

The Three Cornerstones of Democracy

The Three Cornerstones of Democracy are Civility, Civics, and Collaboration. These three cornerstones help shape the United States of America into a more inclusive, fair economy for everyone that lives in. Not only that, but it also introduces the possibility to change the world to become a better and more united nation.

The first of the Three Cornerstones is Civility. Civility is a formal, decorum, and courtesy in behavior or speech, though it may be also defined as having amiable or ethical qualities. Some examples of civility are treating people with respect, dignity, or politeness. This includes speaking in mannerly tones and properly listening to other people, even if you disagree. In my life, this affects me by treating others with respect, listen to what classmates say, and to be a more responsible person.

Similar to Civility, the second of the Three Cornerstones is Civics. Civics is the political science that focuses on the citizens in the government. Civics also includes the privileges and the obligations of the citizens. The importance of Civics is that people have the right to vote, freedom of speech, and standing up for what they believe in. Though I am not able to vote yet, it can affect me by reading about Civics, learn how to make an impact in the world, and know how to be an equal citizen.

Lastly, the third of the Three Cornerstones is Collaboration. Collaboration is the action of working with someone or a group of people to produce or create something. It includes working together to make the world a better place, joining organizations/clubs, or just being

an active participant in society. Collaboration mainly happens in school, volunteering, or even jobs. Collaboration is an important part of my life. I collaborate by helping my mom with volunteering, do retreats, and I can even do school projects.

All of the three cornerstones help me become a better, more responsible, and democratic to society.