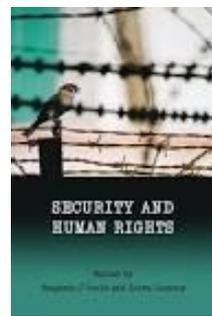


Security and Human rights



We arrived early in the morning, we were all excited to discover the chronology of the day. At the beginning, we had a little breakfast and we went with our groups. In my group, we started by a reunion about the security in the world.

- *The first question was about terrorism. What can we do to protect European people from terrorism while still respecting human rights?*

One way of dealing with terrorism is : Let's not think about it and live as you live everyday, go to school, visit museums, do shopping etc...

The most important thing is to talk and share together to understand everybody and be able to satisfy all the needs of the people who make the diversity of Europe.

We must face the different tragedies which hurt us.

- *The other part of the discussion on Security and Human Rights focused on gender equality : What could we do to change inequalities between men and women?*

First of all, It is important to educate the girls into realizing there are no "female jobs" and no "male jobs" . We must also always be taught of the history of gender equality : for instance, French women only obtained the right to vote in 1944!

In our working group, it was obvious that at the end of the day, women and men are completely equal. In the 21st century, we can't think women and even a mother has to stay at home with the children.

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Human Rights and Security...

After winning the Euroscola competition, we prepared for that day in class by working on our subject. Ours is Security and Human Rights. We focused on equality especially, because we think it's the most important value concerning Human Rights. Everyone should be equal, no matter who we are or where we come from. We searched on the net about it. One very interesting document we've noticed was about the differences between men and women salaries. Such an unfair situation!

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/gender-equality/infographs/equal-pay-day-2015/equal-pay-day/index_en.html

So on the 17th November at the European Parliament, each commission group was composed of several nationalities and of a moderator. When the moderator introduced our subject, she changed the main line of discussion (we haven't talked about the question of Security), but we don't know why, perhaps because it's a sensitive subject, related to terrorism. So we've focused on Human Rights. We had to find proposals in groups. We were with people from Spain and Malta. We noticed that many people were wondering a lot about sex equality. During this time, we were kind of surprised about the reaction of some people who considered women as inferior compared to men. We didn't expect so many counter-arguments on the gender equality issue. We were surprised at the poise, the composure and the self-confidence of those people. At the end of the discussion, we proposed a referendum. Then, each commission group came back together to submit their proposals to the vote of the Parliament (composed of the other Euroscola students). We had, previously, designed a reporter, and a spokesperson who were going to represent the whole commission group. Our proposals were approved.

In conclusion, we can say we've learnt a lot during those months and we are more engaged in this cause than ever.

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