

Proposal for the Next Military Draft

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Regarding the next military draft: my proposal is to select draftees according to their occupations and send the most useless young men to fight. I'm serious. I want my grandson to win a Nobel Prize and save the world, so therefore, it seems logical that he should be spared conscription. I suggest that instead of my descendants, we designate health insurance salesmen, life insurance salesmen, automobile salesmen, naturopaths, and political science majors as the most worthless and the most draftable.

College graduates with a Bachelor's degree in business have almost no hope of making a decent living, so they would be high on the draft first list. Account executives of advertising agencies that are responsible for really insane radio and TV commercials certainly belong on latrine duty. Porn stars might be number one on such a list, but the nominations for first place would be almost even for everyone I have mentioned so far. I purposely have not included lawyers. Some of my best friends are lawyers.

One positive result of choosing annoying occupations like telemarketing or counseling, for example, is the immediate depopulation of those putative professions. Then, when and if the miscreant so-called workers should survive military service, they would be eligible for the G.I. Bill where they could actually learn to do something useful.

One of my anarchistic grandsons has suggested that politicians are on the same level as telemarketers, but I disagree. I think we need politicians to make the laws that allow us to conscript the others. To get my plan through Congress needs just one addition: Each member of Congress is empowered to distribute 1,000 draft-exemption cards as their (in)discretion may direct. With this amendment, I think the bill will pass and our country's porn stars, then being first in line, will be in boot camp in no time. This will have the added advantage of encouraging enlistments of red-blooded young Americans to join the fun.

The group of heretofore admired capitalistic wrongdoers who mightily deserve to be drafted are corporate officers who purportedly earn more than, say, a million a year. I have a natural antipathy toward anybody who makes that much money and I want them sent away to Iraq and Afghanistan on military pay. Since they are likely to be older and not of draft age, we could give them the ranks of military officers, including generals.

The CEO's who make the most money by appointing the Boards of Directors who then become the compensation committees should be second lieutenants. They are skilled in telling others what to do, and probably would enjoy the prospect of pillaging anything as large as a foreign country.