



## **Project Citizenship**

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# **Your trip of 180 days or more could negatively impact your citizenship application.**

**There is a presumption that you did not maintain your residence in the U.S. during this trip. You can expect questions about this issue and will likely be requested to provide evidence to the government about your ties to the U.S. during this trip. Your application for citizenship may be denied.**

**You need to bring evidence to your interview to prove that you continued to live in the United States during your trip abroad of over 180 days.**

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### ***Examples of what to bring:***

- Proof that you still had your job in the U.S. or that you didn't get a job abroad during your trip.
  - *Letter from your U.S. employer saying that you were still employed at that job during your trip.*
  - *Bank records showing that you were being paid by your job while abroad.*
- Proof that your spouse and/or children stayed in the U.S. during your trip.
  - *School records showing that your children were attending school in the United States while you were abroad.*
  - *Credit card or employment records showing that your spouse remained at your home in the United States while you were abroad.*
- Proof that you had your home/car/filed taxes in the United States during the entire time that you were abroad.
  - *Utility bills for your home in the United States while you were abroad.*
  - *Rental bills or mortgage payments for your home.*
  - *Car registration or car insurance records.*
  - *Proof from the IRS that you filed your taxes for the period of your trip abroad.*

