

Patriotism vs. Chauvinism

Chauvinism proclaims:

My country--
right or wrong!

Patriotism responds:
My country should
right its wrongs.

Chauvinism prizes
separation and
independence;
patriotism fosters
cooperation and
interdependence.

Chauvinism overpowers;
patriotism empowers.
Chauvinism is blind;
patriotism can see.
Chauvinism minimizes
what patriotism
criticizes.

Chauvinism equates
obedience with
subservience.
Patriotism translates
loyalty into
service.

The patriot looks to
the nation's heart;
the chauvinist respects
its mighty arm.

The patriot's strength
is in morality;
the chauvinist relies
on the military.

The patriot is a part
of a family;
the chauvinist is a member
of a faction.

To the chauvinist
difference means
opposition;
for the patriot
diversity is an
opportunity.

The chauvinist
wants to
predominate;
the patriot
would rather
associate.

For the chauvinist
society exists
for the state;
for the patriot
the state serves
society.

So, the patriot
enjoys a gracious
mother country,
while the chauvinist
obeys a stern
stepfather land.

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