**Patriotism**

**When stupidity is considered patriotism, it is unsafe to be intelligent. *(Isaac Asimov)***

**The patriot's blood is the seed of freedom's tree. (*Thomas Campbell, poet)***

**There is one thing worse than the cant of patriotism, and that is the recant of patriotism*. (Lord John Russell, British politician)***

**Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate of people other than your own comes first. (*Charles de Gaulle, in The Washington Post)***

**February: The birth month of Washington and Lincoln, those great patriots whom the politicians find so handy to wish for and whom they would find so embarrassing to have around. *(Bill Vaughan, NANA)***

**The Fourth of July weekend was coming up, and the day-care instructor took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. “We live in a great country,” she said. “One of the things we should be happy for is that, in this country, we are all free.” One little boy came walking up to her from the back of the room. “I'm not free,” he said with his hands on his hips. “I'm four!” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Patriotism is not so much protecting the land of our fathers as preserving the land of our children. *(Jose Ortega y Gasset)***

**A real patriot is the fellow who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works. *(Bill Vaughan, journalist)***

**Patriotism: Your conviction that this country is superior to all others because you were born in it. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**My third-graders were studying a unit on patriotism. After a discussion about how France had given us the Statue of Liberty, I asked how many of them had seen the statue. Several children raised their hands. Anticipating a chance to be dramatic and to recite "Give me your tired, your poor . . ." I asked if anyone knew what was written on the base of the statue. There was silence. Then one youngster raised her hand and said, "Made in France?" *(Carol Machart, in Reader's Digest)***

**I venture to suggest that patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. *(Adlai E. Stevenson, American statesman)***

**Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, but your government only when it deserves it. *(Mark Twain)***

**Accusations of unpatriotism drenched in scorn are a means of stopping debates, not of starting them. *(J. William Fulbright, U.S. Senator)***

**On those occasions when your patriotism boils over like too much rice in a pot too small, you can quote Woodrow Wilson's line: “I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

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