CITIZEN: THE MOST IMPORTANT TITLE IN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

TALK IT OUT

Before watching the video at the link below, the host of the conversation should introduce the video as one perspective on the role of citizens in a democracy. Before asking the sample dialogue questions below, participants should review the Group Norms for Dialogue document at crossroads.ua.edu to make sure everyone has the same expectations for the conversation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9IUkpxy1rs

- What are your associations with the term "citizen"?
- What traits, characteristics, or actions would you say make someone a "good" citizen?
- Who or what has shaped your understanding of the role of a citizen?
- Who will share a story about a time when you experienced democracy as a participant, rather than a spectator?
- What hesitations or fears do you have about becoming a more engaged citizen?
- After reviewing the stories about average citizens getting involved and creating positive change, what did you find interesting or inspiring?