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What It Means To Be a Patriot

I believe that patriotism means being dedicated to and loving your country. It's more than just waiving the flag or cheering at sports events, but also helping out in your community and standing up for what is right. I support my country by being a responsible citizen, whether it's community service, or just picking up a soda can off the street, I'm constantly at a betterment for the country and community I live in. True patriotism means loving your country so much that you work to improve it, not only just appreciating it. Loving your country at its core is one of the most patriotic things someone can do. As a 14-year-old, I show my patriotism in many different ways. Adding to fundraisers or community projects, or just being kind and respectful to the people around me helps make my community a better place, and that is what being a true patriot is.