

Patriotism is Supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.

I - Introduction  
Thesis statement. It is imperative that one must support one's country in every situation but blind support to governments, who are in power can lead to despotism and rulelessness.

II - Why one must support country all the time

- a - Country is the linchpin of our existence.
- b - It protect our sovereignty and right
- c - It reinforces our values and tradition
- d - It act as a barrier against any aggression -  
A case of India's belligerent attack on Pakistan.

e - It ensures and protect civic responsibilities

f - It ensure socio-economic development in all parts.

g - It protect citizen from the dangers of Instability and divisions.

h - It creates soft image globally and give representation.

III - Supporting the <sup>government</sup> only when it deserves it.

a - The role of accountability in society.

b - Support based on values not emotions

c - Blind devotion to governments lead to instability — A case of Nazi government.

d - To keep check and balance of government power.

e - To ensure constructive criticism remains as a form of patriotism.

IV - conclusion

In the movie, V for Vendetta, V, famously said, "Governments should be afraid of the people, not that people should be afraid of governments." This dialogue shows that blind support and devotion to governments install fear in the hearts and minds of people. However, it is imperative that one must love one's country in every situation, but blind support to government, who are in power, can lead to

despotism rulelessness. Meanwhile, support to ~~government~~ <sup>country</sup> tantamount to support to one's existence. As country are reflection of our struggle, ethos, values and future aspirations. Moreover, it draws the line of sovereignty, self-defence and protection from foreign aggression. Similarly, countries divide, share and protect civic responsibilities, among all people. And above all it creates unity and discourages instability and division. However, the line between supporting one's country and government is blurry. This is because to many it sounds same but it is not. Like governments are manifestation of political parties in power which are temporary. But countries are

permanent and manifest people. Similarly, limited and necessary government support ensures accountability and keep the check and balance system intact. Hence, under these circumstances one must ensure full support to one's country but must remain mindful of one's support to government's in power.