

“How are you Showing Patriotism and Support for our Country?”

In modern-day America, it has become increasingly difficult to find citizens who truly derive a sense of pride, hope, and admiration for their country due to political division, rising violence, and fear of the direction our country is headed in. Consequently, Americans are feeling despondent and resentful of our great nation, and our country cannot continue in this state. I am showing patriotism and support for my country by uniting the people in my community, educating myself on the history of the United States, and looking towards the future in hopes of bringing pride and synthesis to this country.

While division over political issues is nothing new, in recent years, the political polarization of our country has increased dramatically, and it is a mere fact that we have never been more divided as a people. Long over are the days of civil discourse or agreeing to disagree, and I have witnessed firsthand the effects of this unyielding, bitter dissension. People I know have lost their closest friends, been disrespected by their peers, or threatened at their place of work for something as trivial as their political standings. I want to change this on a personal level by befriending people with different beliefs and ideologies from me to expand my thinking. I also want to form clubs or organizations in my school that would allow anyone to come and talk about political and social issues with others. The reintroduction of civil, educated debates to youth will help foster a new generation of Americans who love their country, as they know their voice will always be respected and heard by others in it.

Additionally, I am showing patriotism and support for my country by educating myself on our nation's history. I am currently enrolled in the class AP U.S. History at my high school and am doing my best to learn as much as possible. I am actively working to understand the goals, hopes, and expectations which our nation was built on in hopes of bringing the country back to the state in which our founding fathers wished for it to be in. We have strayed incredibly far from the principles of free speech, acceptance of all beliefs, and having a united country without political parties or factions. By educating myself and others about the natural state our country was meant to be in, we can work to bring it back to that position. Learning about our nation's history also keeps us from repeating the mistakes we have made in the past and promotes a society whose citizens value its foundation and roots.

Other ways I want to show patriotism and support for my country are not in ways I can do now, but a multitude of things I am anxiously awaiting to take part in. One of these is voting in elections. It is our responsibility as citizens to express our beliefs and opinions by voting for representatives who hold our similar beliefs. The very foundation of American democracy lies in the people and their willingness to vote. Another way I hope to support my country is by serving in public office one day. For as long as I can remember, I have recognized the importance of having just and freedom-fighting leaders, and I want to be one of them. Whether it's serving as a trustee for my township or holding a seat in the senate, I want to serve my country. Finally, I am also excited to have children of my own and to raise them with solid American values. The preservation of democracy lies in bringing up the next generation to be patriots who love their country, and I anticipate doing this when I come of age.

In summary, I am showing patriotism and support for my country by working to unite people in my community, fighting for change in society, educating myself, and one day participating in elections, government, and raising the next generation of patriotic citizens. The fate of our country lies in the actions we as a people take today. By showing appreciation and doing beneficial things for our country, we can ensure that our great nation will continue to be prosperous and united.