

A Different Patriotism

I hate my country, that is what makes me a patriot.



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I've been wondering what substantiates a patriot, what patriotism is.

The quality of being **patriotic**; devotion to and vigorous support for one's country.

-Oxford Dictionary.

Well, clearly loving your country is being patriotic.

Then I am no patriot.

But that can't be right. I sing [Dixieland](#) and [Johnny Cash](#) while working, I shed a tear when I heard a 97 year old world war two veteran play the [Star Spangled Banner on his harmonica](#).

I revere [Ulysses S Grant](#), [Andrew Jackson](#), the [battle](#) and [folk stories](#) of America. [The literary](#) and [physical works](#) of art which Americans, and by proxy, America, has produced. The type of reverence that you and I have for America is not what most people think when they hear patriotism, that's not how Oxford defines it either. That is a patriotism of flag waving, cheering, and governmental support with little thought put behind it.

This has been the dominant form of Patriotism in America. The war supporting, Americanism of shallow thoughts over freedom, liberty, and justice for all. No understanding of the civilization pretext to any of these ideas. No idea of the people who fought and spilt blood for those ideas. Entirely forgetting the past because they're too focused on the now. Caught up in the pro-America propaganda. That is at least, for

those who claim to be patriots, those who don't have been caught up in a different type of propaganda, but that's now important right now.

So what makes my Patriotism different?(and better) Well, it has to do with the why.

I am patriotic and celebrate America because of what it was and might be again one day far from now. Our faith, language, culture, traditions, race, works of art. In short our blood and soil is what produced America the America that is no longer here, yet I celebrate nonetheless.

Despite the changing face of America, these things which were here lead me to celebrate an America that was, and in most places, no longer is.

I am not under any illusion like so many people(boomers) seem to be, those who are patriotic for what America currently *IS* do not understand America and are blinded by a past that no longer is.

I hold onto my patriotism because there is very little now that can be done to recapture what was.

We can try to create our own tradition, art, and culture, but that will be crushed beneath the weight of the ghey America.

The ghey America which spies on TV cable hosts, arrests innocent citizens, puts gay and black pride flags up at our embassies, the ghey America which celebrates black independence day, lies to us, and forces us into death.

I hate my country, that is what makes me a patriot. America is dead, long live America.



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