

What Patriotism Means To Me

Patriotism. I've heard others say this word multiple times in my life but, what does it mean? Patriotism is when you have a lot of support for your country. It can be as small as helping those in need or, even as large as serving in the military. Patriotism to me means that we show appreciation and love for our country and the wonderful opportunities it has offered us. It means to honor those who have fought for our country and show them gratitude in return!

Serving in the military is a way that shows patriotism. There are 5 different branches of the military which consists of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and the Coast Guard. All of these branches help to fight for our country in some way. Without the military, we wouldn't have the amount of freedom we have today in the U.S! They not only fight for our country but, also do rescue operations, medical assistance in impoverished areas, and much more. I believe risking your life and assisting our country to make it a better and safer place definitely shows patriotism.

A small act of patriotism is helping others in need. It can be a random act of kindness and although it may seem as a simple thing to do, it can have a great impact on a person's life. I think helping others in need can be helping in a soup kitchen or, donating to a charity of your choice. It doesn't have to be a difficult task and it can really help the 45 million people still stuck below poverty line! Helping to improve our country and making it a better place to me, shows patriotism.

The dictionary definition of "Patriotism" is "vigorous support for one's country". While that is true, patriotism means much more. To me it means to do things to improve your country and make it a safer place overall. Whether it's serving in the military or, helping others in need, patriotism is a small word with a lot of meaning!