



Museum of Democracy 60 seconds Dramatic

Sound effects: *Children talking, giggling. Cavernous sounds of people walking through museum. In perspective, steps of tour guide/teacher coming closer, stopping and turning.*

Lady: All right, kids. Don't touch anything in the museum.

Kids: "Wow" "Ooh, what is it?"

Lady: This next exhibit is the last telephone switchboard ever used in the US Capitol.

Kids: "What are all those buttons?" "Awesome"

Lady: It was used in the late 20th century...now this is going to sound strange...when Americans had the right to petition their government. Citizens would call the people they elected, to tell them what laws they wanted passed. Of course, you know we can't do that today. Yes Amy...

Amy: Why did they take it out?

Lady: That's a very good question. Kids, remember when you studied about elections ...[kids in unison – "Yes"]...when self-government no longer worked [kids in unison – "Yes"]...and the government had to take over control. That's why! [pause] All right, let's move down here to this voting booth...

Boy: (young boy, talking in clear voice above crowd) "What's a voting booth?"

Announcer:

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