

# DUTIES OF CITIZENS: VERSION 009

## PARTICIPATING IN POLITICS

1. Political participation – though degree varies widely
2. Participate in public hearings
3. Voting
4. Contribute to more than one interest group
5. Speak out on public issues
6. Support and Defend the Constitution
7. Be an active participant in Democracy
8. Attend a city council meeting
9. Attend a legislative session in DC, state, or county seat
10. Volunteer in an election campaign
11. Organize political clubs

## ENGAGE COMMUNITY

1. Participating in community meetings
2. Serve on a jury
3. Support local community organizations
4. Get to know your neighbors
5. Volunteer to be active in your community
6. Make economic contracts and engage in business transactions
7. Feeling connected to others in society

## FOLLOWING THE LAW

1. Pay the taxes you owe
2. Owes allegiance to its (his/her/their) government
3. Obeying the law of the land
4. Respect and protect the rights/civil rights of others
5. Respect the property of others
6. Defend the just laws
7. Oppose unjust laws
8. Protect the civil rights of others

## MILITARY

1. Military service
2. Enlist in the armed forces when needed
3. Active service in government
4. Be willing to risk your life in defense of the country
5. Loyalty to the country

## IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Protect the environment
2. Recycling
3. Supporting businesses with sustainable products
4. Using less energy
5. Help maintain public spaces
6. Pick up a piece of trash each day

## ENGAGE OTHER COMMUNITIES

1. Make a friend with someone from another race/ethnicity
2. Visit places in ethnic neighborhoods different than your own
3. Ask an immigrant about conditions of their native country and what led them to ours
4. Learning about Aboriginal peoples
5. Respect and tolerance of other religions, ethnic groups, cultures and opinions

## BE INFORMED

1. Be informed about the world around you
2. Stay maximally informed
3. Educate themselves about complex issues
4. Make informed opinions
5. Be an enlightened citizen
6. Pursue education
7. Acquire knowledge that benefits the community

## PERSONALITY STUFF

1. Be honest and trustworthy
2. Being responsible
3. Be compassionate
4. Provide leadership
5. Take responsibility for your actions
6. Be a good spouse or partner
7. Be a good parent, stepparent or foster parent

## CHARITY TO OTHERS

1. Giving back and helping others
2. Support charities
3. Volunteering their time
4. Donate blood
5. Participate in organ donor program

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Participate in public life
2. Guard against fascism and totalitarianism
3. Work / self-sufficient – doesn't rely on government
4. Fight evil, defined as avoiding causing harm
5. Treating men and women equally (equitably?)
6. Act against one's personal interests when called for
7. Act against one's political affiliations when called for

## HERITAGE AND HISTORY

1. Interview your grandparents
2. Read the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence
3. Travel to another country
4. Visit a national or state park
5. Visit an American Indian Reservation
6. Visit a war memorial
7. Knowing something about Canada's history
8. Displaying pride in Canada (e.g. celebrating Canada day)
9. Speaking a second language
10. Sharing Canadian (your countries) values

## DEMOCRATIC PROCESS??

1. Ask a friend how they feel about a specific issue
2. Give feedback to public officials, media, and companies
3. Provide feedback to the Police Chief and Oversight Boards on positive and negative encounters with Police officers
4. Protest over something you feel strongly about
5. Talk about current events at dinner with your family
6. Watch or listen to a debate between candidates for elected office
7. Work at a polling location
8. Denounce and punish crimes against the people by politicians or officials
9. Criticize honestly, discriminately, with intelligence – without sarcasm, innuendo or half-truths

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10. Fight corruption and vices

## REALLY?

1. Be a good breeder, and make many children
2. Good fighter
3. Fearless in the presence of foes
4. Be a good father