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By CITIZEN K

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As a young European,
I am committed to the European project and its huge potential to be realized by strong citizen engagement and direct participation in democratic decision making proces for the political landscape of the EU.
In the era of populism on the rise, as supporters of democracy it is our duty to develop innovative solutions to overcome the crisis in democracy and mainstream politics across Europe.
This is why I started up Democracy 4.0 platform at the heart of EU capital.
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I am K, Citizen K

Advocate of Democracy 4.0

I am a smart citizen empowered by AI & ❤️ 4 democracy

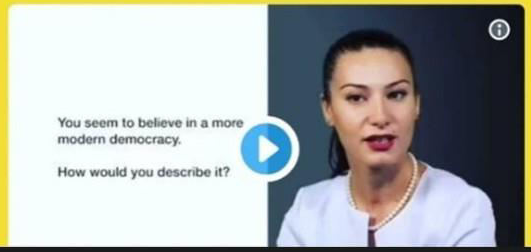
"K" doesn't signify my initial only, more importantly it is a reference to "Citizen Kane"

We need more "Citizen K"s in the era of Citizen Kane politicians emerging everywhere.

Interview with Citizen K on Smart Democracy

Our buildings are smart buildings. Our phones are smart phones. Why our democracy is not a smart democracy?

Euractiv interview with Citizen K on smart democracy and smart citizenship.



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Alongside other leading civictech initiatives in Europe, Democracy 4.0 is signatory to the charter.

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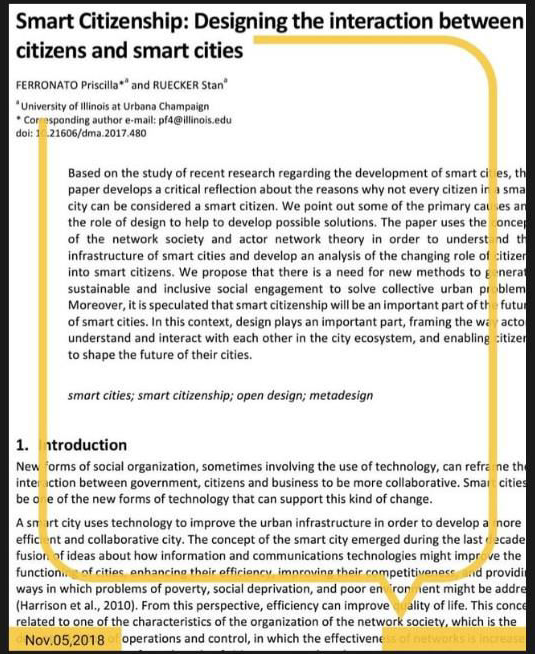

Smart Citizenship: Designing the interaction between citizens and smart cities

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Based on the study of recent research regarding the development of smart ci..es, th
paper develops a critical reflection about the reasons why not every citizen in ..a sma
city can be considered a smart citizen. We point out some of the primary ca..es an
the role of design to help to develop possible solutions. The paper uses the ..once
of the network society and actor network theory in order to understand th
infrastructure of smart cities and develop an analysis of the changing role of citizen
into smart citizens. We propose that there is a need for new methods to ..enerat
sustainable and inclusive social engagement to solve collective urban pr..blem
Moreover, it is speculated that smart citizenship will be an important part of th.. futu
of smart cities. In this context, design plays an important part, framing the wa.. acto
understand and interact with each other in the city ecosystem, and enabling citizen
to shape the future of their cities.

smart cities; smart citizenship; open design; metadesign

1. ..ntroduction

New forms of social organization, sometimes involving the use of technology, can refra..e th
inte..action between government, citizens and business to be more collaborative. Smar..cities
be o..e of the new forms of technology that can support this kind of change.

A sm..rt city uses technology to improve the urban infrastructure in order to develop a more
effic..nt and collaborative city. The concept of the smart city emerged during the last ..ecade
fusion ..f ideas about how information and communications technologies might impr..ve the
functioni..g of cities, enhancing their efficiency, improving their competitiveness ..nd providi
ways in which problems of poverty, social deprivation, and poor en..ronment might be addre
(Harrison et al., 2010). From this perspective, efficiency can improve ..ality of life. This conce
related to one of the characteristics of the organization of the network society, which is the
operations and control, in which the effectiven..s of networks is increas

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Cited in several international publications from the US to Canada and Europe

LET'S UPGRADE OUR DEMOCRACIES
INTO
THEIR 21ST CENTURY VERSIONS

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What do European citizens think about politics?

71%

of Europeans think that politics is corrupt

64%

of young Germans think that most politicians largely ignore the views of younger people.

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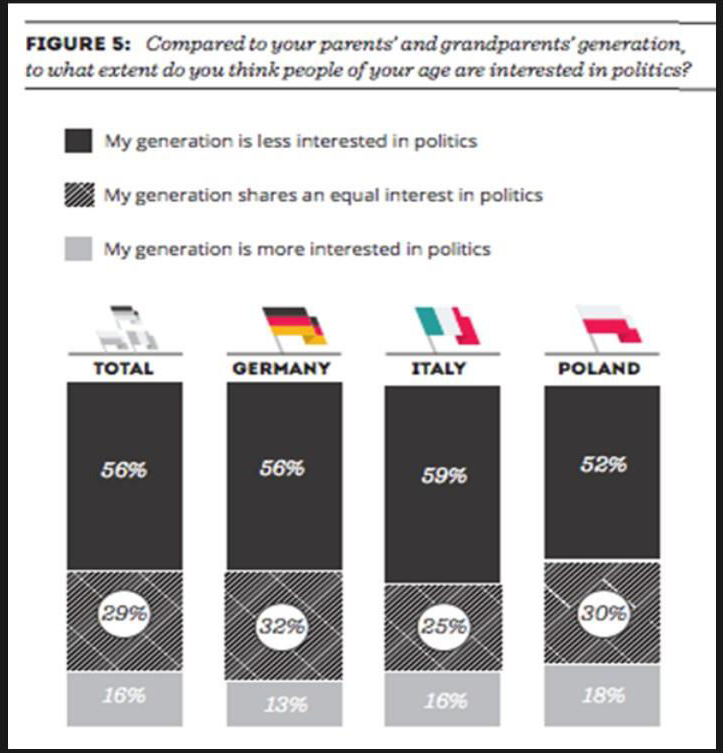

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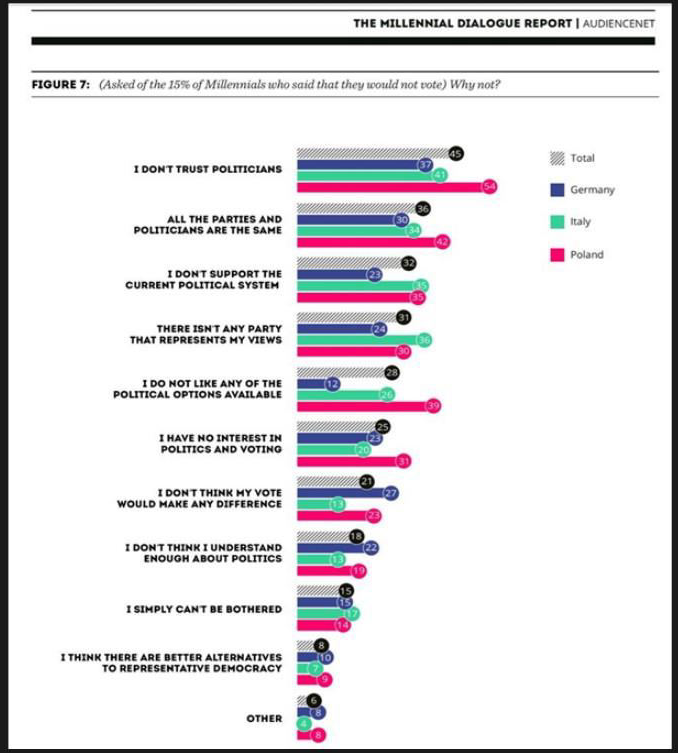

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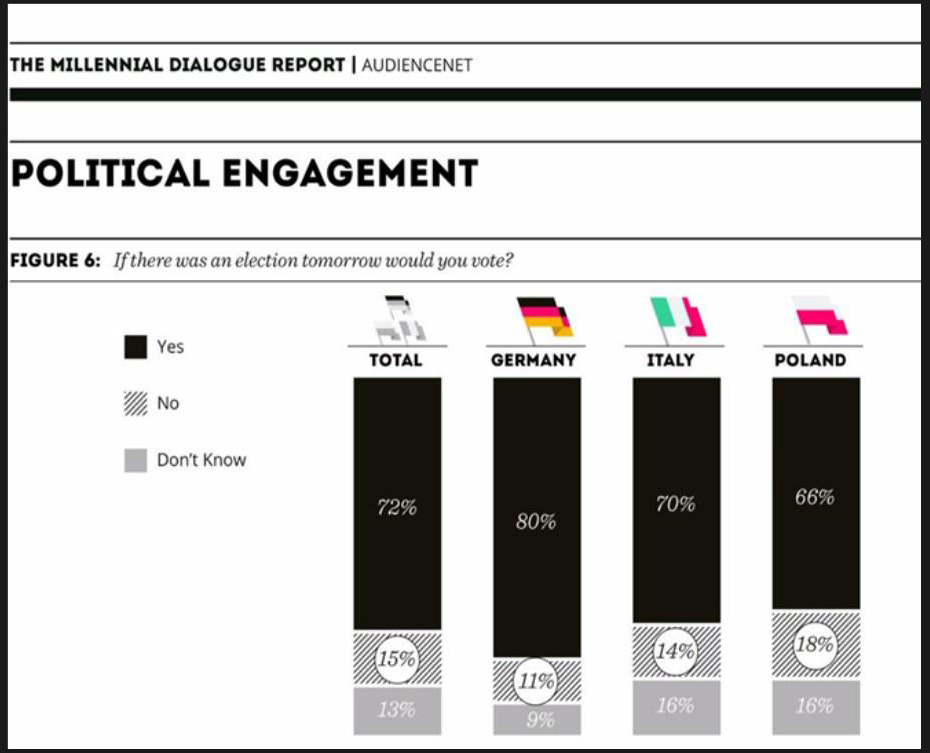

When analysing the positive and negative effects of globalisation in the post-truth era, it seems obvious that democracy itself is also entering a stage of revolutionary change.
This is the age of Democracy 4.0
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What needs to be changed in political parties and democratic institutions?

New ways of making politics and democratic decisions

Citizen-centric, enhanced participatory democracy empowered by well-regulated AI, big data, machine learning, natural language processing..

21st century style organizational architecture and public space design

Turning our democratic institutions into more horizontal organizations and taking public space design seriously.

Let's make democracy sexy again

Never underestimate the fact that we live in the age of entertainment

Change the language

We need democratic institutions to speak to us in a jargon-free, easy to understand language

Move from monologue to dialogue

Party membership vs issue based engagement

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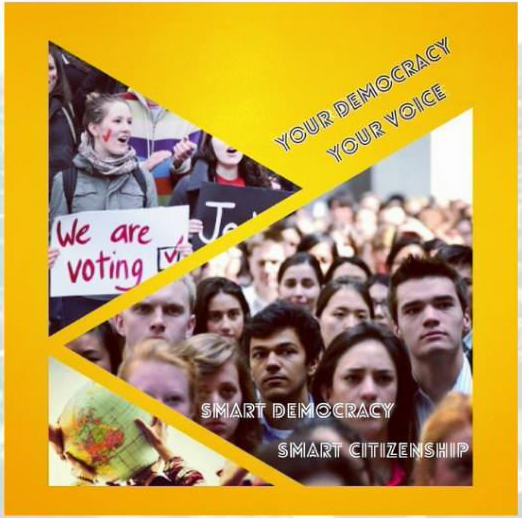

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Raise your hands!
Put down your old, 20th century democracy and step away!

Keep calm, we are smart-citizens!
We will install its 21st century version!

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21th century citizen's way of engagement in democracy

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A technology platform for citizen engagement as never before...

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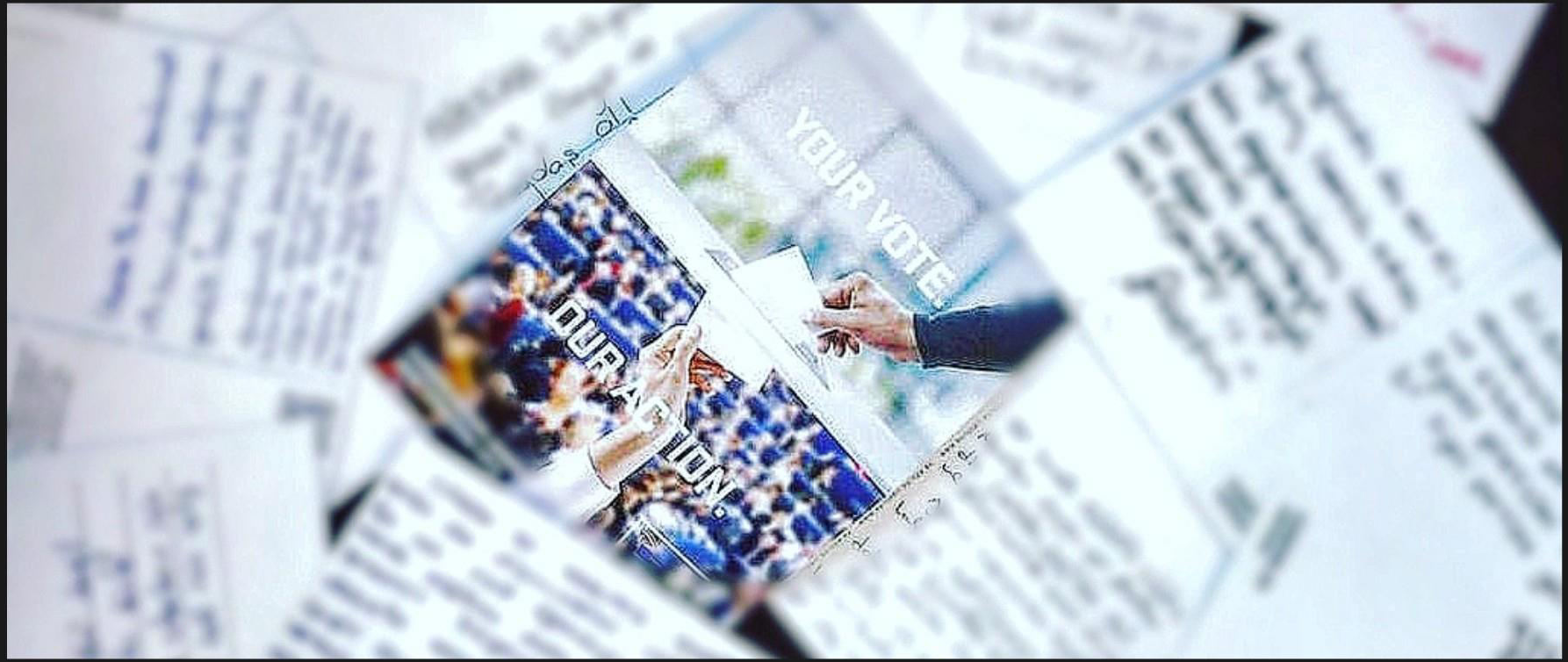

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