



The Role of Citizens



Key Terms

- Citizenship – The status of a person recognized under the custom or law as being a legal member of a sovereign state.
- Rights – Things that citizens and residents **are** legally able to do
- Responsibilities – Things that **should** be done, or obligations that we fulfill voluntarily
- Duties – Things that are **required** to be done



Civic Duties: Obey the Law

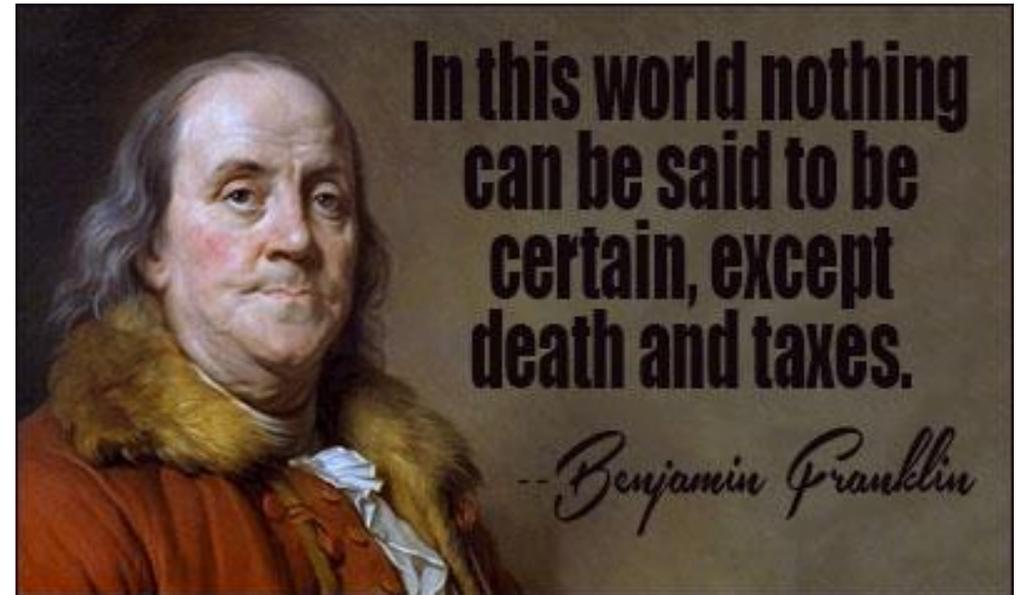
- It is the duty of every citizen to know and follow the law
 - Laws apply to all citizens, residents, and visitors to the country
 - For the safety of citizens
 - Prevent accidents
 - Promotes order
 - Allow for business to be conducted fairly
 - Fair use of resources





Civic Duties: Pay Taxes

- It is required of all citizens and residents to pay taxes
- Taxes used for civic good
 - Provides protection
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Hospitals
 - Maintain armed forces
 - Provides services
 - Roads
 - Schools
 - Administration





Civic Duties: Defend the Nation

- In times of need the country can instate the draft that mandates military service
 - Military service is normally voluntary
 - Draft only used in times of need
 - All men aged 18-25 must register for the draft





Civic Duties: Serve in Court

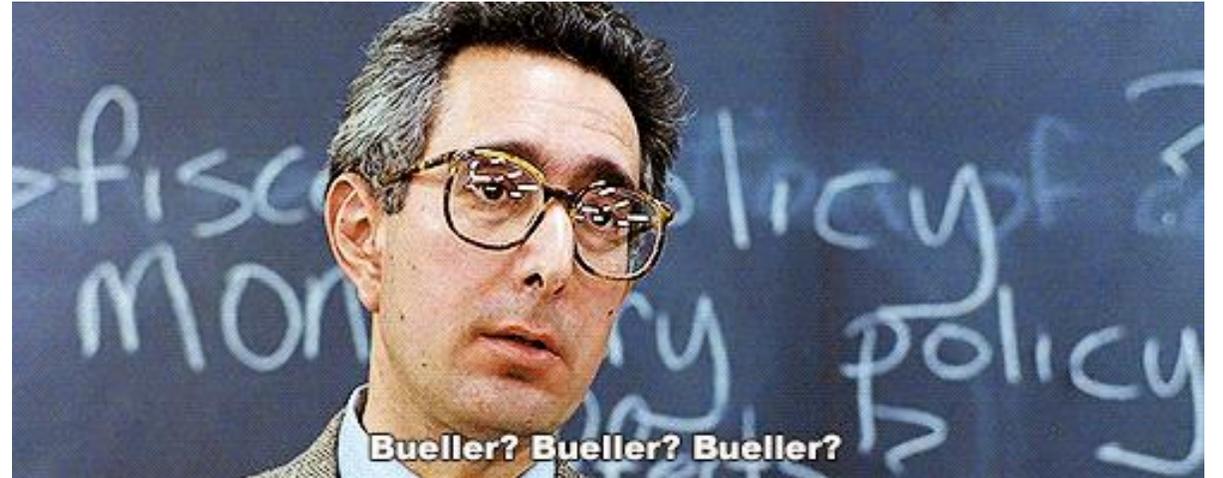
- In order to provide a fair, and impartial, trial for criminal cases it is necessary to convene a jury of peers
 - Required service for jury duty if called upon
 - Act as a witness or provide testimony if required





Civic Duties: Attend School

- Attending school is mandatory until age of 16. Parents can remove student at 16, student can remove self at 18
 - Exceptions for Home School
 - Criminal implications for truancy
 - Fines, juvenile detention, criminal neglect





Civic Responsibilities: Be Informed

- Know what your government is doing and voice your opposition or approval
 - Use reputable news sources to know what is going on
 - Know politician's stance on issues to help make decisions on who to vote for

NEWS



Chinese Guy Still Insisting It Was Him In Front Of That Tank

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Denny's Introduces 'Just A Humongous Bucket Of Eggs And Meat'

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Date With Proctologist Ends Predictably

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STATshot

A look at the numbers that shape your world.

How Did We Celebrate MLK Day?

- 36% Let freedom ring in lieu of alarm clock
- 21% Re-waterproofed deck
- 16% Drove down Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- 11% Realized that *Card Sharks* was a pretty good game show
- 9% Wondered why bank was closed on a Monday
- 7% Gestured empty



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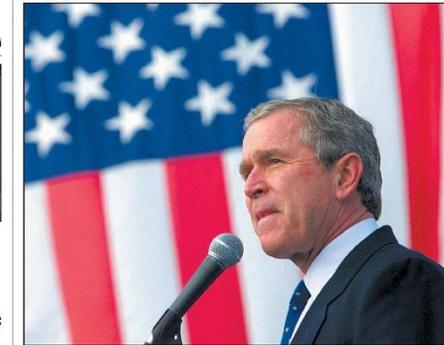
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Bush: 'Our Long National Nightmare Of Peace And Prosperity Is Finally Over'



Above: President-elect Bush vows that "together, we can put the triumphs of the recent past behind us."

WASHINGTON, DC—Mere days from assuming the presidency and closing the door on eight years of Bill Clinton, president-elect George W. Bush assured the nation in a televised address Tuesday that "our long national nightmare of peace and prosperity is finally over."
"My fellow Americans," Bush said, "at long last, we have reached the end of the dark period in American history that will come to be known as the Clinton Era, eight long years characterized by unprecedented economic expansion, a sharp decrease in crime, and sustained peace"

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Corpse-Reanimation Technology Still 10 Years Off, Say MIT Mad Scientists

CAMBRIDGE, MA—Dead-tissue reanimation, projected in the 1980s to be standard medical practice by 2001, won't be possible for at least another decade, scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Mad Science Research Center announced Monday.

"They laughed when we said we would rekindle the divine spark of life in flesh grown cold and lifeless," said MIT mad scientist Dr. Otto Von Verruchtheit, the nation's leading corpse-reanimation expert, speaking from the castle that houses the MSRC's state-of-the-art corpse-reanimation laboratory. "Oh, how they laughed! They said we were mad to attempt such an unlikely ambition by the century's end. Fools! Fools, all of them! However, in this case, they were actually right."

Von Verruchtheit then raised his arms to the heavens, attempting to summon a lightning bolt and thunder crash to punctuate



Mad Science & Technology

Rural Nebraskan Not Sure He Could Handle Frantic Pace Of Omaha

NORTH PLATTE, NE—Lifelong North Platte resident Fred Linder, 46, revealed Monday that he doesn't think he could cope with the fast-paced lustle and bustle of Omaha, the Cornhusker State's largest city.

"Oh, sure, I bet it'd be exciting at first, going to see 9 p.m. showings of movies, shopping at those big department stores, and maybe even eating at one of those fancy restaurants that doesn't use iceberg lettuce in their salads," Linder said. "But I just don't think I could put up with all that hub-bub for more than a day or two."

Added Linder: "And parking's a nightmare there."
Linder expressed doubts about Omaha's "hectic pace" while having dinner at the home of Pastor Bob Ugan, the long-



Above: North Platte resident Fred Linder, time spiritual leader of North Platte's Holy Christ Almighty Church.
"I'd just returned from a 'Prayer & Share' fellowship conference in Omaha, and I mentioned to Fred how much

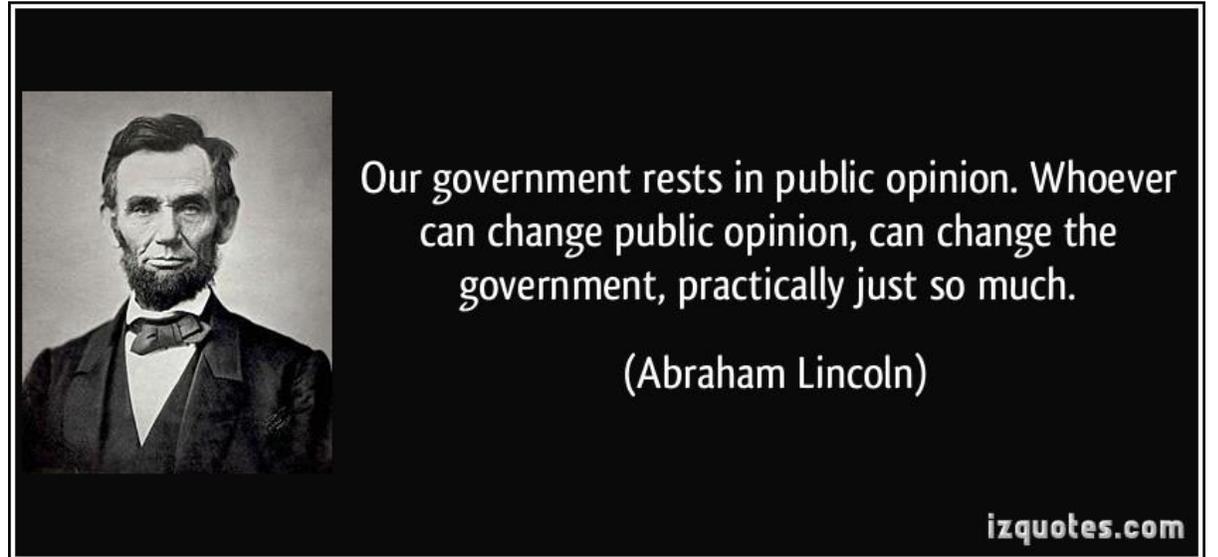
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Civic Responsibilities: Voice Your Opinion

- Let your elected officials know your stance on issues, and be politically active
 - Petition
 - Protest
 - Write Letters
 - Join a political party
 - Call representatives
 - Contribute to interest groups
 - VOTE!





Civic Responsibility: Respect

- Respect others' Rights
 - You are entitled to your rights as long as they do not infringe on the rights of others.
- Respect Diversity
 - Respect the fact that in a democracy not everyone will have the same opinions. Listen to and respect others, and their opinions

The Golden Rule:

*Treat others the way
You want to be treated.*



Civic Responsibilities: Contribute

- Contribute your time, effort, and money to improving your government and community
 - Volunteer
 - Mentor
 - Teach/Inform
 - Run for public office
 - Sponsorship
 - Contribute to a charity





Civic Rights

- All citizens are offered the protections of the constitution
 - Freedom of Expression
 - Freedom of Religion
 - Right to a fair trial
 - Right to vote in elections
 - Right to apply for federal employment
 - Right to run for public office
 - Freedom of “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”



Politics ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free people and who would preserve what is good and fruitful in our national heritage.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower —

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