

# What is Patriotism?



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Are you **proud** to be an **American**? If so, this is **patriotism**. **Loving** and appreciating your **country** is a patriotic **attitude**. It is also about taking that **pride** a step **further** with **action**. A **patriotic person** feels **citizenship** is an honor that comes with **responsibility**. Patriotic **people think** about how their actions will **reflect** on their country. They make **choices** that will make their country look good. **Displays** of patriotism include:

- **Honoring** the American **flag** by **flying** it, saying the **Pledge of Allegiance** or **saluting** it. This sends the message that you are proud of the **freedom** our flag **represents**.
- **Volunteer** at a **local veterans hospital**. **Talk** to **patients** about their **lives** and **experiences**. Tell them you **appreciate** their **service** to our country.
- Honor those who lost their lives by **beautifying** or laying flags at a **Memorial**.