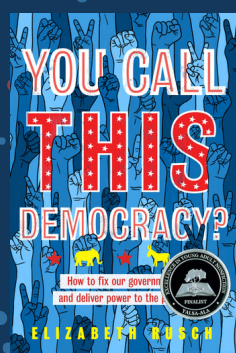


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YOU CALL THIS DEMOCRACY?



How to fix our government
and deliver power to the people
BY ELIZABETH RUSCH

The United States has a representative democracy. But our political landscape has become partisan and tumultuous with issues such as the electoral college, gerrymandering, voter suppression, and lack of representation. *You Call This Democracy?* examines the flaws in the U.S.'s democratic system. Each chapter explains a different problem with our democracy by looking at the history, showing how it is undemocratic, and offering possible solutions. Rusch gives examples of how to fight the problems, often even showing how teens have already worked to fight unfairness. At the end of each chapter, the author lists resources to help teens research issues and become involved.

SUMMARY

This YALSA Nonfiction Award Finalist is a fantastic book to teach teens about how the government works. The author does not favor any political ideology. Rather she points out how our system doesn't work for ALL citizens. She provides a clear guide to help teens fight for their beliefs. Above all, she shows how their voice matters, so they should fight to be heard. Not only is Rusch's writing informative and engaging, but the book also uses colorful infographics pull-out quotes to illustrate important ideas. Through reading *You Call This Democracy?* teens will learn more than most civics classes teach them.

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