

Citizen of the United States Scorecard

I have devised a simple scorecard to help all of us become better citizens. You can complete this second scorecard through an honest five minute self-assessment.

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<p>Be educated about the issues. John Kennedy once said that "only an educated and informed people will be a free people." 54 percent of Americans cannot name the three branches of Government. 67 percent of Americans cannot name their representative. Two of three Americans would not pass the U.S. Citizenship test.</p>	25	
<p>Vote. 34 percent of eligible voters did not vote in the 2020 Presidential election. 54 percent of voters did not vote in the 2022 mid-term elections.</p>	25	
<p>Respect and obey the laws. In our country no one is above the law.</p>	10	
<p>Pay taxes honestly. "I like to pay taxes. With them, I buy civilization." —Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.</p>	10	
<p>Respect differences. Value other people's views even if you disagree.</p>	10	
<p>Be healthy. The number one factor driving our national debt is health-care costs. We are the unhealthiest generation of Americans. Take personal responsibility for your health and that of your family.</p>	10	
<p>Be nice. Make Mister Rogers, the American icon for compassion and morality, proud by (a) being helpful to others, (b) being polite by saying "please" and "thank you," (c) being humble and caring more about others than you do about yourself.</p>	10	
TOTAL	100	