



Citations à propos des obstacles • Quotes about barriers • Reflexiones sobre los obstáculos

English

Team 1

There is a general lack of interest among people to participate as active citizens in democratic societies.

Oppressive governments are one of the largest barriers to democracy.

Fighting between imposed social classes tend to separate society.

Team 2

In most of the third world countries, political systems are imposed by the «rich», which in turn lead to civil wars and confrontations. No where in the world, even in so-called democratic countries, are civic rights respected. In fact, governments often spy on activist organizations.

Team 3

Most of the barriers prevent us from participating in our community. Loneliness and language diversity prevent us from taking part in activities. When you feel that you are lonely, that you don't get enough love, that you're not being listened to, you lack confidence. A lack of financial resources and information prevents you also from knowing what you can do to help.

Discrimination, ignorance, lack of compromises also impede us from helping. When we only look at one's origins and refuse to listen to him, we are not helping him! If we make promises that we don't hold, it's the same as doing nothing.

Team 4

Democracy is to have opportunity, in all social aspects; to be able to see each other as human beings each with rights.

Team 5

- Discrimination, fear, status, media (partial), portrayal, negative opinions,
- Barriers affect one's level of self -confidence.
- Lack of information is a barrier.
- The image people have of you could present a barrier to full participation.
- Racism and preconceived ideas can be a barrier.
- Rumors and gossip can prevent you from participating.
- Intimidation or embarrassment can keep you from being engaged.
- Fear of saying something wrong or inappropriate is a barrier.
- If your family doesn't support you for who you are or your decisions and actions.
- Peer pressure can be a barrier for youth to participant - it can keep youth from going ahead.
- Stereotypes can prevent you from being involved.



Team 6

Corruption reverses our progress. "The last President in Mexico had millions of dollars in the bank and my country is very poor." *Fernando Alvarez*.

Human ignorance prevents participation in democracy.

Injustice infects the spirit of the people.

Lack of opportunities and lack of resources take the power out of the hands of us the people.

Team 7

It's all about power. People are looking to be superior over others.

One must not judge someone regardless of the privileges that exist in their lives because life is filled with inexplicable problems that one may not know about.

Team 8

The pressure of media, (especially North American), in its attempt to standardize.

Team 9

Discrimination inhibits potential because if you don't allow someone to succeed due to race, sex, culture, etc. then you inhibit their ability to make a positive impact.

We need to have a positive outlook on cultural diversity through positive focus on human creativity and diversity.

Team 10

Lack of information about the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas and other key issues.

Governments do not give enough support to communities.

Team 12

Since segregation, discrimination, and class differences create social pressures, we need to change our attitudes in order to eliminate prejudice and stereotypes. Individual freedom cannot be used as an excuse to create social problems. We need to work together, to put ourselves in each other's shoes in order to create harmony between cultures.

You don't necessarily have to be a legal citizen to call yourself a citizen.

Democracy can be an exaggeration (5 presidents in 2 years). It is something that is abused.

Democracy in the theoretical term is good, but it is rarely used in that term.

Team 13

Culture- we are sometimes conditioned to doing pre-established things that don't suit our reality.

Discrimination-whether because on racial, sexual or religious issues. Many young people do not have a good education, a good job or a nice life.

Team 14

History is here to help us to know who we are and to find our identity.

It works in both ways, giving and receiving.

There is also a need to adapt.

Do to others what you would like others to do to you.

Practice what you preach (accept others, and others will admire and mimic you).

Adopting a positive attitude to go through the different obstacles that we have to deal with.

Racism is no longer explicit but implicit. For example, quotes and names in movies.

Racism begins a cycle of hurt and revenge which is why it is so dangerous.

Racism is hate against people. Early education and a good role model are methods to eliminate racism.



Team 15

Discriminating against:

- women
- social status
- handicap /disability
- ignorance
- religion
- culture / nationality / origin
- language
- appearance
- having different views
- lack of experience, skills, knowledge
- lifestyle
- not knowing their rights as a human being
- stereotypes
- Cliques in / and groups (Social Status)

Team 16

There are barriers to acceptance and cooperation created by a lack of knowledge or understanding of our cultural differences. Racism and stereotypes divide people.

We must learn about different cultures and become comfortable with our differences. People must constantly expose the discrimination of others, and not judge each other by appearance or language.

Team 17

- Discrimination, fear, status, media (partial), portrayal, negative opinions,
- Self-confidence is affected by barriers.
- Low self-confidence limits you
- Lack of information
- The image people have of you or what you are portrayed to be can be a barrier in participation.
- Racism and preconceived ideas can be a barrier.
- Rumors and gossip can prevent you from participating because people already have ideas about you.
- Intimidation or embarrassment can keep you from being engaged.
- Fear of saying something wrong or inappropriate.
- When family does not support your decisions, actions or who you are.
- Peer pressure can be a barrier for youth. It can keep youth from going ahead.
- Stereotypes can prevent you from being involved.
- Xenophobia and ethnocentrism
- Fear to express your ideas
- Lack of interest in a topic
- Lack of freedom and choice