

Democracy in America - Rights, Responsibilities and a Call to Unity

Primary Virtues / Character Traits

Citizenship: the duties, rights, and privileges corresponding to a person being citizen of a state or nation; the desire to make his state / country a better place

Duty: something that one is expected or required to do according to one's own standards, moral or legal obligation, especially as it relates to one's status as a citizen and / or member of various communities.

Respect for Others: showing full appreciation of the worth and dignity of others; living by "the golden rule": do unto others as you would want done unto you

Tolerance: realizing and appreciating that everyone has a right to different beliefs and opinions—as long as those beliefs and opinions do not cause harm to others.

Secondary Virtues / Character Traits

Fairness: playing by the rules; taking turns and sharing, being open-minded and listening to others; not taking advantage of others; not blaming others carelessly

Generosity: giving freely of our own possessions, time and/or talent.

Solidarity: unity from a shared common purpose and / or interest; active loyalty within a group; mutual support within a group; being present with others