

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is a feeling of love, devotion and attachment to one's country. This attachment can be a combination of many feelings, languages, related to one's homeland, including ethnic, cultural, political or historical aspects. It encompasses a set of ideas closely related to nationalism, mostly civic nationalism and sometimes cultural nationalism.

Some manifestations of patriotism emphasize the "land" element in love for one's native land and use the symbolism of agriculture and the soil.

Culture is often an integral aspect of patriotism. Many patriotic people

take pride in sharing a distinct, common culture, believing it to be central to their national identity and unity. Many are dedicated to preserving their traditional culture and encourage cultural assimilation. However, some more civic forms of patriotism de-emphasize ethnic culture in favor of a shared political culture.

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