

DUTIES OF CITIZENS: VERSION 012

PARTICIPATING IN POLITICS

1. **Be an active participant in politics and Democracy**
2. **Support and Defend the Constitution**
3. **Vote in every eligible election (local, state and national)**
4. **Denounce and punish crimes against the people by politicians or officials**
5. **Criticize honestly, discriminately, with intelligence and without sarcasm, innuendo or half-truths**
6. **Fight corruption and vices**
7. **Participate in the US Census every decade**
8. **Give feedback to public officials, media, and companies**
9. **Respect that everyone has the right to their own opinions**
10. **Run for political office at least once**
11. Regularly discuss issues with people who don't share your political views
12. Try to truly consider and understand the opinions of those you disagree with
13. Speak out on public issues and participate in public hearings and city council meetings
14. Attend a political rally or campaign event
15. Regularly discuss current events with friends and family
16. Provide feedback to the Police Chief and Oversight Boards on positive and negative encounters with Police officers
17. Register others and help get out the vote
18. Contribute to more than one interest group
19. Attend a legislative session in DC, state, or county seat
20. Work, volunteer and/or contribute money to a political candidate, campaign or party
21. Shadow a public servant to learn how institutions really work
22. Work at a polling location

ENGAGE COMMUNITY

1. **Serve on a jury if called upon**
2. Participate in local community meetings and organizations
3. Get to know and feel connected with neighbors & community
4. Volunteer to be active in your community
5. Make economic contracts and engage in business transactions

FOLLOWING THE LAW

1. **Pay the taxes you owe**
2. **Obey the law of the land**
3. **Defend the just laws**
4. Owes allegiance to their government and/or country
5. Respect and protect the rights and property of others
6. Treat men and women **equally equitably**

MILITARY

1. **Enlist in the armed forces if needed**
2. Be willing to risk your life in defense of the country
3. Actively serve in military or government

IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT

1. **Protect the environment**
2. **Recycle, properly dispose of trash and help remove litter**
3. **Conserve resources (air, water, soil, minerals, plants, animals)**
4. Supporting businesses with sustainable products
5. Help maintain public spaces

ENGAGE OTHER COMMUNITIES

1. Make a friend with someone from another racial or ethnic background or community
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. Learn about **Respect** and tolerance of other religions, ethnic groups, cultures
5. Travel to other countries
6. Speak a second language
7. Visit an American Indian Reservation

PROTEST AND DISENT

1. **Oppose unjust laws**
2. **Protest government actions you believe wrong**
3. Protest over something you feel strongly about
4. Guard against fascism and totalitarianism
5. Fight evil, defined as avoiding causing harm

BE INFORMED

1. **Research political candidates prior to voting**
2. **Utilize and promote trustworthy information and sources**
3. **Be informed about the world around you**
4. Stay maximally informed and self-educate about complex issues
5. Make informed opinions and work to be an enlightened citizen
6. Pursue education and knowledge benefiting the community

PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL VALUE

1. **Be a good parent, step or foster parent if you have children**
2. **Work, be self-sufficient, avoid relying on government**
3. Be honest, trustworthy, responsible and compassionate
4. Provide leadership and take responsibility for your actions
5. Share and **help shape** your countries values

CHARITY AND SACRIFICE

1. Give back and helping others who are in need
2. Support, donate and volunteer w/charities and worthy causes
3. Act against one's personal interests and political affiliations when called for
4. Donate blood and participate in organ donor program

HERITAGE AND HISTORY

1. **Understand Constitution & Declaration of Independence**
2. **Learn about Aboriginal peoples**
3. **Celebrate national holidays**
4. Learn about your nation's history
5. Interview people of previous generations
6. Visit national parks, state parks and war memorials

SUPPORT ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

1. Donate money to support medical or science research
2. Participate in a medical or clinical research study
3. Participate in citizen science activities
4. Help a child with a science project