

Overview

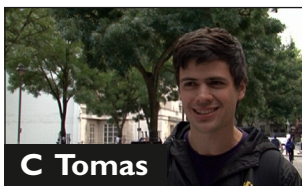
Watch the video podcast. Do you share similar concerns to the people being interviewed?

1 Watch Natalie's introduction to the video podcast from 0:00 to 0:33 and complete each space with ONE word.

Hi. ¹ I've never had to call the police but a friend of ² _____ has had to call them a few times about a ³ _____ neighbour. I was once stopped by the police on my ⁴ _____ home from a party because of a ⁵ _____ headlight but that's ⁶ _____ it. How about you? Have you ever had ⁷ _____ to contact the police?



2 Look at the people and read the extract summaries 1–7. Then watch the video podcast from 0:34 to 5:01 and match the people to the correct summaries.



1 She sometimes drives over the speed limit. B

2 She's concerned about employment for young people.

3 He's broken the copyright laws for downloading music from the internet.

4 She thinks museums in Canada should be free, as they are in the UK.

5 His father had to call the police once because of an attempted break-in.

6 Legal issues to do mostly with refugees and asylum seekers have concerned him in recent years.

Glossary: *copyright* = legal right to be the only producer/seller of a product; *refugees* = people who have been forced to leave their country because of war, political/religious reasons, etc; *asylum seekers* = people who leave their country because their lives are in danger and need the protection of another country

3 Have they ever had reason to contact the police? Have they ever broken the law? Look at the people in Exercise 2 and read the statements about them. Then watch the video podcast from 0:34 to 2:42 and tick the correct statement, a) or b).

- 1a) Nick contacted the police about a missing hi-fi player. ✓
- b) Nick dialled 999 because he couldn't find his hi-fi player.
- 2a) Isabella was hit by a firework in the street in Scotland.
- b) Isabella was hit by some boys in the street many years ago.
- 3a) Robin definitely remembers calling the police because of noisy neighbours.
- b) Robin thinks she probably called the police because of loud parties nearby.
- 4a) Karen has never had to call the police.
- b) Karen has never broken the law.
- 5a) Tim was arrested for carrying illegal arms.
- b) Tim was arrested for protesting against the sale of arms.

Glossary: an *infringement* = something that's against the law; *arms* = weapons

4 What legal or social issues concern you the most? If you could introduce a law in your country or community what would it be? Watch the video podcast from 2:44 to 5:01 and complete extracts A–F with the words in the box.

erosion	harmony	getting	justice	control	homeless
special	tuition	worried	capitalist	balance	freedom



Well, I'm, I'm very concerned really about the ¹ erosion of rights for people who are, erm, in need of more help. Sort of, people with, I suppose, ² _____ needs' I'm talking about.



But I think people now may be put off by the um, the rise in ³ _____ fees and it's something that a lot of young people in England are very ⁴ _____ about.



There's a big ⁵ _____ issue in Toronto, so that's a social issue that concerns me. Um, legal issues not really, we, I think, have a pretty good ⁶ _____ system.



I suppose what concerns me most is this question of getting a ⁷ _____ between what you need to do to have a society and a community that cares for its weaker members ... and at the same time provides individual ⁸ _____.



Probably the same as in most countries. But it's young people ⁹ _____ work, and the right sort of work, um, social ¹⁰ _____.



Uh, dismantling of border ¹¹ _____, the free movement of people? Erm, yeah, those sorts of things, really. Complete overhaul and dismantling of, of ¹² _____ state system.

Glossary: *dismantle* = gradually put an end to a system/organisation; *overhaul* = repair and reform a system

The way we speak

5 Look at the people below and watch the video podcast from 0:34 to 1:39 again. Notice how people repeat themselves in natural speech and delete the words you DON'T hear.



A Just once, um, when ¹I was / ~~was~~ at university. A hi-fi went missing ²and er, / and we phoned up, not 999, but ³phoned up the, / er, phoned up the local police officer and ⁴there was / there was very little ⁵they could, / they could do, really. ⁶We never, / we never got it back. Uh, so that was ⁷the one, / the one occasion.



B ⁸No / no, ⁹not really / not really. I mean I probably, maybe with neighbours ¹⁰having / um, having loud parties.


Glossary: 999 = the emergency number in the UK for police, fire and ambulance

Personalisation

6 Write a paragraph about your own experience and concerns. Use Natalie's questions and language from the podcast in your answer.

- Have you ever had reason to contact the police? What was the outcome?
- What legal or social issues concern you the most? Why?
- If you could introduce a law in your country or community, what would it be?

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