

DUTIES OF CITIZENS: VERSION 011

PARTICIPATING IN POLITICS

1. Political participation – though degree varies widely
2. Participate in public hearings
3. Voting
4. Register others to vote / Help get out the vote
5. Contribute to more than one interest group
6. Speak out on public issues
7. Support and Defend the Constitution
8. Be an active participant in Democracy
9. Attend a city council meeting
10. Attend a legislative session in DC, state, or county seat
11. Work or volunteer for a political candidate, campaign or party
12. Organize political clubs
13. Contribute money to a political campaign
14. Attend a political rally or campaign event
15. Shadow a public servant to learn how institutions really work

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

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

PROTEST AND DISENT

1. Protest if you think gov't actions are wrong
2. Protest over something you feel strongly about
3. Oppose unjust laws
4. Guard against fascism and totalitarianism
5. Fight evil, defined as avoiding causing harm

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
8. Utilize and promote trustworthy information and sources
9. Research political candidates prior to voting

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 AND SACRIFICE

1. Giving back and helping others
2. Support and donate money to charities
3. Volunteering their time
4. Donate blood
5. Participate in organ donor program
6. Act against one's personal interests when called for
7. Act against one's political affiliations when called for

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Participate in public life
2. Work/ self-sufficient – doesn't rely on government
3. Treating men and women equally (equitably?)

HERITAGE AND HISTORY

1. Interview your grandparents
2. Read Understand Constitution & 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. Speaking a second language
9. Sharing Canadian (your countries) values
10. Know the Pledge of Allegiance

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. Talk about current events at dinner with your family
5. Watch or listen to a debate between candidates for elected office

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6. Work at a polling location
7. Denounce and punish crimes against the people by politicians or officials
8. Criticize honestly, discriminatingly, with intelligence – without sarcasm, innuendo or half-truths
9. Fight corruption and vices
10. Respect the right to an opinion of those who you disagree
11. Participate in the US Census every decade
12. Discuss issues with people who don't share your political views

DISPLAY PATRIOTISM

1. Display the American Flag
2. Displaying pride in Canada (e.g. celebrating Canada day)

SUPPORT ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

1. Helped a child with a science project
2. Donated money to support medical or science research
3. Citizen science activities
4. Participated in a medical or clinical research study

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