voted UKIP, just to say 'thank you'.
- There is so many rich people in this country, and there is so many poor people in this country [and there is very little in the middle].
- I am retired. I have worked from when I was 15 until I was 72, never been out of work, and I just think... what they are giving us now is pittance.
- And if you go back, years and years ago, back in the 19th and 18th century, when the poor was poor, they didn't care monkeys then.

- I watch all the political programmes... when you look at them people on the panel, they don't know what the real world is about, they got no idea.
- I used to get up at 2 o'clock in the morning... deliver 1,000 pints of milk a day... walking the streets delivering milk... they don't know what the real world is...

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- I am girl. We have to vote. We have no choice. As a female we have no choice. They fought long and hard to get the girls the vote. We have no choice.
- You can't predict the future... [Politicians] can't always do what [they] promised, because you can't see what's happening in the world.

B.reach (DS300176) - 7 May - Kings Cross

- I am likely to vote Labour, even though I am a member of the Liberal Democrats... Our electoral system stinks.
- I do not have a huge regard for politicians... because they don't know the two words 'yes' or 'no'... [They] just bullshit all the time.
- I want to slap them sometimes. They answer the questions they want to answer, rather than answer the questions that were asked of them.

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- ...people on benefits can't really afford the food. So, people got to live without and I think it's wrong in so many ways.
- [If I was a politician] I would try to listen to everyone... Not like this lot... Take out the points that people are throwing at us and put our minds around it...
- [I would] take out the points that people are throwing at us and put our minds around it...
- Like, I listen to people. So, I would listen to what people want us to do. And I am there for people if they need me, so I would be there to see people...

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- A lot of [politicians] haven't run a business, and I think running a country is very similar to running a business in a lot of ways.
- The majority of people here are... working class people, I don't see [politicians] as working class people, so I don't see how they can really make decisions for the rest of us.
- [Politicians] are controlled a lot by big corporations and I think that is something that's wrong...

- The banks, they have too much control and power, and I think politicians at the moment, you know, they ponder to that... I wouldn't, if you know what I mean.

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- Politics is the way we decide how to run the country, isn't it? So, it's got to be important.
- [People are very cynical about politics] ...because the politicians themselves are not talking about principles, they are just talking about money.
- Well, the women talk about principles; Nicola Sturgeon would get everybody's votes if she was down here...
- Greens are fairly clear on what they stand for, Plaid Cymru are fairly clear on what they stand for...
- Sadly, the men are not clear in what they stand for. All they talk about is money: "We give a bit here, we take a bit here, this is how we do it."
- I don't think I would vote just because somebody is a woman or somebody is a man. It is really what they stand for that matters.
- I would not be fiddling about with money here there and everywhere. I would just say what my aims are.

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- I have come to London to vote, but I am going to vote by putting on my voting form "I don't have faith in any of you".
- You have to mark your paper as unusable for them to take it as a vote of no confidence. I have come to London to do that, so I guess, I am making my statement, and making a point.
- I have lived in this country for 25 years. I have seen the corruption... the banks are allowed to be bailed out with billions
- We live in a system where working men doesn't get paid enough money, so the government will give them working tax and child tax credits
- HSBC, half of them should be in prison for letting their tax evasion go ahead in their Swiss banks.
- As my Mark Twain was famously quoted saying, 'if voting really made any difference, they would not let us do it'.
- they have trained us in apathy, very, very well over the last fifty years, more so in the last twenty
- I don't feel that what we say makes any difference at all... They have trained us with fear and apathy to be very complacent.

- ...it's the businesses that direct the government and policy, not the government that directs the government and policy.
- If I was to go into the political thing, I would be assassinated within ten minutes... they would not want me there – the people who decide who is in power.
- We live in a pretty good world. I can't grumble.

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- I feel privileged that we can vote. It's a good think.
- [Politicians] don't have very good reputation, because they lie sometimes, or can't live up to what they are promising.
- I don't think we understand how difficult it is to be a politician. And I couldn't be one, so I would make even more of a mess of it than they are doing.

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- Politics? It's just a lot of people, with a lot of different views.
- [Politicians] are making false promises. They should look more to the poorer people, not the richer people. A lot of things could have changed for working families that haven't changed.
- The northeast... It is quite tough up there compared to what it is down here. A lot fewer jobs.
- We need a change. It just depends on who gets in. I mean we do need a change. We need a change of people.
- You just got to look after the people and make sure everyone has got a roof over their head, and affordable housing and there is places to live, and there is jobs.
- They seem to give a lot of jobs to the foreign workers as well and then people can't even get jobs
- I got friend who can't even get a job. It's tough. You have to think about your own before you think about other people.

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- I am not [going to vote today]. There isn't a 'none of the above' option. I only vote for constitutional reform.
- I don't agree with the electoral first past the post system. There is no possibility of my vote making any difference.
- There is no representation... [and] no directing voting... I can pick an X factor winner directly every week... but I can't... influence at all on any decision any government actually makes in England.

- I am not cynical about politicians or about politics. I just think the system for national selection in the UK is broken, completely broken.
- I think UK politics is going to become, has to become more proportional, you know, and we are not going to get a clear winner...
- [parties] are trying to appeal to a majority voting system, so they are not able to present their policies in any meaningful way... they need to win votes
- There is a lack of honesty in politics because of the system... I would like to see a system where they are able to actually put forward their position, gain the votes that reflect that position.