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Approximately 1.3 million people joined the military in 2017. (Myers). Many citizens know their rights but what about their responsibilities? Like going the speed limit and serving when needed? Many citizens speed when late to work but won't join the military when we're losing a war or in major need of help. Citizens' responsibilities are just as important as their rights. However, most citizens are uninformed.

Many Americans believe war is wrong and are protesting against it and the country. As American citizens we all have the responsibility to defend the country if the need should arise. 15 million people across 800 cities protested the 2003 invasion of Iraq and 59% of Americans believe their elected officials send our troops into harm's way too often (Rangel). This is an example of citizens not being informed of their responsibilities. But, changing that might not be very hard.

Americans protesting war are not following their civic responsibility to be informed and defend the constitution. The 3.3 million military households representing less than 1% of American families have begun virtually military class who are unfairly and disproportionately carrying the burden of war. Logically, if all Americans are involved in our defense then every family will fully engage in any decision to use force. Consequently, force will only be used as a last resort. (Rangel).

If citizens know their rights but not their responsibilities that could mean trouble. While most people know exactly what they are doing when they broke the law some could be completely confused when they get arrested for something they had no idea was illegal.

In 2017 around 10 million people were arrested, sure many these people knew their rights like freedom from excessive bail and cruel and unusual punishments, But how many of these 10 million Americans knew they were breaking the law? Probably, most but not all. 1. 2 million students drop out of high school every year but, did they know they have the responsibility to have and take your education seriously?

Furthermore, everyone should know their responsibilities. So many people protested the war and protest the constitution knowingly. Both of these things are examples of not following civic responsibilities and is a big problem in America. If citizens were informed on situations in their cities and country so many horrible things could be avoided.

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