

VALUES OF THE EU



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DEMOCRACY

“A referendum is always a good way to make citizens participate.”



DEMOCRACY

“True democracy can only work at the local level.”



FREEDOM

“Freedom means not having any responsibilities.”



FREEDOM

“Because there is freedom of speech, racist political parties must be allowed in the European Parliament.”



SOLIDARITY

“An EU Member State that is struck by a financial crisis should get support from the other EU Member States.”



SOLIDARITY

“Solidarity means using tax money to make sure everyone has a decent home, food and education.”



EQUALITY / NON-DISCRIMINATION

“To pursue equality,
positive discrimination is
necessary.”



EQUALITY / NON-DISCRIMINATION

“Everyone is equal, no matter how rich they are.”



THE RULE OF LAW / JUSTICE

“For some crimes, it should be possible to choose between paying a large fine or going to prison.”



THE RULE OF LAW / JUSTICE

“Terrorists have the right to a fair trial, with a proper defence.”



RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

“A journalist should be punished when he or she writes a fake news story.”



RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

“The EU should not do business with regimes that violate human rights, even if the deal would be good for the EU.”



President Michel and Josep Borrell meet the Prime Minister of Libya (08/01/20, Bruxelles) © European Union 2020

TOLERANCE / PLURALISM

“Wearing religious symbols, like a cross or a veil, should be allowed at school and at work.”



TOLERANCE / PLURALISM

“It is okay to express hate speech online, if done in closed/secret groups.”



RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

“It is the moral duty of every EU country to help refugees.”



RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

“Torture should be allowed in order to get information to prevent possible new terrorist attacks.”



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