

INTERVIEW WITH MUKHTAR

Our students interviewed with mukhtar (the elected head of the neighborhood in which our school locates) on February 11th, 2021 at 18.00. Along with mukhtar Ahmet Gürbüz, three teachers from Mimar Sinan Secondary School and 38 students joined teleconference.

Mukhtar is a person for all Turkish neighborhoods, they are elected during local elections. They represent the neighborhood and help with the problems faced in their territory. They transmit the complaints and demands to major, and responsible within their neighborhood.

Interview was held online via Zoom app.

QUESTION ASKED	ANSWER
What does it mean to be a mukhtar?	It means you serve in your neighborhood by being an intercessor between town hall and people in that neighborhood
Is it good to be a politician?	It is good for people who want to work for a community. But I must say that it is sometime stressful. Because sometimes people disagree on certain things and everyone expects you to be their voice.
Did you want to be a politician when you were a child?	No. I wanted to be a football player. But I remember I loved the mukhtar of our neighborhood back then.
How to be a politician?	You get good relationships with people around you. And you must be good in communication. Also, you must work for elections. You must advertise, talk to everyone and learn from everyone.

<p>Why are there many people who says they hate politicians?</p>	<p>There are some bad politicians. And people generally tend to think politicians are not trustworthy. They make promises but quickly forget about it. Actually, we change our ideas depending on context.</p>
<p>How do you change things in a city or country?</p>	<p>I detect what people need. I transmit the problem, and ideas on how to solve it to the major.</p>
<p>What would happen if all politicians disappear suddenly?</p>	<p>People had fix everything themselves. Think a large hole on a road. How would you fix that? You need to find necessary vehicles and manpower to do that. But think about a bigger problem: Air pollution in a city. Who could "persuade" the factories to decrease the pollution they created?</p> <p>People need leaders to represent themselves.</p>

