CIVIC COURAGE REFLECTION TOOL

This tool helps users think about how they can practice civic courage as they pursue social change and contribute to their communities.

CIVIC COURAGE = Congruence + Collaboration + Foresight + Strategic Patience + Systemic Responsibility + Respect

CONGRUENCE: choosing to adhere to your core values and beliefs even when doing so may be inconvenient or risky.

I have practiced congruence by...

I could do/could have done more to practice congruence by...

COLLABORATION: choosing to include the full range of people with a stake in an issue in your decision-making and action, even when their perspectives are in tension with your own.

I have practiced collaboration by...

I could do/could have done more to practice collaboration by...
**FORESIGHT:** choosing to consider and take responsibility for all of the likely consequences of your actions, even when it would be easier to ignore them.

I have practiced **foresight** by...

I could do/could have done more to practice **foresight** by...

**STRATEGIC PATIENCE:** choosing actions that are most likely to contribute to long-term progress, even when other approaches would be easier or more immediately satisfying.

I have practiced **strategic patience** by...

I could do/could have done more to practice **strategic patience** by...
SYSTEMIC RESPONSIBILITY: choosing to consider the long-term civic health of the whole community in every decision about strategy, tactics, and personal conduct, even when doing so may delay progress relating to an issue you care about.

I have practiced **systemic responsibility** by...

I could do/could have done more to practice **systemic responsibility** by...

RESPECT: choosing to recognize people’s humanity, listen to their stories, and avoid writing them off based on their having perspectives in tension with your own.

I have practiced **respect** by...

I could do/could have done more to practice **respect** by...