



**"Civics 101" - Cycle 53 - Class #2 - October 5, 2023**

Music = Music: "Beautiful" by Christina Aguilera - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAfyFTzZDMM> - suggested by Talicia Traylor.

Book a Zoom with Tom -> [www.calendly.com/tom-tresser/30min](http://www.calendly.com/tom-tresser/30min)

Reflections on "Public" from Pay To Spray Case?

- Found informational. How is your community applying?
- He should have paid \$75.
- Jonathan - There should be a contingency plan to teach those who don't want to pay
- Khan - It should be on tax
- Anthony - Yes, I would have paid it cause he probably lives in between 2 counties
- Public = responsibility
- Jonathan - If they don't pay and they have to give you the service, they should be able to bill them more money so that everyone has the incentive to pay the \$75 - Just like if you get an ambulance ride and you don't have insurance.
- If you have a house, you have property - should have planned, put aside needed \$ to keep up home, etc.
- Community health/stability requires that everyone responsible for each other.
- Khan - Government is responsible
- Tom: But the government is us
- Anthony - Can't depend on the governments
- Tom - If we collectively want to provide services, must find a way to pay for them.
- If you need help, do you ask for help?
- Jonathan - I believe he should have paid but I also don't agree with them just watching. There should be shorter way to pay after the fact and even charge a higher fee for waiting until after the incident.
- Important question -> Are you part of the community? Are you involved? Or - Are you selfish?
- So many resources available to us as a result of our government
- You got to play your part...

**Civic Heart**

Group 1 = Civic Heart?

- Empathy - reliable- honest - critical thinker
- Team player = smart - a "loving person"
- If you don't have a care - how can you be civil
- Reliable = Displays what behavior?
- Being there. Are you there? Consistent

#### *Group 2 = Civic Heart?*

- Involved in/doing public service - serves
- Is a problem solver - can see a way to solve - not just about complaining
- Empathy crucial for leader - needs to understand the concerns of the community.
- Integrity = be honest - do what is needed - not for self
- Requires someone who is aware of issues, and can speak on behalf of community - who
- Prioritizes needs of community OVER personal needs

#### *Group 3 = Civic Heart?*

- Compassion - Must be a great communicator
- Shows/has empathy
- Stands up for what they believe in
- Willingness to fight
- Community focused with long term vision - hungry for change
- Vision = communicate powerfully
- Vision - plan to tackle issues, verbalize
- A great vision will inspire - plant the seed in others to work to make vision happen

#### *Group 4 = Civic Heart?*

- Reasonable, responsible, genuine
- passionate
- critical thinker = Takes time, breaks it down, skeptical, wants things verified, does not automatically accept what is given
- Passion = drive to do

#### **What is the MOST important aspect of Civic Heart?**

- Jonathan - Love
- Integrity
- Anahy - Empathy
- G L - Service to others, understanding that what's good for the whole is good for them.
- Atticus - Compassion
- In order to serve, you first must CARE
- Jonathan - 100%
- G L - Empathy at the root
- Zachary - Being genuine
- Grant - Nah, everyone's selfish - they only care about themselves
- G L - I didn't have empathy until life humbled me
- Jonathan - Same with me
- Tom - We need to have MORE civic love.

#### **Who is a leader to you?**

- Kahn - The one who think for a better future for the next generation
- Atticus - My grandpa - because he is of service to the community. Artist = for others - Very helpful to others - "Always looking for ways to help"
- Talicia - Larry Cowans - He leads us every day by showing up demonstrating leadership skills. Speaking positivity to us and leading by example.
- Jonathan - Sandee Kastrul because she saw a problem in ed and decided to do. "Could've left it to the policy makers"
- Kennedy - Namdi Kanu - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nnamdi\\_Kanu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nnamdi_Kanu)

## **Servant Leadership**

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrCeVwwu0Xc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrCeVwwu0Xc) (6 minutes)
- Tom - You want a leader who is a servant. Not in it for self. Doing for the community - element of sacrifice. You are giving up something to serve.
- Inspiring - inspires the followers
- Encapsulates, somehow represents the best of the people - the aspirations of the people.
- Reactions to the Archbishop?
- 100% - sacrifice required - must be generous.
- You are rewarded by feeling you have made a difference - you are nourished.
- Small acts of kindness can come back to you...
- What does "reward" mean to you? What are the alternative economies or ways to measure value?

## **Civic Brain**

*Group 4 = Civic Brain?*

- Being aware - awareness history
- Finding truth - open to/seeks different perspectives
- Aware of existing resources
- So - How to discover neighborhood treasure?
- Watch, ask, look, survey - Get the data
- History - ask people to tell their story

*Group 3 = Civic Brain?*

- Adaptability, quick thinking, knows how to build trust
- Know what you don't know
- Know about the political system - understand all views
- Know who your elected reps are

*Group 2 = Civic Brain?*

- Knowledge of history - harms and oppression done to who by who
- knowledge of law - how laws re made, also your rights UNDER the law
- How do we change the law?
- Being able to build, sustain teams
- Aware of current affairs

*Group 1 = Civic Brain?*

- Critical thinker - open minded
- Self AND socially aware
- Able to make tough decisions - on the fly
- Being excellent planner and organizer
- Be a great networker
- Being logical - evidence gatherer
- Has great judgement

Next session = Civic Muscle

