

National anthem etiquette

The national anthem code of conduct is never enforced, and there is no punishment for breaching it, but here are the guidelines:



During a rendition of the national anthem

When the flag is displayed:

- All present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart.
- Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.
- Individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note.
- When the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

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Analyzing Guidelines or Directions

1. For what process were the guidelines designed?
2. When were the guidelines designed?
3. Why was it necessary to create guideline?
4. Who is mentioned must follow these guidelines?
5. When should the guidelines be followed?
6. What questions do you have about these guidelines as written?
7. How is this topic relevant today?
8. Which of these guidelines still apply in today's society? Why?