

04 SOCIETY

WATCH

A Watch the video. Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

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| 1 Mai thinks the government are doing a great job. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Danilo thinks the president has been dishonest, but not criminally so. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Danilo is sceptical about the official reasons for the war. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Mai is concerned about the fact that prices have increased quite dramatically. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Mai thinks the leader of the opposition seems quite sincere. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Mai is worried about the implications of the opposition's tax policy. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Danilo sees Scandinavia as a positive role model for the country. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Mai accuses Danilo of self-interest. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B Compare your ideas with a partner.

C Look at the video script. What are the missing words?

D Watch again and check your answers.

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

A Practise the conversation in pairs.

B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.

C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.

Ask your teacher to stop the video.

Repeat the word(s) / phrases.

D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

Mai Are you ready to start?

Danilo Yep. Do you want to ask first or shall I?

Mai You can start.

Danilo OK. So, ¹ _____ *the government?*

Mai Well, I think they're doing OK. They're doing a lot to improve education. I mean, standards have improved ² _____.
More people are going to universities now, which is good.

Danilo Well, *that might be true, but I think the foreign policy is crazy.*

Mai Really? Why?

Danilo Well, the president is an idiot. ³ _____.
He's a liar. Everyone knows he's a liar, but no-one ever says anything. *He should go to prison!*

Mai What do you think he tells lies about?

Danilo The war, for a start. He said it was all about human rights and protecting people, but really it's just about money. People die so big businesses can make more money. *But it's* ⁴ _____
everything, so rich people can get richer.

Mai Well, I supported the war! But I don't think the government is perfect. They have ⁵ _____. *I don't agree with all their policies.* I think that their policy on the economy isn't working. I mean, some parts of the economy are doing very badly. *Inflation has shot up.* We might ⁶ _____ if things don't change.

Danilo Tell me about it! That's why I'm going to vote for the opposition next time.

Mai Seriously? I can't believe it! *I can't stand their leader.*

Danilo No? Why not?

Mai *He just* ⁷ _____ *really fake!* He sounds good and looks good on TV, but it's not real. He's just saying whatever he thinks people want to hear.

Danilo *I just don't see it that way.* I think it's great the ⁸ _____.

Mai Seriously? Why? That will just hurt poor people even more. Less tax means less government spending, less facilities for people. *Some people are already so poor that they're* ⁹ _____. How will that help them?

Danilo People will be free to spend their own money how they want to – or to save money more if they want to.

Mai That's crazy. *That's why* ¹⁰ _____!
We need more public spending and higher taxes, really, not the opposite. Like, like Sweden and Norway. So we can spend more on schools and roads and hospitals and things.

Danilo If we become like Sweden or Norway, ¹¹ _____. I mean, at the moment I have a very nice life, a good house and everything. I don't want to lose that.

Mai *So you're* ¹² _____?

Danilo Hey. Don't kill me. It's not worth it. It's only politics.