

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves

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Make a comprehensive outline.

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Work on articulation

Avoid grammatical mistakes

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Patriotism is one's love, devotion, and attachment towards his country. It is a natural feeling. It is inculcated deep within the subconsciousness. Patriotism requires an individual to support his country. In order to support the country, it is essential to support the government. However blind support to the government is not patriotism. Unconditional support to the government can be harmful. It can lead to authoritarianism. For a patriot national interest is of prime importance. Sometimes government does not act according to nationalism. It can cause harm to the country. Patriotism is supporting the government as long as it works for the benefit of the country. Absolute power to the government in the name of patriotism can result in the suppression of liberty. A true patriot always holds the government accountable. The feeling of patriotism, when nurtured properly can produce responsible citizens instead of blind supporters of the government. The government can also derive its strength

from patriotism. The feeling of patriotism cause the citizens to uphold government laws and policies, pay heavy taxes, and engage in voluntary services on behalf of the government. However, the government cannot demand absolute support because it is only for the country.

Patriotism and nationalism are the two faces of the same coin. Nationalism derives its existence from patriotism. Patriotism is the root while nationalism is its branches. Patriotism is used as a positive connotation. On the other hand, nationalism is considered a negative connotation. Patriotism leads to devotion and attachment to one's country. On the contrary, nationalism instills a feeling of superiority. It leads to the claim that one's country or nation is superior than other countries or nations. Nationalism is also considered as a distorted form of patriotism. While, Patriotism is naturally instilled in our sub-conscious, nationalism is taught by government and educational institutes. Patriotism supports the country, while nationalism supports the government.

Patriotism evolved through the ages from blind support of the government to becoming responsible citizens of the country. In medieval era, despotic form of government prevailed. Monarch holds the supreme power. He was considered the government and the state. Patriotism was limited to the loyalty and support of the monarch. All the patriotic acts were done in his name. With the passage of time, the despotic form of government was replaced by the democratic form of government. It provided a distinction between the state and the government. However, during those times patriotism was still confined to the support of government. The people of Germany supported the government of Adolf Hitler, although his acts were damaging the country. Similarly, the people of USSR supported their government in war which resulted in the disintegration of USSR. From these events people learned a valuable lesson. Blind support to the government is not patriotism. Being a responsible citizen and holding government accountable is considered as patriotism.

~~Patriotism is supporting your country, not the government.~~  
There are 3 primary reasons for that. The first reason is that governments may change while a country does not change. It remains forever. Governments have fixed tenure. After their tenure the government is dissolved. Support to the government is given due to the leaders who run the government. Many political philosophers including Locke and Rousseau have conclusively differentiated between a state and a government. State is absolute. On the other hand government is merely a tool to uphold the writ of the state. Therefore, a good patriot upholds the policies of the government and not the personalities who run the government.

The second reason for supporting the country and not the government is because a government may become corrupt. Government is run by individuals. Power often have a corrupting influence on individuals. If a government is corrupt it will work for its own interest at the cost of national

interest. Patriotism is supporting the country. For a patriot national interest of the country is above all. If a corrupt government is given all the support in the name of Patriotism, then the country cannot flourish. The Germans and the Russians had given their full support to the government in the name of Patriotism. It resulted in the decline of their country.

A ~~GOVERNMENT~~ is the highest authority in the state. Its purpose is to uphold the laws of the state. It can pass any law, devise any policy, and perform any action on behalf of the country. However, certain times government may pass a law or devise any policy which is tyrannical in nature. It can harm the citizens.

Under such a condition, support to the government is not patriotism.

If the government starts harming the citizens, then the people have a right to rebel against the government. The feeling of patriotism gives birth to responsible citizens.

These citizens critically view all the actions and policies of the government. They hold the government

accountable. They give full support to the government only when it deserves.

Unconditional support to the government comes with many harms. First of all it can promote authoritarianism. It could suppress the right of speech and expression. Government may pass tyrannical laws and execute them in a tyrannical manner. Lack of accountability shall become norm of the day. Unconditional support to the government may lead to the suppression of opposition. An authoritarian form of government demands absolute loyalty from its subjects in all matters, even if its acts are against the interest of the country.

The second harmful effect of unconditional support to the government is that it can lead to the suppression of liberty of its citizens. Freedom is a basic human right from which the citizens are deprived. If the government is given unconditional support, it may act in its own sectional interest. It would also lead to the ~~collapse~~ of an hegemony.

institute at the cost of other institutions. Despotic tendencies may arise with a strict control over media. Unconditional support to the government is only favoured by those who are within the government.

The third harmful effect of unconditional support to the government is that it can damage the national interest of the country. It can lead to the deterioration of process of accountability. A government which is not accountable to its own people is despotic in nature. It would flame the fire of rebellion. National interest of the country would be put aside and individual interest shall dominate it. Such a condition could weaken the country. A true patriot is a responsible citizen. He is aware of the fact that unconditional support is only for the country.

Patriotism is the unconditional support to the country. However, it can also strengthen the government. The feeling of patriotism promotes

constructive criticism. Government is held accountable. The policies of the government are viewed critically by its citizens. Freedom of speech and expression allows the citizens to participate in policy making process. By constructive criticism, the government can improve itself and adopt policies according to the need of time.

The feeling of patriotism also promotes civic engagement and voluntary services. The feeling of patriotism inculcated in the sub-conscious of the people allow them to pay heavy taxes, work honestly, and live peacefully in the country. It also allows them to participate in a number of voluntary services. A number of organizations including Edhi and Chippa are participating in voluntary services due to their passion to serve the country. Feeling of patriotism compels the citizens to put their country on the path to success. People obey the government when they realize that it is working for the benefit of the country.

The feeling of patriotism compells the people to obey government laws and uphold its policies. Support to the government is manifested in simple actions such as stopping when the traffic signal is red, following public service message, and taking minor steps for the preservation of environment. Patriotism to the country allows people to trust their institutes. The due process of the law is followed. It automatically leads to strengthening the government.

Patriotism is a strong emotion. It is necessary to balance it between the country and the government. In order to balance this feeling, firstly we have to uphold government policies and not the people who run the government. A state is absolute. Government is the machinery to run the state. Smooth working of the government depends upon its citizens. Often time we support the personalities who run the government without

if their policies are beneficial or harmful for the country. It eventually leads to unconditional and blind support to the government. Patriotism is the unconditional support to the country not the government.

Unconditional support to the country promotes national unity. On the other hand, unconditional support to the government leads to political division. Patriotism is against the actions that lead to political division. It allows constructive criticism to the government's policies. It negates any action that can harm the national unity be it of economic, social, or political in nature.

Patriotism is the support to country all the time. In order to support the country strong institutions play a vital role. They can also impose checks and balances on the governmental authority. Strong institutions shall allow for

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efficient Separation of powers.

Powers would not be accumulated in the hands of a few individuals. Strengthening the institutions would also lead to fair process of accountability.

It is important for a Patriot to support both his country and his government.

However, between the two the country holds more importance.

Government may change. It may collapse or it may act in

tyrannical manner. The country on the other hand is absolute.

It is always present. The citizens derive their existence from their

country. Therefore, Patriotism is supporting your country all the

time and your government when it deserves.