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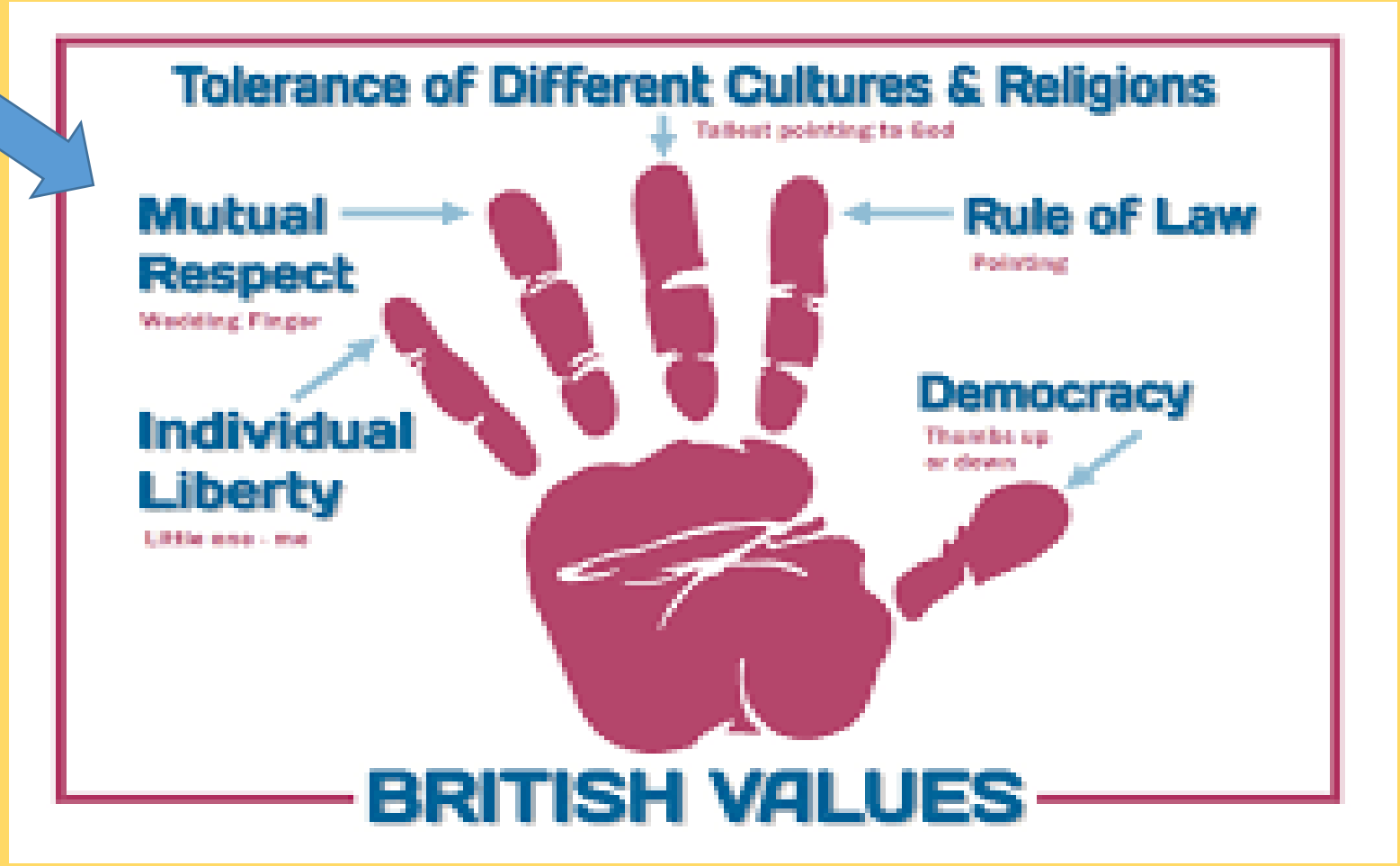

# What are British Values?

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**The British Government uses this image of a hand to explain our British Values.**

**Let's explore them so that we can understand them more easily.**



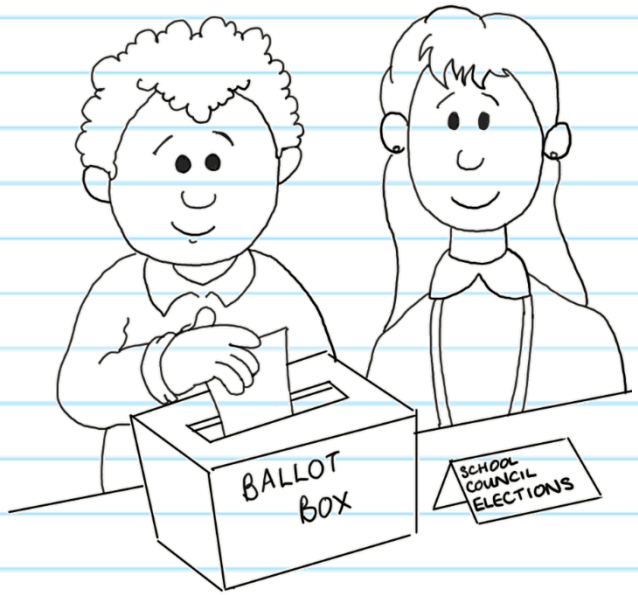
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# Value 1: Democracy

Democracy means everyone's voice matters because we can each vote to solve problems.

We practise democracy in school when we take part in School Council elections or vote for our favourite choices.



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Democracy comes from two Greek words

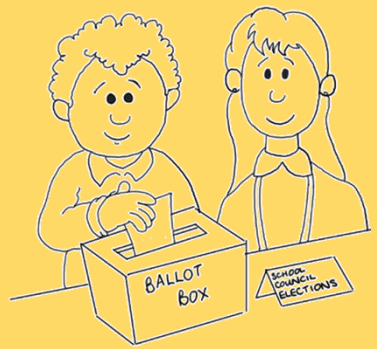
***Dêmos*** means **people**

***Krátos*** means **rule or strength.**

So, democracy means

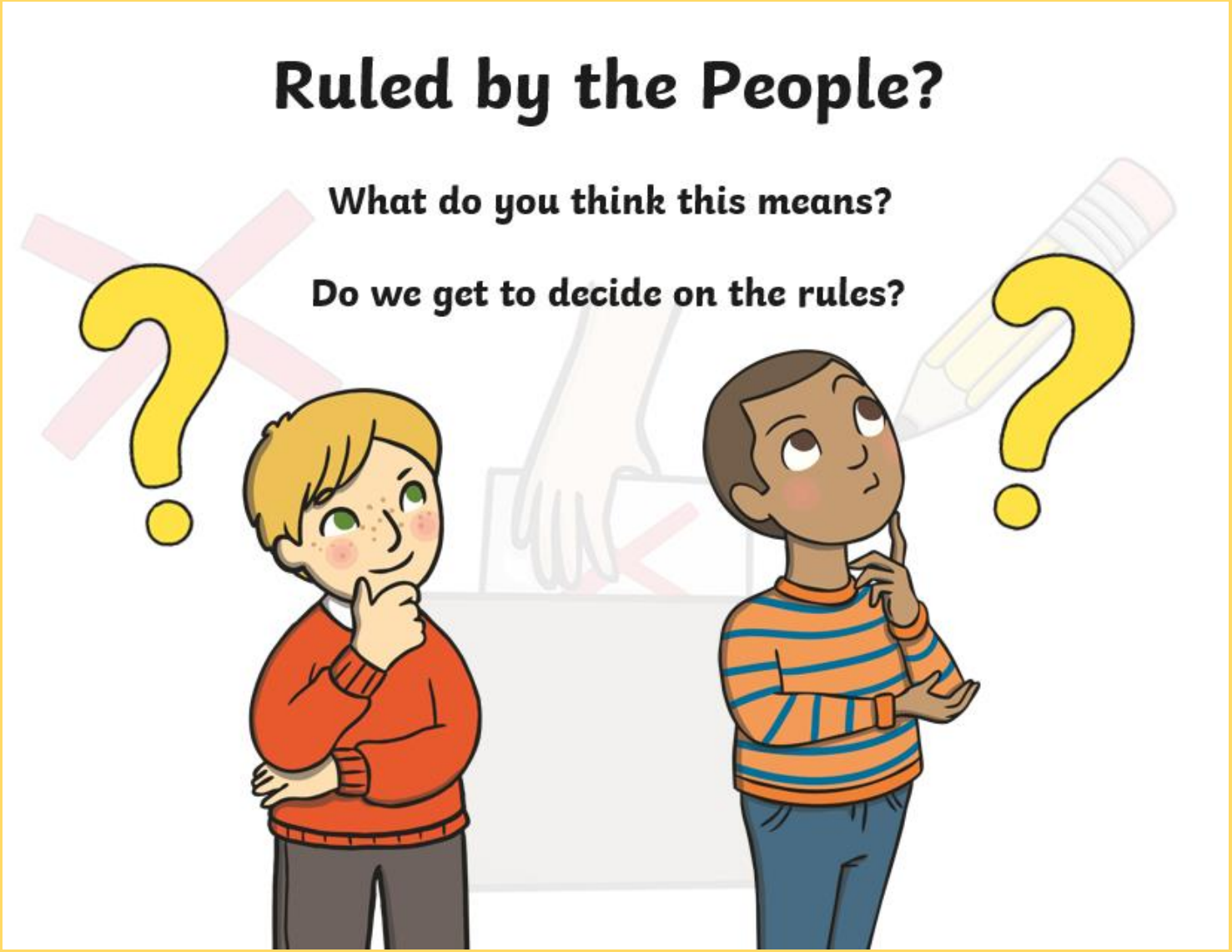
**'rule by the people'**

Democracy is a concept that actually originated in Ancient Greece!



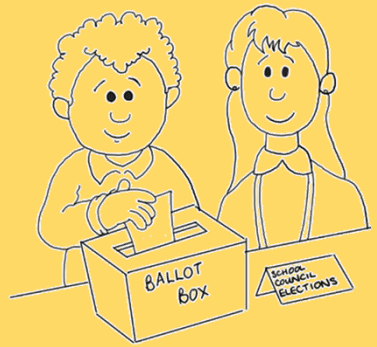
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Who are 'the people'?

Can this change depending on the setting?



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# What Does Democracy Mean?

In the United Kingdom, we hold an **election** to choose someone to **represent** us.

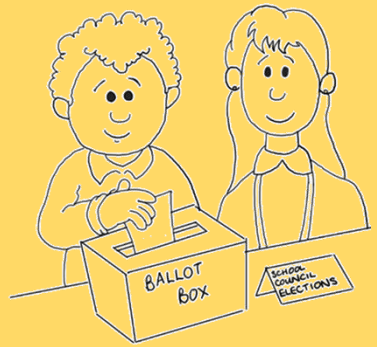
Most **candidates** who 'stand' for election belong to a political party – a group of people who share similar beliefs.

Together, people who belong to the party agree on changes they will make if they are elected. These are called **policies**.

The leaders of the political parties share their main policies with members of the public.




What are the political parties in the UK?



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# How is a Political Party Elected?

Every citizen should listen to the policies of the different parties and candidates. Then they should decide on who to vote for.

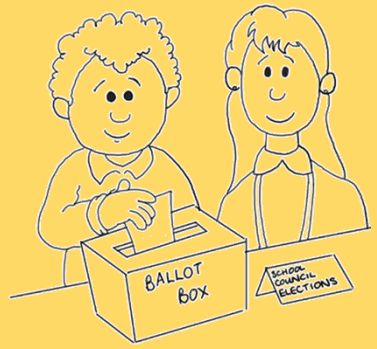
**People must be 18 or over to take part in an election.**

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | KHAYUM | Labour | |
| 2 | MACK | Green Party | |
| 3 | FROST | Liberal Democrats | |
| 4 | HOYES | Conservatives | |
| 5 | HAYWARD | UKIP | |

Each person votes for the candidate of his or her choice. They do this by putting a 'X' cross beside the person's name on the ballot paper.

At the end of the election day, the votes are added up. The candidate with the highest number of votes (the majority) is declared the winner.

Why must you be 18 or over in order to vote?

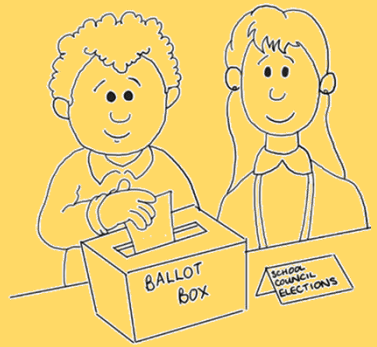


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https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/33XqN68Xv0BQ9WfVdV0jxnk/british-values-democracy - video

What have you found out from the video?



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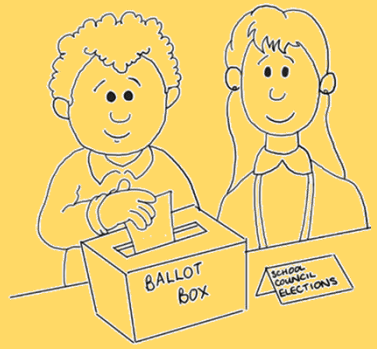



What if someone you don't like gets elected, do you have to accept it?

What if people don't want to vote - should we make them?

If we want the right to vote, do we also have a responsibility to listen to the views of other people who don't think the same way as us?

Democracy is a fair way to make decisions, since it takes account of everyone's views and gives the largest number possible the outcome they want.



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# How Might You Have a Democracy in Your School?

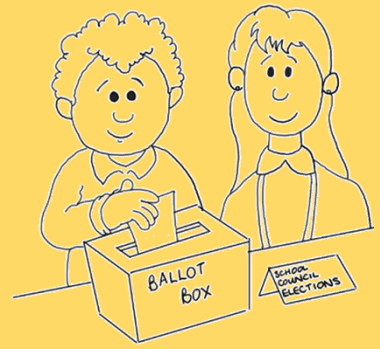
All pupils in the school are involved in the school council. It is pupil-led.

The staff and the children believe that it plays an important role. It deals with significant issues.

**It makes a difference.**

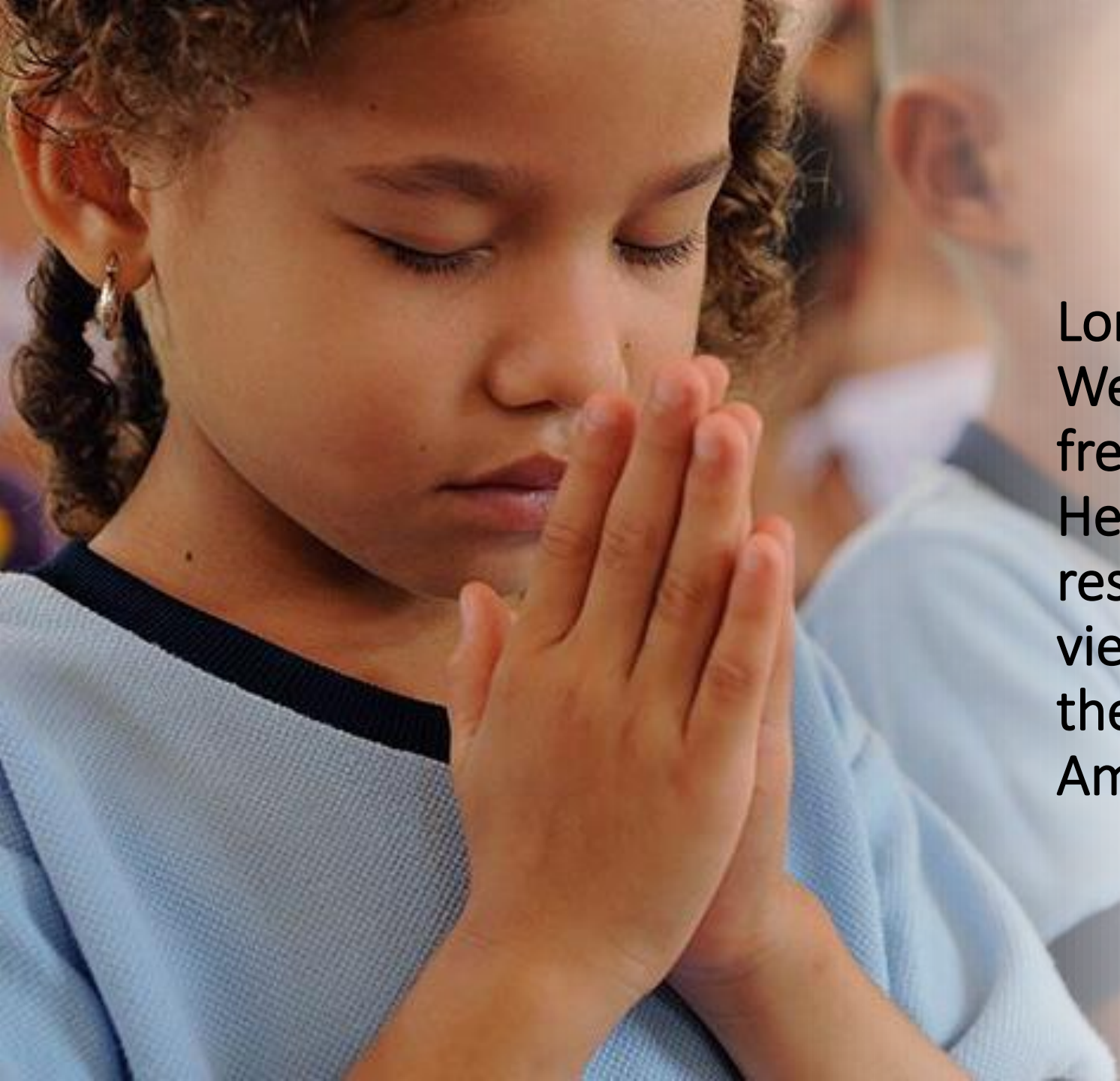


How does democracy work in our school or even just in your class?



Time for reflection:
We can only be truly fair if we listen to other people's opinions, thoughts and feelings.
Voting only works if everyone has a voice.
Make time to listen to other people today and think about what they want too.





Lord Jesus,
We thank you for the rights and freedoms that come with voting.
Help us to remember we have a responsibility too to listen to the views of other people and to treat them fairly.
Amen





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