

American Patriotism

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In a country with over 334 billion unique people, one word is strong enough to unite us all: patriotism. Patriotism is not just the colors you display or the flag that waves on your porch; patriotism is the blood that flows through our hearts and the devotion to our nation. It is the understanding that we have been privileged with a democracy that revolves based on freedom and that it is our responsibility to uphold these customs fought for by prior generations. So, that leads to the ultimate question: how do we display patriotism in our communities? The foundation to displaying something is understanding the history behind that subject. Patriotism is realizing what it means to be Americans and the tribulations our ancestors had to endure in order to receive that title. Displaying being a patriot to a nation and community means respecting the people that make up that community. A nation requires citizens to function and being patriots means we treat our neighbors with equality and respect. In conclusion, to me, being an American patriot starts in the heart and as a proud military BRAT, it is my way of life.