

YOU AND THE DRAFT

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It would probably be a simple matter to end the draft and establish a "volunteer" Army, if the primary purpose of the draft were to provide soldiers. But this does not seem to be the major objective of the Selective Service System. Rather, it is designed to regulate and control the lives of American males from the ages of 18 to 26, seeing that they fit into the proper slots in the society.

The following quotes are all taken from the House Armed Services Committee hearings in June, 1966. General Hershey himself explains the purpose of the draft:

HERSHEY: "...the deferment is that carrot that we have used to try and get individuals into occupations and professions that are said by those in charge of government to be the necessary ones."

HERSHEY: "...at that time (1963) we had so many individuals that we thought if we could defer them for some reason we had more control over them than if we just had them in 1-A and couldn't use them."

HERSHEY: "...we are deferring individuals so that they would be more valuable to the government, and we intend to use them as we need them, rather than letting them go to college merely because they care to themselves."

HERSHEY: "...I do not want to go along on a volunteer basis. I think a fellow should be compelled to become better and not let him use his discretion whether he wants to get smarter, more healthy, or more honest."

HERSHEY: (when asked by Chairman Rivers if we should eliminate student deferments) "...specialists are going to have to be deferred, first of all to make them specialists. I think you should keep a string on them so if you want to use them you can and you can compel them to stay where you want them because you have a string on them and if they don't stay where they should, then you put them where you can be sure that you use them."

THE DRAFT ENABLES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SEND AMERICANS ABROAD TO FIGHT AND DIE WITHOUT REQUIRING IT TO JUSTIFY ITS FOREIGN POLICY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE DRAFT ENABLES THE PRESIDENT TO ESCALATE THE WAR IN VIETNAM WITHOUT CONSULTING CONGRESS.

THE DRAFT IS A FORM OF HEAVY TAXATION (MAYBE LIFE ITSELF) WITHOUT REPRESENTATION FOR YOUNG MEN.

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