



150 Randomly Selected Sample Verbatim Responses
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4,065 Respondents

In your opinion, what makes a person patriotic?

- 100% behind your flag
- A belief in the founding principles of our country.
- A complete devotion to community, state and country.
- A deep love & respect for our country
- A desire or action to make this country better
- A desire to uphold democracy and the US Constitution
- A feeling and display of love for ones country.
- A geniune love for America.
- A good person who cares about our country.
- A high interest in our country's affairs
- A love and dedication to our country, its leaders and prayer for all these.
- A love for America and to be thankful that you live here and obey the laws of the land
- A love for our country and being willing to serve the country in whatever way is needed most
- A patriotic person takes the time to learn who is running for office, what they believe, and what they stand for....then they vote for the party that has the countries best interests at heart.
- A person is patriotic by showing love for their country and those in their country..this isn't by just throwing a flag in the air, but doing things to help your community, such as volunteer work or planting trees. Making your country a better place.
- A sense of pride for their country
- A soldier that goes off to war and fights for my freedom snd yours.
- A strong belief in his country
- A true American born in the USA that honors our flag, has participated in our military, and contributes to the American way of life thru work and dedication to the country.
- A willingness to sacrifice for your country and your countrymen, and supporting those who sacrifice everyday
- A willingness to uphold America and all it stands for at all cost.
- Abiding by the laws of this country and doing whatever is necessary to protect our freedom
- Abiding by the US Constitution/Bill of Rights
- Accepting the responsibilities of citizenship
- Act in respect for america
- Acting according to the constitution
- Acting in ways that indicate support of the beliefs upon which the country is based: freedom of expression, religion, and self determination. The person should exhibit the golden rule in their dealings with others.
- Active participation in whatever is GOOD.
- Active voter, good global neighbor
- Actually practicing patriotism and not just saying that they are.
- Adhere to beliefs of our forfathers
- Adherence to American ideals
- Adherence to laws, desire to be here, respectful of America
- Adherence to the Federal Constitution.
- Adhering to the constition and providing an example of those values.
- Adhering to the founding principles of the nation, not artificial outward displays
- Adhering to the tenants set forth in our Constitution
- Adhering to the U.S. Constitution and participating in the political process (at minimum, voting).
- Adhering to true American values like freedom, justice, respect, tolerance
- Admiration, belief in, and loyalty to the country and those who fight for il
- Agreeing with the principles that this country was founded on, not necessarily the current administration's views
- Always being aware that our nation as a whole is judged by other countries by the character of individuals
- Always doing the just and right thing

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Always proud to be an American
Always stand up for democracy and help your neighbor.
America is the only true democracy, we can worship God, and agree or disagree with each other without reprisal
An active dedication to America and all that it stands for; patriotism is shown through action rather than through a visible symbol.
Any individual that is willing to stand up and die for the U.S. and defend to the death the U.S. Constitution
Anyone proud to be an American is patriotic in my opinion.
Anyone that loves their country and will stand up and do something for it
Anyone that takes pride that he/she is an American.
Appreciating the benefits of living in one's country
Appreciation for what we have in our country and those who helped us get here and have what we have
Appreciation of former soldiers who fought for our right to disagree seriously but not violently
As long as you love the American country, either if your for the war or against, you should be flying the American flag, or wearing a pin.
Behaviors not words
Being an American citizen
Being an American, working, and paying bills
Being appreciative to live in America
Being born in their own country and abiding by their country law and not trying to force their language or beliefs on another country
Being patriotic in your own heart and mind
Being proactive in all aspects of political, social, civil rights, etc aspects of being an American.
Being proud to live in and participate in their country.
Being responsible for the maintenance of the infrastructure, protecting the assets for the future generations and preparing the future generations for carrying on.
Being selfless not only for the country but also in regard to other Americans
Being sensible and supporting sensible things about their country.
Being thankful for your country, and not talking badly about the government
Being themselves and being willing to listen with an open mind to issues to help come to a solution(s)
Being true to 'America', not just living here. Your actions, not your words!
Being true to god and country and obeying laws in efforts to change things
being true to his country and be proud to serve and protect her
Being willing to fight for freedom, exercising one's right to freedom
Being willing to give one's life for his Country.
Being willing to serve and respect for our Soldiers who fight daily so we can continue to Enjoy our FREEDOM!
Being willing to serve his country or community in a productive manner
Being willing to show dissent. Dissent is patriotic. Working for change. Not blindly following whatever you are told.
THINKING for yourself. Doing what is right.
Being willing to stand and say your proud to be an American.
Being willing to stand up for our country in any way shape or form that is necessary at the time.
Belief in our country's ideals
Belief in the American Freedoms
Belief in the constitution and the traditional American way of life, with the strength of feeling to actively support it and interact with others to motivate them to do likewise.
Concern for the society within the country we live.
Concerned for the welfare of the country, its people, its identity
Conducting one's self in an appropriate and respectful manner, in regards to all other people, the environment, and the country.
Consistently living in his or her own life and encouraging in others the principles this country was founded on: liberty and self-reliance!
Contributing to the well-being of everyone in their community. America is strong because of it's patriotic people, and they should not be harmed just for disagreement.
Conviction and dedication to freedom.
Dedication to values (setting a good example)

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dedication to your country
Deeds rather than displays of the flag
Deep respect for our country
Defending our rights and freedoms, supporting our military
Defending our rights and the rights of all citizens, upholding the original ideal for creating this country, the melting pot for freedom from persecution
Defending the president and honoring those who are willing to protect our freedoms that we take for granted. Talking against our country while visiting other countries is treasonous, especially when former presidents, namely Carter & Hollywood elites
Defending the USA both verbally and physically and voting for candidates and issues you believe in
Doing what is needed for the greater good of all the people, which has not been done in the US for years. The only thing done now is how much money they can have
Doing what they can to help people in their community, making an effort to uphold individuality in all respects, upholding separation of church and state, and having REAL REASONS to believe that the United States is a great country
Doing what they think is good for their country
Doing whatever it takes for their country, or at least fully appreciating the things only this country has to offer
Doing your part to maintain what we have and to help support those who can make USA more powerful, safe, and great
Educating themselves on current events inside and outside their country to better acknowledge our present and future as it is rapidly changing to prepare ourselves for things like voting, the immigration problems, genocide in Darfur, AIDS and HIV.....
Emphasizing the strengths of our nation vs its weaknesses, actively addressing ways in which to improve our deficits, demonstrating loyalty, voting
Enacting Freedom with consideration of others
Fighting to keep our civil rights, freedom of speech, and freedom of expression
Fighting to maintain our Freedoms
First thing is that they speak English. They respect us because this is our country and they chose to come here.
Flying the flag, believing in America, and wearing patriotic clothing
Flying the flag, putting your hand over your heart at the pledge of allegiance.
FLYS A FLAG, SALUTES THE FLAG
Following and obeying the laws, paying the taxes
Following not only the letter, but also the spirit of the Constitution.
Following our basic laws in America, and that means everyone, just because a person is famous or has money shouldn't exempt them from our laws in the U.S.
Following the laws of our country and showing pride in it.
Following the laws of the country and taking part in the political process.
Following the laws of the land and being an upstanding citizen, ready to help another citizen in need at any time
Following the principles upon which our country was founded
Following the rules of the land and being loyal to it.
Following the US laws and being a good citizen
Following the values that America was founded on - equality, caring for your neighbor, questioning your government
Forthright, honest conduct, caring about your fellow citizen
Fulfills citizenship responsibilities
Getting involved in government actions and study of politics etc...
Giving back to their community. If we all do this, the nation will thrive.
Good actions toward America not just lip service
Honoring what our forefathers founded and that is a country and government based on the Ten Commandments from the Bible and God!
How that person reacts to our country's involvement in outside and inside affairs
How they are as a person and how they act in life. By giving back to their country and supporting it, etc
I believe that only actions can truly 'make' a person anything. Not words or pins or shirts or slogans or promises...actions alone.
I believe in what true and real. There is not enough patriotism in the USA because so many politicians are crooked. So what are we to believe
I don't think there is any one way.....everybody is different!

In your opinion, what makes a person patriotic?

I think if a person loves their country, they are patriotic... you don't have to wear a flag pin or fly a flag. I don't do any of that but I consider myself patriotic. I don't think I actively have to prove myself. I wouldn't trade my life here!

I think it depends on what they do or say, or how they react to what's going on in the world

I think it is someone who cares for America and takes pride in where he/she lives in America always there and willing to help another american or another nationality.

I think patriotism lies in your heart. I think that pride and a deep loyalty to your country are what make you patriotic.

Anyone can pretend to be patriotic with little effort.

I think that just being an American is enough for a person to feel that they are patriotic

Just being Proud to be Blessed enough to say that ' I am an American'

Just being proud where you are from. And support the country that you are in. Not come here and support the country you just came from if you are going to do that then you can go back to your country that you are most proud of.

Loyalty to upholding principles that the country was founded upon

My love of country and belief in god and the original Constitution as our founding fathers ment it to be not as some of todays politicians belive it to be a living and breathing document,

One being able to vote in elections, expressing their opinions, and the government listening to the people.

One devoted to his country

Respect the flag and what America stands for

Serving his country in the Military

Serving his country when called, and standing behind what is best for our country

Someone how will truely stand up for the constitution that was put in place by our for fathers and not look at every decision they make by how much money it will make them.

Standing up for their country and celebrating the holidays such as independance day and veterans day

To be willing to defend the safety and existence of your country

To believe In America & support our troops no matter what or where they are at.

To believe in our 'founding fathers' premises, life, liberty and the persuit of happiness. Do not..force your views on others..

Voting, supporting our troups, and loyalty to America

When you support your country by using made in American products and not farming out our jobs to foreign countries to save a few dollars.