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Module 4

1. What is patriotism?

a) Read the text below & say what you think about the basic patriotic terms.



Ask most American adults today whether they are patriotic, and the answer is a heartfelt yes, regardless of politics.

In fact, 94.5% of Americans think of themselves as at least somewhat patriotic, and 72.2% say they are either very or extremely patriotic, according to a new USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll of 1,009 adults. Only 5% of those polled said they were "not especially patriotic."

But exactly what is patriotism?

In a general way, patriotism means love of country — love of one's country, one's homeland — a very simple emotional attachment to the place where you're from," says Jack Citrin, professor of political science at the University of California at Berkeley.

"After that, agreement tends to dissolve."

Some people religiously salute the flag; some wrap themselves in the flag — literally. Others burn it and say patriotism is about protest.

"There are various ways people love the country, just as there are various ways people love their spouses or love their friends," says Thomas Cushman, a professor of sociology at Wellesley College.

Patriotism is so complex that academicians have loosely broken it down into categories, although they don't all agree on the labels:

- Devout patriotism. Unconditional loyalty to country. Also called blind patriotism because adherents will support the country no matter what, espousing the ideology, "My country; right or wrong."

- Symbolic patriotism. Attachment to symbols and rituals, such as the flag and patriotic songs.

- Constructive or critical patriotism. Belief that the best way to love one's country is with constructive criticism of the government.

Increasingly these days, disagreement leads to arguments and accusations of others being unpatriotic.

Patriotism "is something that almost everyone thinks is good," says Nolan McCarty, professor of politics and public affairs at Princeton. "So if you can attach your idea to something that is good — Mom, apple pie, patriotism — that's a particularly effective way of selling the idea.

Patriotism raises questions of the sort philosophers characteristically discuss: How is patriotism to be defined? How is it related to similar attitudes, such as