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### Citizens roles in a democracy.

#### Citizen/ citizenship

The terms citizen has an inherently political meaning that implies a certain type of relationship between the people and the government. Citizen as a set of rights and responsibilities, including the right to participate in decisions that affect public welfare.

Citizenship of a state may be acquired either by birth or by naturalization . A man becomes a citizen of a particular state if his parents are citizens of that state or if he is born within the territory of that state. On the other hand, the process by which an individual person may voluntarily change his citizenship of a state to another state is known as naturalization. The conditions under which naturalization are conferred vary from country to country.

#### Citizens' Rights

Rights and liberties are the groundwork of the state since it exists to enable men to live and develop fully. It is therefore the privilege or prerogative conferred by law upon a person or group. When a privilege is expressed within the framework of the constitution of the state, it becomes a civil right and if it is invaded by citizen or government, one has the right to redress it in the court of law. Example of right; right to work, right to life, right of association, right to education and others.

#### Duties and Responsibilities of citizens in a Democracy

- A citizen in a democracy has the duty to vote during the time of elections.
- A citizen should be willing to pay his or her taxes.

- A good citizen must be law abiding.
- A good citizen must not normative invade the right of other members of the society.
- A good citizen must support public education in any way possible such as, paying of taxes, local volunteer efforts and others.