

*Voice of the People*

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**EU and equality**  
**TVSYD, Denmark**

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## **Translation**

### **EU and liberation**

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0'02

Question, Jette Wangslew, Kolding, Denmark:

I think you should look at our tolerance regarding different religions and what kind of possibilities you give different religions. It's not equal.....Some are better than others

0'14

Answer, Henrik Dam Kristensen, Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

I don't agree with that. If you look at the demands, the new member states have to live up to: non-discrimination regarding ethnic and religious matters. We were working a lot with the fact, that believing in God is not the only right thing in the new treaty. We have acknowledged, we have a lot of different religious directions, and none is better. I think, the European Union works as one of the guarantors for religions not taking over

0'46

SIGN:

Denmark has 14 members of the European Parliament. 5 of them are women

0'53

Question, Julie Skovsby, Odense, Denmark:

Why do you have that much people being oppressed? Why don't you try to create equality for everybody?

1'07

Answer, Pernille Frahm, Former member of the European Parliament, Denmark:

We don't only have this problem within the European Union; it's a problem existing all over the world. We have always had strong people oppressing lesser strong people. It will be *the* assignment finding out how to behave us within the European Union

1'35

Question, Bent Ginnerskov Jensen, Kolding, Denmark:

I would like to ask, what you're going to do to reach the equality – especially in the new member states - we know in Denmark?

1'48

Answer, Member of the European Parliament, Denmark:

At the moment you become member of the European Union you have to live up to the rules of the European Union. And the European rules about equality are quit as strong as the ones in Denmark. If you look at the new treaty, you'll already find something about equality in chapter 2, which is about the values within the European Union. There you'll be able to read that equality in all matters between men and women is very important within the European co-operation

2'11

SIGN:

In 1976 Denmark made the Equal opportunities rule in the light of the equal opportunities directive from the European Union

2'19

Question, Niels Aage Sørensen, Vamdrup, Denmark:

Now you see that several workplaces are moving towards East. Are you considering making a common European agreement about salaries and so on?

2'41

Answer, Pernille Frahm, former Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

It's not the job for the European Union to make any agreements about salaries. In Denmark you have the parts of the labour market doing that in other countries they make special rules about it. We are using the European Union to assure minimum rights, minimum rules for working environment, minimum rules for salaries or maximum rules for working hours. For those purposes we should use the European Union in order to help the new member states. This we have seen before in Greece and in Spain and will also be the fact in the new member states

3'35

Question, Eigil Søgaard, Vamdrup, Denmark:

We are all equal for our God. Whether he's called Allah, Jesus or he's our Rolls Royce in the garage I don't care. But we're all equal.....Equality between sexes; races or religions should be the final objective for the European Union