

What Do Good Citizens Do?

People have varying ideas about what good citizens do. Listed below are actions that some people cite as exemplary civic engagement. Read the entire list. Choose the five that most represent the actions of a good citizen and put a plus sign (+) in front of them. Choose the five that least represent the actions of a good citizen and put a minus sign (-) in front of them.

Rating: + or -	Practice/Activity
	1. To stay informed about political issues via newspapers, TV, etc.
	2. To vote in elections.
	3. To obey the law.
	4. To speak out on issues important to you.
	5. To participate in peaceful protest of injustice.
	6. To complete a year of national service, military or civilian.
	7. To pay your fair share of taxes.
	8. To discuss political and social issues with others.
	9. To volunteer time or give money to charity.
	10. To sign a petition regarding a local political issue.
	11. To respect the rights of others.
	12. To serve on a jury.
	13. To write letters to the editor or your government representatives.
	14. To campaign for candidates you support.
	15. To work to solve root causes of major social problems.
	16. To buy vehicles that do the least harm to the environment.
	17. To learn about other cultures.
	18. To work hard at your job.
	19. To call the police if you suspect a crime has been committed.
	20. To know your country's history.