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### The Draft

The debates about a draft are getting more serious in the USA. The project would have direct impact on most American citizens, so everyone should analyze and study this idea and then form a clear opinion. In general, I believe that the draft would bring more benefits to the society than disadvantages. The idea of obligatory state service is not new to the world. It is successfully practiced in many countries all over the world, including states that one can in no case call undemocratic. People cannot regard this service as “a violation of human rights, forced servitude, and as such, immoral and illegal” (Mac Bica). The service to your own state cannot be immoral. If the government implements the draft and it works as it should, it would bring enormous benefits to the USA, especially in the social sphere. Nowadays the country desperately needs to perform activities such as “teaching in low-income areas, cleaning parks, rebuilding crumbling infrastructure, or aiding the elderly” (Ricks). However, there are clearly many problems with the alternative service as well. This aspect is not yet developed enough to implement it in the way it is now. The term of the obligatory service (18-24 months) is, in my opinion, too long.

In my opinion, if the government instituted the draft, it should target fewer groups of the population. For example, it is obvious that married people should not be included. It would not be economically viable as the state should provide support for both conscripts and their families. In addition, the USA should change its attitude to people who do not want to serve the state. In the current variants of the draft it looks more like segregation and complete refusal to treat them as American citizens.

Question: What kind of service would you choose if it were obligatory? Would you better be engaged in military service or social activities?

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