

Civic Responsibility



**“Everybody can be
great...because
anybody can serve.”**

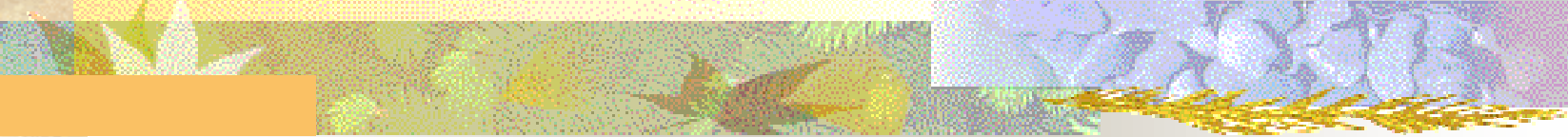


---Martin Luther King, Jr.



Goals of Service-Learning


- Enhance classroom learning
- Meet community needs
- Foster civic responsibility



....the theme of civic responsibility/civic participation/citizenship is the most frequently articulated intended student outcome on the National level....In contrast, college students, faculty, staff and administrators barely mentioned notions of citizenship in describing the outcomes service-learning projects.

---Marilyn Smith

*Community Service-Learning:
Striking the Chord of Citizenship
Michigan Journal of Community
Service-Learning, Fall 1994*



“One of the great tragedies of man’s long trek along the highway of history has been the limiting of neighborly concern to tribe, race, class, or nation.”

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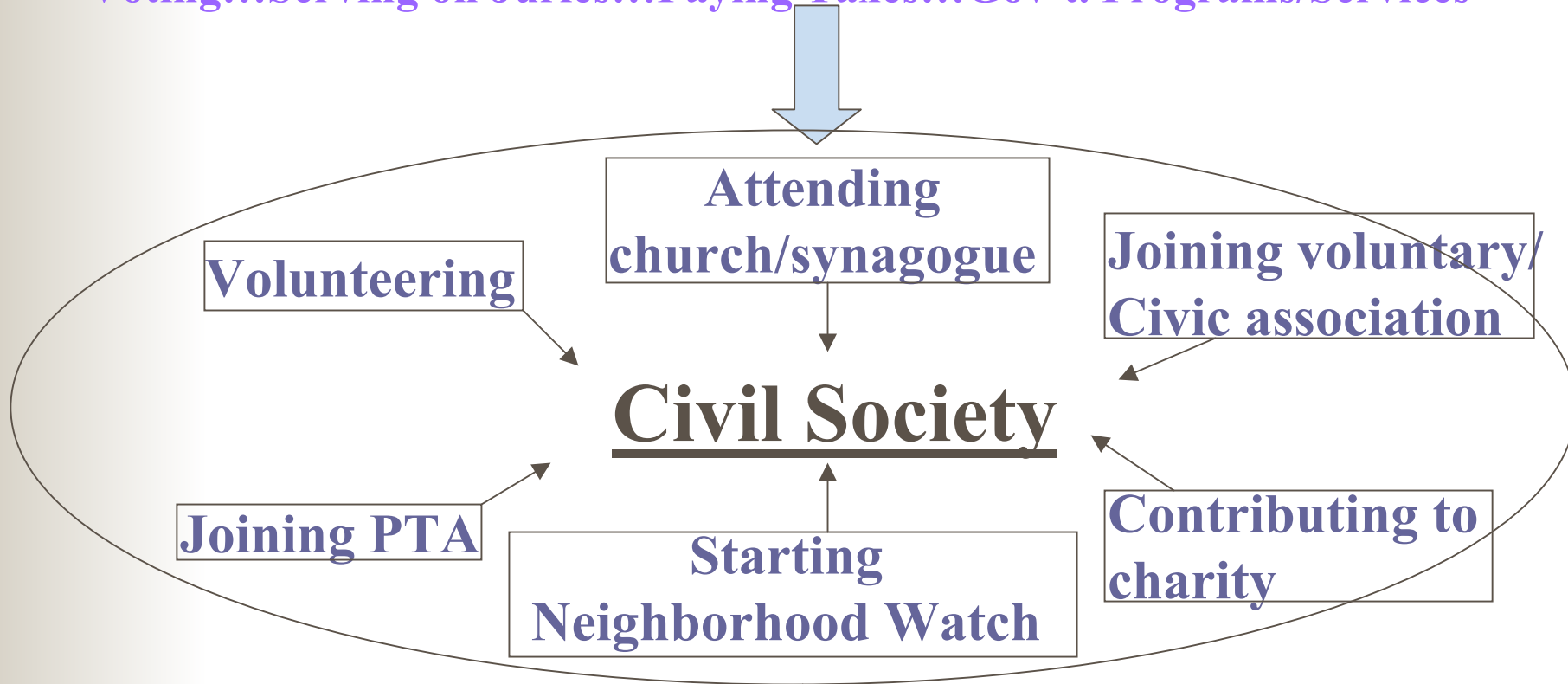
What Kind of Society Do We Want?

(From the Center for Civic Education)

- Human rights are respected
- Individual's dignity and worth are acknowledged
- Rule of law is observed
- People willingly fulfill their responsibilities
- Common good is the concern of all

GOVERNMENT

Voting...Serving on Juries...Paying Taxes...Gov't. Programs/Services



Attending
church/synagogue

Volunteering

Joining voluntary/
Civic association

Civil Society

Joining PTA

Starting
Neighborhood Watch

Contributing to
charity

PRIVATE/MARKET SECTOR

World of Work...Commerce...Shopping...Consuming



Democracy

- **Government by the people**
- **Rule of the majority**
- **Power vested in people and exercised by them through representation and elections**



Democratic Values

(Inherent in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights)

Justice

Freedom

Equality

Diversity

Authority

Privacy



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Due Process

Property

Participation

Truth

Patriotism

Human Rights



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Rule of Law

Tolerance

Mutual Assistance

Personal & Civic Responsibility

Self-restraint and Self-respect

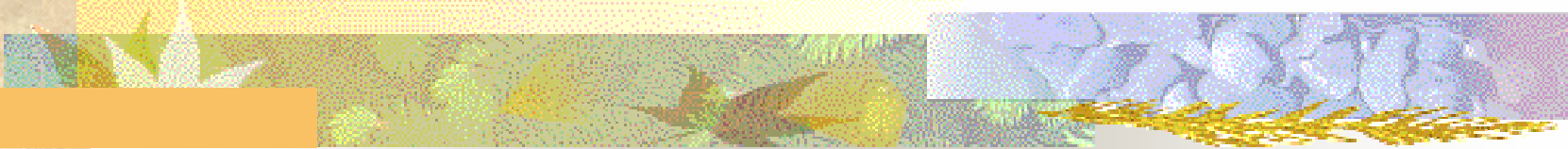
What makes an “effective citizen?”





Citizenship means being....

**A productive, responsible,
caring, and contributing
member of society.**



What makes an “effective citizen?”....

Think of someone you know who is an effective citizen. What is it about them that makes them an effective citizen?



Effective Citizens need:

- Skills
- Knowledge
- Attitudes
- Behaviors

Think of your “effective citizen” and list the characteristics he or she has in each area listed above.



Effective Citizenship

■ Skills:

- Act from respect for the common good
- Problem solving, decision making

■ Knowledge:

- Understand community needs and issues



Effective Citizenship

- **Attitudes:**

- **Positive approach to challenges**
- **Receptiveness to new ideas**

- **Behaviors**

- **Open communication, collaboration**
- **Active participation**



Citizenship

**“We are the ones we’ve been
waiting for.”**

---Benjamin Barber

We need citizens, not heroes

**What can I do to
be a better citizen?**





Building Civic Responsibility into Service-learning

- **Educate/inform program coordinators**
- **Educate/inform faculty**
- **Hold “Forums on Civic Responsibility”**
- **Partner with Project Citizen**
- **Classroom discussion**

**“It is not only for what we do
that we are held responsible, but
also for what we do not do.”**



---Moliere