

“A Good American to All”

What makes a good American? Growing up in a restaurant run by my immigrant parents, I can definitely attest to the fact that America is home to much diversity. America, in its own way, is very similar to a restaurant. A restaurant depends on its customers, similar to how America relies on its citizens. The American restaurant was established by the Founding Fathers in 1776 and served our country its first taste of independence, freedom, righteousness, and democracy. The wafting aroma of opportunity, sensed by every citizen, makes other nations pale in comparison. A good American recognizes their influence in the restaurant of America, and we must do our part to improve this restaurant and sustain it for the future.

A good, patriotic, and true American is defined by their attributes and deeds, not by their appearance. They are defined by their courage, strength, and perseverance. They must be prolific in their work and steadfast in their purpose. An exemplary American acknowledges that these qualities aren't inherited; they are inculcated and improved upon within our society. Their morals, values, and goals must revolve around the indispensable foundation of freedom and tenacity that this country was built upon; the same foundation that ties all Americans together. This foundation transforms an American from one miniscule citizen to an expansive and developed nation. The foundation allows the restaurant of America to provide every citizen with their essential role in our democracy.

Ideal Americans can be identified by their contribution to our country, no matter their background, situation, or history. A phenomenal American citizen is not concerned with appearance. For example, figures such as Neil Armstrong, George Washington, and Susan B. Anthony are considered good Americans. This is not because they look a certain way; it's because they have served our people a positive and impactful change in history. The army veteran that lives next door or the lady organizing a nonprofit charity for cancer awareness are also examples of good Americans. They have contributed new recipes to America and help the restaurant of America enhance its practices and standards. Remarkable Americans exhale loyalty, great citizenship, and acceptance with every inhale. In the United States, you and many others can be fantastic American citizens during this time by trying to improve America. By making contributions to refine America, anybody in the U.S. can be a good American citizen.

