Citizen Participation in a Democracy

How can you make a difference in a democracy?

**Speaking of Politics**

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers:
- citizenship
- lawful permanent resident
- undocumented immigrant
- naturalization
- ideology
- liberalism
- conservatism
- civil society

**PREVIEW**

Analyze the photograph below of a lunch counter sit-in. Then answer these questions in your notebook:
1. What interesting details do you see?
2. What actions do these people appear to be taking?
3. What problem or problems do you think these people are trying to address?
4. What do you think the results of their actions were?

**READING NOTES**

**Section 7.2**

Create a T-chart with the headings “Civic Rights” and “Civic Responsibilities.” As you read, record the rights and responsibilities that come with U.S. citizenship.

**Section 7.3**

Create a how-to flier for becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. Your flier must include information on or an explanation of the following:
- requirements for becoming a citizen
- application for naturalization
- interview with an immigration official
- citizenship ceremony
- rights that new citizens gain

Organize the information in an attractive, easy-to-read format that would help people understand the naturalization process. Include at least one illustration.
Section 7.4

Answer these questions in your notebook:
1. Which shared political value do you feel is most important to the American way of life, and why?
2. Create a visual representation of the U.S. political landscape for each of these ideologies: liberalism, conservatism, socialism, libertarianism, environmentalism, and centristm. Follow these steps:
   - Create a simple illustration to represent the ideology.
   - Write a short definition or explanation of the ideology.
   - Rate the ideology on a scale of 1 ("I identify most closely with this ideology") to 6 ("I do not identify with this ideology").

Section 7.5

Answer these questions:
1. What is social capital, and do you think it is important? Why or why not?
2. Of the four categories of civic engagement, which best describes you (or will best describe you once you can vote), and why?