

Why I Am an American Patriot

One day, I asked my mom why she had so many address labels from the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Her calendars also came from the same organization. Her reply was that those labels and calendars were gifts from the organization as a loyal contributor to their cause for so many years. When I asked why she gives to this particular organization, my mom explains that this was her way of serving our country as a citizen, by helping the veterans who are in need. Being patriotic or loyal to our country is one of those values I have learned from my family as I was growing up.

My ancestors did not come from the Mayflower generation, but my heritage is a mixture of different cultures from the Philippines, China, and South America. Living in a democratic country is very valuable to me because I consider freedom priceless. My grandmother experienced the horrors of the Japanese War in the Philippines. She was always grateful to the United States of America for liberating her country. My grandfather grew up in a life of persecution under the communist regime of China. He knew how it was to be a citizen with no rights in your own country. I am grateful also to this country because I would not exist today if my grandparents did not make it during those times.

Learning the history of the United States of America since grade school has taught me a very important lesson. It taught me the value of democracy. The fact that so many people died for the worthy cause of freedom will always be impressed upon me. (1) “That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain alienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

It is for these reasons that I will always remain patriotic to my country. It allows me to live anywhere as a citizen with basic human rights. As a citizen, I have the freedom and liberty to choose the career I want to help me flourish. I also enjoy the freedom to practice my own religion. This country gives me a chance to pursue happiness by protecting me and upholding my rights. Despite some of the problems the country is going through right now, it is still a worthy place to live,...a place worth dying for.

(1)“Declaration of Independence.” – National Archives

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