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What does it mean to be an American?

**Introduction**

There is a total of 195 countries in this world; every country has its own culture and values. These countries are represented by different means or values that they own and like to carry with themselves. Different nations are ranked at different positions ion the world according to their economic growth, defense patterns, political strategies, and many other factors. One of the top-ranking countries according to these factors is the United States of America. The United States of America or the USA holds a strong political and economic position among all the countries of the world and stands a prominent position among different rankings of the world. Currently, the United States of America resides more than 327.3 million people and I am one of them. I am one of the proud citizens of the United States of America and proud to be called an “American”.

**Discussion**

“Being American” holds different meanings to different people. For me, being an American citizen and being called an American is a great moment, a great moment of pride, in fact, I feel very patriotic whenever someone says that I am a part of the great nation which is called United States of America (Bakalian). There are multiple reasons behind this feeling of pride.

The first and foremost reason is freedom. “Being American” to me means freedom; the definition of freedom in this context holds almost every kind of freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of opinion, freedom of expression, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom to work and education and many many more. We Americans are allowed to have an independent opinion and express it in any way until unless it does not hurt the sentiments of people from any specific class, religious group or nationality.

“Being American” also means the opportunity to get the education of whatever sort an American citizen wants. The government of the United States of America provides complete opportunities to its citizens to equip themselves with the latest education and contribute to being an educated nation. Moreover, “being American” also gives me the advantage to work anywhere and anytime according to my choice.

In addition to the various advantages and freedom we get, “Being American” also means to fulfil the responsibilities we have towards this great nation. Being a part of this great nation is not only about enjoying the freedom or the taking advantage of the opportunities that it is providing to its citizens but also parti8cipating in the process of making it great (Myrdal). It means that an American should work hard in order to take his or her country to the height of the skies. Moreover, the citizens of America should participate completely in the nation-building process by paying the taxes on time. These taxes will prove to be beneficial in building up the infrastructure, hospitals, schools and other important buildings that will facilitate the people of America and will also create a lot of ease for them.

**Conclusion**

Hence, in a nutshell, it can be concluded that the United States of America is a great nation and I am really proud to be a part of this nation. It feels outstanding and amazing to be called an American; the feeling cannot be described in words. The pride that I feel is being called an American or a “New Worlder” is a whole new feeling. This nationality has given me a number of rights and a lot of freedom. But this nationality also means responsibilities and far-sightedness. I vow to participate whole-heartedly in the progress and prosperity of my country and make it proud one day.

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