

What Can I Do?

Ideas from ordinary citizens

Be informed

- Read newspapers. Watch TV news programs. Read news magazines.
- Ask family, friends and neighbors about community needs.
- Meet with public officials to find out what is happening and how you can help.
- Find out when your city council (or school board) meets and attend meetings to learn about issues in your community. Volunteer to serve on committees.
- Travel to SLC when the legislature is in session. Or go to the legislature's website, where you can listen to/watch proceedings & committee meetings. Discuss with your legislator.
- Read the Constitution and ask yourself: Am I abiding by these principles? Am I teaching these principles to others? Could I defend the Constitution? Can I recognize when a law is constitutionally unsound? Can I recognize a threat to the Constitution? Do I know why it is important to protect the Constitution?
- Read *The Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers* and other writings of the Founders.
- Find out who your neighborhood precinct chair is and go ask him/her what you can do.
- Teach Constitutional principles and history to our families.
- Subscribe to mailing lists of groups who share your views. They will inform you when a bill of interest to you is being considered at the legislature.

Be involved

- Find out who is running for local public office. Write questionnaires and invite candidates to respond. Distribute responses throughout your neighborhood.
- Use dinner to discuss news, TV news accounts, magazines, editorials, etc.
- Keep up with what's happening by reading at websites like utahpolicy.com.
- make telephone calls to encourage people to vote.
- Attend your neighborhood caucus. Run for a UCRP elected office in your precinct.
- Vote.
- Write an email to your representative about an issue that is important in your community.
- Serve on school board, city council, county commission, state legislatures, etc.
- Be vigilant in watching legislation and enforcement of laws. Use your influence to improve the laws by all legal means at your disposal.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
- Display the national flag.
- Take time on national holidays to recognize what is being honored.
- Teach your family about brave patriots who sacrificed to establish our nation.
- Personally express pride and love for our country.
- Discuss candidates and issues with your family. Attend local Government meetings. Write a letter as a family to an elected official regarding a matter of concern.
- Get involved in a political party.
- Get your family involved so that you don't have to be away from them when participating.
- Distribute information to neighbors about local issues. Circulate petitions.
- Participate in political campaigns. Distribute information to neighbors about the candidate of your choice.
- Don't stop at wringing hands and expressing dismay. There are so many ways to make a difference.

“What do we mean by patriotism in the context of our times? ... A patriotism which is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.” – Adlai Stevenson