

*Manuscript*  
*Young politicians in Greece*

Presenter : Politics are no longer just for old people. More and more young people choose to become politicians. In Greece we have meet two of them

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ERT3, Thessaloniki  
0'00

Popi Kalaitzi  
politicians, Thessaloniki  
0'23

Themis Garipis  
politicians, Thessaloniki  
1'50

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The young politicians

0'00 MARIANNA (She is the reporter): We are at the Medical School of Thessaloniki University and we are going to meet Popi Kalaitzi

0'04 POPI KALAITZI VOICE OVER: I am Popi Kalaitzi. I was born in 1979 and I am the youngest elected member of the prefecture council of Thessaloniki.

0'11: You must be at least 23 years old to be allowed participation in the prefecture elections.

0'17 MARIANNA: Did the fact that you are young help your election? Yes! It helped a lot. I could see that in people reactions to me. Voters were glad (VOICE OVER) to see a young woman to go talk to them, to show that she cares for the community matters, and their reaction was very positive. Their attitude towards me was focused in the fact that I am young. More than all the rest, perhaps that I am a med student or the other data I put in my resume.

0'43 MARIANNA: Your dream was to change the world? Do you think this can be done?

0'51 POPI KALAITZI: At this age, if young people can't change the world. The future is about us, our lives. Young people have many problems, concerning unemployment, education, drugs, sports. All these have an impact on us.(As an elected) I feel that I am still a part of community. This is the difference between young and older people who have been embedded to what we call "the system"

1'42 MARIANNA (VOICE OVER): Themis how did you decide to deal with politics at the same time that most of young people don't seem to care?

1'49 THEMIS : We as young people have to take in our hands our future and the future of the place we stay and love. One day we will be asked to make decisions for ourselves and our country. We must take part in the decision making early enough, so that to have the benefit of sharing experience with the elder ones, and when the time comes to be able to meet the expectations. I am 28 years old. It is the appropriate age to start dealing with the community issues. It was the second time I was candidate in the municipal elections and now I made it. I accept the role of being the connection between young people and the administration of the municipality. Originally, this is my goal. I want young people to feel they can rely on me. I know their problems because they are my problems as well. (00.36.04) I strongly believe that we can all find a common strategy, a program suitable to all.