

The way to be a responsible, active American is to not "talk softly and carry a big stick" but to listen actively and carry an open mind. Everyone would get into arguments less. If instead of talking, first they should listen with an open mind. John F. Kennedy was right that you should "Ask not what your country can do for you, Ask what you can do for your country." And by being an active member of society you should give more to the community than you benefit from it. That includes helping out people in need, and talking to your representatives about problems in your community that they might not be aware of previously. For example, last year, I went to Washington DC, and I talked to Senator Lankford and told him about the Afghans that were sponsoring

Obama said that America made  
a promise to all the Afghan  
soldiers; who sacrificed so much  
to keep the American Soldiers  
safe while fighting the Taliban.  
America basically said a return  
for your support fighting  
the Taliban you can have a  
place in America with your  
family, until you can  
be safe in Afghanistan. That's  
the Afghan Adjustment Act  
and now the government is  
thinking about withholding it  
and send them back. But they  
need to be responsible and  
active members of society and  
actively not do that. The Senator  
said he would  
help to keep them here. Also  
I told him that our Americas  
didn't have justification to work by  
a government + providing  
justification and he said  
it is so that prove that even



kids can be active members of the  
community by speaking up for  
what's right, and for people who  
can't speak for themselves. Even  
though we can't vote, kids can  
make a difference in our democracy!