

Citizenship

**Sitting at the table
doesn't make you a diner, unless you
eat some of what's on that plate.**

**Being here in America doesn't
make you an American.**

**Being born here in America
doesn't make you an American.**

**Why, if birth made you American,
you wouldn't need any legislation;
you wouldn't need any amendments
to the Constitution; you wouldn't be
faced with civil-rights filibustering
Washington, D.C., right now.**

**Malcolm X,
speech in Cleveland, Ohio, April 3, 1964**