

“How can I be a good American?”

This question has been asked for centuries, and for good reason. Is it not in human nature to feel the want or need to actively support or condone what they feel is something they truly love? People have discovered that a nation, in order to succeed in what is necessary, needs strong people and patriots who are willing to do what they can in order to make their country the best it can be as well. Such people have grown accustomed to a variety of methods to support their country; including, but not limited to, three methods in general: representation, respect, and pride.

In order to create a positive general opinion or view on something, proper representation is paramount. Your actions while supporting and promoting the United States go to show that your nation is the best of the best, composed of only the most elite of patriots such as yourself. Respect everyone and treat everyone fairly; be the best person you can be. What you do is reflected onto the rest of your country.

To assist something is to believe in it, and that is where you must respect your country. After all, what is the point in helping something if you do not condone and support it? Stand for your flag and be ready to defend its honor if you must; never treat your country, its benefits, and its truest foundations poorly. Respect your country, and it will offer back more respect than you could ever imagine.

Finally, you must show pride in your country. Be proud that you have a wonderful country to call home, and be proud of all that you have here! Be proud that you have freedoms like that of no other country, and be proud that we are truly a glorious example of the first free nation to step foot on this earth. Be proud to wear clothing that represents this country, or to represent this nation at all. When you see this land and its success, you must be proud of it.

As an American, you should feel privileged to be in this wonderful nation. There are many good ways to be a good American, and that can be evident. But, at its core, the truest ways to be a good American are representation, respect, and pride.

