

13 Inherent American Character Traits

Remember: • Actions speak louder than words • Behavior testifies to beliefs

Here is a checklist you can use to discover how many of the Inherent American Character Traits your behavior demonstrates. Share your observations with your friends. It can make interesting dinner conversations.

An American —

- Respects the Ten Commandments, plus the 11th "thou shall not lie", as the basic Tenets of any civilized and prosperous Nation. Ethics describes behavior that supports these 11 basic tenets.
- Treats family members, neighbors, friends and associates as they expect to be treated by them.
- Understands that earning and deserving respect for their personal character is a uniquely American concept.
- Realizes that their "Rights" stop where their neighbor's "Rights" begin. There is no "Right" to pursue their version of Happiness at the inconvenience or expense of their neighbors or fellow citizens.
- Regards the maintenance of their property, possessions, responsibilities and obligations as visible demonstrations of their character.
- Has read, understands and accepts the obligations, responsibilities and protections described in the foundation documents which built the only Nation on earth with a government "of the People, by the People, and for the People" — The United States of America.
- Supports, protects and defends their family's, their neighbors', their friends' and their associates' Right to "Life, Liberty and their pursuit of Happiness" as if they were their own — whenever and wherever necessary. (We are sometimes called Veterans.)
- Refuses to support, endorse or subscribe to any moral, political or legal philosophies, practices or perspectives that contradict the traditions, morality or Cultural Values of the USA as described in America's founding documents.
- Suspects that God respects those who help themselves, so only asks for assistance when there is a tangible family or community benefit.
- Accepts that each American has an obligation to become one of "The Fittest" in their chosen lifestyle, accepts "change" as a part of life's progression, and does not become a liability to their family, their neighbors, their community, or their Nation.
- Understands that "The Fittest" get to choose their Skill Sets, their employment and their Career Paths, while enjoying their own personal version of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" — while accepting the responsibilities of having and exercising — Free Will.
- Recognizes that the Rights to assembly, association, organization, cooperation, collaboration, and compromise are the keys to "equality" in all societies.
- Endorses, by word and deed, "Ask not what your Country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Country...to Build a better world for our children." JFK
- Bonus Question:* Have you, your parents, your grandparents or your children ever served on active duty as a member of the U.S. Military (or equivalent) for more than six months? (½ point for each generation)

Name: _____

Score ____ = How many did you Check?

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