

What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?

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The United States of America was founded on fundamental beliefs that are seen in the way the government was structured in the past to ensure freedom today. Our founding fathers fled a tyrannical government in order to “create a more perfect union.” This union they set up for the people has become the greatest country on earth because its citizens are proud to live in a country with freedoms, rights, and power in the hands of the people. For me, patriotism is a way for me to support my rights and voice constructive concerns through the freedom of speech.

To begin with, America would not be the great country it is today if not for the rights granted to its citizens in the Constitution. This constitution grants every citizen fundamental rights, such as the freedom of speech, right to bear arms, and the right to peacefully assemble. These rights are not allowed in any other country to the same extent they are granted in America. How could I not be beyond thankful to live in this country? I am a proud American patriot because I want to show our founding fathers that I am grateful for the country they set up for me, and I am not afraid to stand up for and support this great country.

The freedom of speech is one of the rights fundamental to being a true patriot. Some countries have certain times and laws about worshipping the ruler, and demand support from every citizen. In America, patriotism is an option. It is not forced on anyone, because we are given the right to speak freely. Being an American Patriot means I am able to simultaneously support the government while also voicing any concerns I have. It means I can defend my country from foreign enemies as well as those on the inside that want to threaten my unalienable rights. Patriotism is the highest form of support a government can receive. It means I love this great country, but also recognize that it was formed with the understanding that it would only be a “more perfect,” not a perfect union. Nothing is perfect, and that is why being an American patriot means so much. I means I can love this country and everything it stands for, but also be there to continuously guide The United States of America on the path toward a more perfect union.