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The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country” — John F. Kennedy. This is one of my favorite quotes, which emphasizes why we must not seek services from our countries, but instead we must also serve, to further improve our nations. “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country” The best way for youth to express their love and sense of belonging to their country is to be an active young citizen. Actively participate in social activities to create positive change in your communities. Demonstrate your love for your country and be part of its political process, by voting and continually striving for a better country. Obey and agree to the correct and good laws, because these can shape our countries into more decent ones. Get an education and help to build up your country, because I believe that a country can only truly flourish when its people are educated and have the opportunity to educate themselves. Be an active young citizen and have youth to express their love and sense of belonging to their country, represent their countries in different international and youth cultural exchange programs in order to create positive changes your country has made since its historical errors of the past and learn about the great milestones that your country has achieved, in order to share your country’s story with people from all over the world. Share your country’s culture, traditions and all the remarkable things that your country is known for with the world and show how proud you are. Use national colors, historic figures and flags, because nothing shows you love your country more than showing it through your flags. Hang them anywhere that can outwardly show you respect your country, but remember to treat the flag with the utmost respect.Participate in youth exchange programs in the worldYouth can also show nationalism in simple ways like shopping local. Doing so will increase productivity rate in our countries, and decrease poverty crisis. Embrace your country’s art, culture and values. Listen to local music and watch local movies. Make it a priority to visit your own country’s destinations before traveling to other countries. Youth can also teach and encourage children to love and respect their countries, in order to grow their national pride. I believe that this is the best way to set a positive example. Always sing the national anthem by heart and with respect. And last but not least, always speak positively about your country and treat your countrymen with respect and equality. Whether what social class we all come from and what race, we must give each other the warmth of being one. Having a great passion and love for your country is not only encouraged, but it is also a source of inspiration and hope for the entire world!Make it a priority to visit your own country’s destinations before traveling to other countries! As a true nationalist myself, and I enjoy telling other people about my country’s beauty, culture and traditions, as much as I like to learn about other countries. My country Suriname is known for being earth’s greenest treasure with a diversity of traditions, cultures and beliefs, where we harmoniously and happily live together. It is something that I am extremely proud of and always share with people when traveling, while always carrying my beautiful country flag with me from Suriname, with love Photo by Nirzar Pangarkar There are many ways to love your country. You don’t need to be a nationalist or display any heroic act to prove it. Aside from this, loving your own country does not mean that you have to hate other nations or political parties. In fact, you can do this while showing respect and appreciation to other lands in all parts of the world. Check out these 15 patriotic ways on how to love your country even more: 1. Understand the meaning of being patriotic. What does it mean to be patriotic? Well, it is knowing and recognizing your country’s history, contributions, and achievements. Being inspired by your love for your country is evident to others. Also, you have the willingness to sacrifice for it. Patriotism should be celebrated daily, not just annually or during special holidays. You can display this by being a good citizen of your country. 2. Wear something that represents your country. Show how you love your country by wearing accessories or clothing that embodies it. You may wear a shirt with an image of your country’s flag and other historical figures on it. By doing this, you declare how proud you are of your land. 3. Love your fellow citizens. How can you say you love your country if you don’t even know how to love your fellow citizens? Without a doubt, one of the manifestations of your devotion is loving the people in your country. You can display this by treating everyone with respect. Be a good Samaritan to those whom you don’t even know. Play fair and be good to your neighbors. 4. Respect your government and those in the authorities. Honor the leaders of your country. Respect their authority over you because they act as public servants. Despite their flaws and failures, we need to remember that they are still human beings who deserve high regard. Additionally, your support for their programs and projects can contribute to the betterment of the entire nation. As a local citizen, you can criticize and rebuke them with love if they are no longer efficient in their work. Praying for them if you are religious would also help. 5. Be a law-abiding citizen and follow your country’s protocols. 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It was said they held the secret to their lucrative export so dearly that anyone revealing the production secrets was sentenced to death.[17] One Egyptian legend says King Surid had a dream where the flat earth flipped upside down, and because of that, he inserted riches inside the pyramids and sealed them.[18] Since some of the pyramids are yet undiscovered, this may yet be true. The American Indian legends related to "Devil's Tower" say a great god pushed rock and earth upward and upward to save young boys from a great bear, one who scratched and clawed to get them.[19] Given that "Devil's Tower" was formed by a geological process called intrusion, the legend is actually somewhat correct. 4. Focus on current events. Learn about what your country is currently doing that brings great honor to your nation. See if they are the leader in a specific industry, export, or sport. Examine how much they help others in need or align with organizations attempting to make the world a better place. On May 23, 2016, India became just the third nation in the world to launch a space shuttle, potentially cutting other nations' costs by ten-fold.[20] The Syrian refugee crisis of 2016 has affected numerous countries. The experience has been debated far and wide, but learning about why your country has or hasn't helped is a potentially debatable moral issue of our time.[21] Advertisement Add New Question Question How do I express my love through nationalistic songs? Learn the lyrics and the history behind them. You'll be surprised at the meaning behind the lyrics, and you'll swell with pride when singing. Question How can patriotism enhance growth in a nation? When patriotism is heartfelt, it's possible for a person, or group of people, to overcome great odds. This type of action is often seen during wartime. 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What does it mean to be patriotic? Well, it is knowing and recognizing your country's history, contributions, and achievements. Being inspired by your love for your country is evident to others. Also, you have the willingness to sacrifice for it. Patriotism should be celebrated daily, not just annually or during special holidays. You can display this by being a good citizen of your country. 2. Wear something that represents your country. Show how you love your country by wearing accessories or clothing that embodies it. You may wear a shirt with an image of your country's flag and other historical figures on it. By doing this, you declare how proud you are of your land. 3. Love your fellow citizens. How can you say you love your country if you don't even know how to love your fellow citizens? Without a doubt, one of the manifestations of your devotion is loving the people in your country. You can display this by treating everyone with respect. Be a good Samaritan to those whom you don't even know. Play fair and be good to your neighbors. 4. Respect your government and those in the authorities. Honor the leaders of your country. Respect their authority over you because they act as public servants. Despite their flaws and failures, we need to remember that they are still human beings who deserve high regard. Additionally, your support for their programs and projects can contribute to the betterment of the entire nation. As a local citizen, you can criticize and rebuke them with love if they are no longer efficient in their work. Praying for them if you are religious would

