

Patriotic or Unpatriotic? You decide!

Define patriot and provide an example:

Directions: For each of the following situations, decide if you think it is patriotic (P) or unpatriotic (U). Circle your answer. Be prepared to defend your answers!

- P U 1. Volunteering to join the military.
- P U 2. Saying the “Pledge of Allegiance” every morning at school.
- P U 3. Checking legal documentation for every immigrant you meet.
- P U 4. Attacking another country before they attack you to protect yourself.
- P U 5. Burning an American flag to protest a government action.
- P U 6. Criticizing the government about their actions in a newspaper.
- P U 7. Fighting against your own government if it is corrupt.
- P U 8. Protesting in front of the White House against the President.
- P U 9. Supporting that every citizen, even a suspected terrorists, deserves a fair trial.
- P U 10. Being arrested for standing up for your beliefs, even if they break the law.

Share your responses with a partner. Which ones do you agree/disagree on?

Summary: when is patriotism a good thing? When is it a bad thing?