

Citizen Ninja: Take the Quiz!



“Being an activist doesn’t come naturally. It is a set of skills. Some people are soft spoken and sensitive and shy away from confrontation. It can take a while to feel confident to persevere even when feeling beaten.”

Mary Baker–Citizen Ninja, Stand Up to Power

Personal Assessment: Are you an effective activist?

Below are a series of statements divided into four topics: Emotions, Political Conversations, Activism, and Americanism. Please rate how much each item is LIKE you, using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all like you and 7 is most like you.

Emotions

I am tolerant of opinions which differ from mine.

Not like you							Most Like you	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

I speak with confidence on political topics.

Not like you							Most Like you	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

I remain unruffled when bullied by an aggressor.

Not like you							Most Like you	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

I know how to manage my fears.

Not like you							Most Like you	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

I avoid using inflammatory language.

Not like you				Most Like you		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I refocus my frustrations/anger into productive action.

Not like you				Most Like you		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Political Conversations

I seek opportunities to discuss local politics with others.

Not like you				Most Like you		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I don't try to change people's political views.

Not like you				Most Like you		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

My political conversations with others are civil.

Not like you				Most Like you		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I can calmly discuss politics with people whose opinions differ from mine.

Not like you				Most Like you		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I listen attentively before I speak.

Not like you				Most Like you		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

My comments are constructive, not insulting.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Activism

I know my civic rights.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I know pertinent local/state laws.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I pay attention to municipal activity.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I know which issues directly impact my community.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I speak at local public meetings.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I effect positive change in my community.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Americanism

I know I have a right to access government business.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I speak out against corruption and ethical wrongdoing.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I encourage others to get involved in local politics.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I believe in a government that is of, by, and for the people.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I value individual freedom and inalienable rights.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I know citizens are the power.

Not like you Most Like you

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Add up your numbers. Total Score: _____

- A. Score: 24-83
- B. Score: 84-131
- C. Score: 132-168

Results:

- A. Low Effectiveness—S.O.S. You need a lifeline!
- B. Occasional Effectiveness—You feel like you are spinning your wheels. It's time for training!
- C. Consistent Effectiveness—You are an effective activist. Now it's time to become a Citizen Ninja Master!