

# This Work Is Our Work! We Are AmeriCorps!

(sung to the tune of This Land is Your Land)

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Chorus:

This work is our work,  
We are AmeriCorps.  
We're serving' our country  
And we're really proud!  
We've come from far and near  
So we could volunteer -  
We're happy to be part of this crowd.

**Verse 1**

Now, we aren't fools;  
We know the rules  
For behaving ourselves  
The AmeriCorps way.  
We make a solemn vow  
That we'll use our know-how  
Each of those rules to obey.

Chorus

**Verse 2**

We can have a hobby,  
But we can't lobby  
When we're wearing our uniforms  
Of AmeriCorps grey.  
Our people can energize,  
But we can't proselytize -  
And that's how we live the AmeriCorps way.

Chorus

**Verse 3**

Now here's some food for thought -  
We can't organize a boycott,  
Or gather signatures,  
Or lead a strike.  
But we can motivate,  
And we can educate.  
Off hours, we can support the cause we like.

Chorus

**Verse 4**

We know our Ed Award's taxed,  
And we can't break labor contracts,  
Or be involved with unions  
In any way.  
But we can energize,  
And we can supervise  
While serving the good old USA.  
Chorus

**Verse 5**

We can teach folks to sing and dance,  
But we can't write any grants  
Or raise cash for our programs  
To stay afloat.  
But kids we can teach,  
And we can do outreach:  
Service we always will promote.

Chorus

**Verse 7**

It's not our occupation  
To do voter registration,  
Or to help any business  
A profit make.  
But we can pull weeds  
And do other good deeds -  
Our work is lots of give and take.

Chorus

**Verse 8**

Now we know the rules,  
And we see them as tools  
To keep the Corps strong  
from year to year.  
We've made a solemn vow,  
And use our know-how  
To have a great year and persevere!

Chorus

with sincere apologies to the memory of the great  
Woody Guthrie