



# DEMOCRACY BRACELETS: CREATING MY IDEAL DEMOCRACY

## Directions

### **Step 1**

From the list on the back of the sheet chose the four attributes that you believe are most important for a strong and healthy democracy.

If there is an attribute not listed that you think is important add it!

### **Step 2**

In your group, chose the four attributes that your group believes is most important for a strong and healthy democracy.

Mark these four on the list.

### **Step 3**

As a group, assign a bead colour to each of the four attributes that you chose.

Write the colour next to the attribute on your list.

### **Step 4**

Use the string and beads to make bracelets!

Keep your bracelet or share with a friend.

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# Attributes of Democracy

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTION	COLOUR
OPENNESS	I can find out about decisions government is making.	
ACCOUNTABILITY	I can hold politicians to account for their actions and decisions.	
REPRESENTATIVENESS	The government represents my interests.	
RELEVANCE	The issues that politicians talk about matter to me.	
EFFICIENCY	The government makes decisions and uses resources responsibly and in a way that saves time and money.	
FAIRNESS	The system treats me fairly.	
INCLUSIVENESS	I feel included in politicians' discussions about issues.	
COMPREHENSIBILITY	The issues are discussed in a way that I understand.	
ACCESSIBILITY	I can access decision-makers if I want to express my concerns or effect a change.	
PARTICIPATION	I can participate and engage with politics.	
OTHER	<b>Make up your own attribute</b>	

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