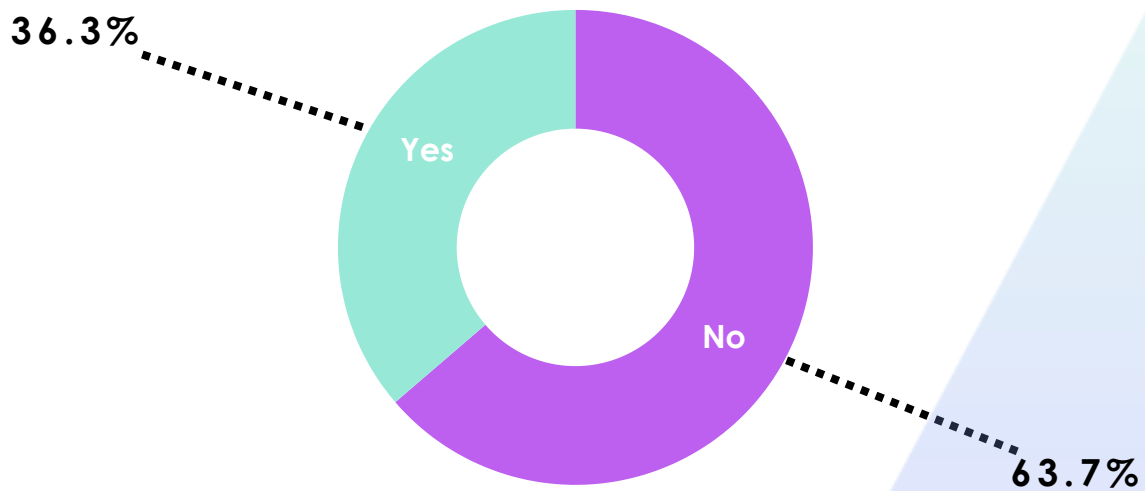


YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Do we take cyber crime seriously?



This VoteTopic received 51,743 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Is giving rewards for voting a good idea?

- Would a reward for voting motivate you?
- What kind of rewards would encourage you to vote?
- Could giving rewards for voting cause any problems?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"[Giving discounts on food] is our way of celebrating democracy and the importance of voting." - Gopi Chand Cherukuri, co-founder of Mr. Philly's (a restaurant in Bengaluru, India).*
- *"Voting is not on people's radar. Councils have been promising them things for years that never happen. You tell me to go and vote, for what? A broke council? No facilities?" - Yewande Kannike, CEO of One Community Development Trust.*

A CLOSER LOOK: THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?



This year, up to 49% of the global population are heading to the polls to vote for their leaders. There are different voting and election systems that are used across the world, but all elections should be “free and fair”.

So, what does a free and fair election look like? A free election is one where people can vote for whoever they want to. A fair election is one where all votes are treated equally and counted properly. Everyone should be able to register to vote and be able to get to a polling station. Voters need accurate information from the media about the different parties, and no one should force people to vote in a certain way, or threaten them about their vote.

So where are the fairest elections in the world? According to experts, Belgium takes the prize for the fairest elections of them all, receiving the highest score for their process.

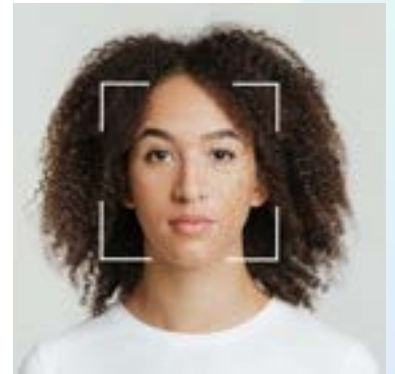
YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- What percentage of the global population could be voting this year?
- List three features of a fair election.
- Find and copy a synonym for “correct” in the text.
- Which country has the fairest elections?
- What kind of system is used to measure the fairness of elections?

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

Can I see some ID?

Tech company regulator Ofcom have published 40 new guidelines for social media companies to follow. These include asking social media companies to introduce facial recognition for children trying to set up accounts.



Chaos at UK's e-gates

After a nationwide glitch with passport e-gates in the UK's airports, the Home Office has said they don't believe that the outage was due to a cyber attack. Thousands of passengers were left queuing while the issue was resolved.



John Swinney sworn in

John Swinney has been sworn in as Scotland's seventh first minister after previous leader, Humza Yousaf, stepped down in April. He met with the King before being formally recognised as Scottish leader by the court.



A captivated audience

Madonna has played the biggest concert of her 40-year career on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The show, which was free for people to attend, had an audience of over 1.6 million people.



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