

Difference between Nationalism and Patriotism is explained here in detail. The difference between nationalism and patriotism is that the patriot is proud of his country for what it does, and the nationalist is proud of his country no matter what it does. The difference between Nationalism vs Patriotism given here can help the UPSC Civil Service exam aspirants to understand the basics better and know their comparisons thoroughly.

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The differences between Nationalism and Patriotism are:

Nationalism	Patriotism
Nationalism involves National Identity	Patriotism involves social conditioning and personal opinions
Nationalism is little aggressive by nature	Patriotism is little passive by nature

In Nationalism people consider their nation as superior to other nations	In Patriotism, all nations are considered as equals.
Nationalism unites people against a foreign hostile nation, it unites people against a common enemy.	Patriotism unites people for the overall well being and prosperity of the nation.
In Nationalism the sentiments are more inclined towards sentiments and aggression towards other nations.	In Patriotism, the sentiments are more inclined towards the idea of peaceful coexistence between nations.
Under concept of Nationalism, people find it hard to accept criticism towards one's nation and considers it as humiliation or an insult	Under Patriotism, there is more tolerance towards criticism and tries to incorporate improvements and changes for the better.
Nationalism gives more emphasis on the heritage, culture and language of a Nation	Patriotism gives more emphasis on the values and beliefs of a nation.
Nationalism tries to find justifications for the mistakes done in the past.	Patriotism does not try to justify mistakes rather they try to understand the shortcomings and make improvements accordingly.

These are the main differences between Nationalism and Patriotism. The differences given in the above table can help the UPSC Civil Service Exam aspirants to answer any related questions easily in the exams.

After learning about the Nationalism and Patriotism difference, it is better to know the details of Political Science and International Relations syllabus, optional books and the strategies for UPSC Civil Service Exam. Visit the below-given links to learn about Causes of Indian National Movement, Moderate phase of Indian National Movement, Extremist Period of Indian National Movement in detail, along with other information. Also refer the links given below, for NCERT Notes on Modern Indian History, Medieval Indian History and Ancient Indian History. Also refer to the links of Sociology syllabus for UPSC Civil Service Exam and understand the differences between Political Science and Sociology.

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