

# **Does Patriotism Still Matter?**

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Showing patriotism is simple. There are everyday things in life that are considered being patriotic. Patriotism is love for your country, willingness to sacrifice for it, devoted love, support, defense of one's honor, and one who is true to their country. Patriotism can be serving in the military, and even sacrificing their lives during their service. It can be simply reciting the Pledge of Allegiance while standing at attention. A person could vote and show a patriotic character. Patriotism is important for an individual. It reflects who they are, and how they look at their country. Superior patriotism needs love, honor, support, and commitment towards their country. But the question is- does it still matter?

While serving in the military, a person is definitely showing strong, proud patriotism. They have the courage to stand up and fight for their country and show how much they care about others around them. It makes me realize that those heroes are fighting to keep US safe. Not just themselves but the people around them as well. Their patriotism mirrors a character of love, support, and care.

Saying the Pledge of Allegiance is a simple way of showing patriotism. Standing at attention while reciting it makes you have that patriotic spirit. It shows that you really care about what you are saying. "One Nation, Under God-" reflect on what that actually means. How a person says the Pledge of Allegiance shows how they actually feel about it.

Voting is another sample of showing patriotism. You have your own opinion about who you vote for and why, but that doesn't take away from the amount of patriotism you have. The fact that you are willing to vote, that you go and take your time to vote, shows that you care

about your patriotic self. Someone may not agree with the choice that you marked on your ballot, but that doesn't matter one bit.

Patriotism still matters greatly. It DOES reflect who you are and how you look at your country. It DOES still matter. I observe different examples of patriotism every day, and I still give credit and applause to everyone who tries to show that patriotic character. Patriotism is easy. Show it! Don't worry, it STILL matters!