

# Draft receives support

## Outstanding high school students answer poll

United Press International  
 Registration for the draft? An American duty? Or a passport to slavery? and "the threat of an early death by gunshot?"  
 The duty, slavery, and early death possibilities were cited when outstanding high school seniors, two selected competitively from each state, answered three questions in a poll about the draft.  
 That most favor registration for the draft and say women should register was the answer to the first question.  
 In the poll, conducted for UPI in conjunction with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the fifth annual Century III Scholarship Competition, the students were asked:  
 — Are you in favor of draft registration?  
 — Why?  
 — Should women register for the draft?

Excerpts from replies:  
 — Palo Alto, Calif. "Each individual between the ages of 18 to 26 is guaranteed freedom from involuntary servitude under the United States Constitution. In the event the draft is reinstated, I believe it should include both men and women between the ages of 18 to 46. Women should have the obligation to register as men do, considering that they have the privilege to enlist if they choose to do so." Raymond G. Nasr.  
 — Tucson, Ariz. "Yes. I am in favor of a draft registration because our present world situation demands a larger, more adequate force than our now all-volunteer Army. Women are equal to men intellec-

universal term) are created equal."  
 — Sridhar Chatrathi.  
 — Oxford, Miss. "Draft registration is not the answer to our present military needs. The problem is not a shortage of manpower for our voluntary system, but a failure to produce new weapons and to attract more trainable and educable men." Benjamin Bailey.  
 — Pittsburgh, Penna. "I am in favor of renewed draft registration. Most studies indicate that the volunteer force is inequitable, and has not lived up to manpower and efficiency requirements. I also believe that women should register." Xavier Jordan.  
 — Roswell, N.M. Michelle L. Ortiz is not in favor of women registering for a draft and opposed to peacetime registration of men. She proposed as a compromise a government-sponsored program, whether mandatory or selective, whereby youth would learn leadership and military skills. "In this one-year post high school program, American youth could revive the ideals of democracy throughout the world in programs comparable to the Peace Corps of the '60s."  
 — Durham, N.H. "I do not believe that the current movement will end with registration alone. Once registration starts, it is only a small step to reinstatement of the draft itself, and I do not believe the current situation warrants this step. Unfortunately, it seems clear that registration is going to begin soon. This being the case, I believe that both men and women should be required to register." Jonathan M. Linden.  
 — Nashville, Tenn. "I believe that (registration) is a vital precaution to-

ward our national security. Although I wish there was another method, I realize the United States cannot remain merely a paper tiger. I believe women should be included for they have demanded equality. Many military positions can be filled just as well or even better by women as by men." Francis Y. Liu.  
 — Jefferson City, Mo. In favor of draft, but does not support an actual

teer forces, and since women have shared equally with men the privileges of our country and since registration does not necessarily mean military service, that all citizens who are physically and mentally able should be required to register for the draft. It is unfair to delegate duty to either minorities or men when all share in the benefits." M. Kevin Outterson.  
 — Bismarck, N. D.: "I am not in favor of draft registration because it is at this point an unnecessary step toward a form of slavery. However, if it should become necessary, I believe that women should go." John Bickel.

tion does occur, it should include women. Otherwise it is a blatant form of sex discrimination." Naftali bedavid-Val.  
 — San Diego, Calif.: "I cannot support the prospect of providing manpower for a conflict over oil supplies. Should women register for a draft? Not until the ERA passes and guarantees women equal constitutional rights in employment, pay and education." Lori McFarland.  
 — Newport, R.I.: "I am in favor of draft registration because we should be able to resume the draft as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. Young people should know they

do have a responsibility to their country. I am against registering women because the ERA has not been passed." Richard W. Painter.  
 — Bronx, N.Y.: "I think the draft is needed for a strong national defense. I believe women should register." Maria Calisi.  
 — Seattle, Wash.: "A peacetime draft is un-American. But women should be included if a draft is imposed." Lenore Look. "Draft registration is not the answer to our present military needs. The problem is not a shortage of manpower for our voluntary system, but a failure to produce new weapons and to attract more trainable and educable men." Benjamin Bailey.

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tually, if not physically; therefore, they should be registered for the draft, but should not be forced to enter combat duty." Julia Moore.  
 — Fayetteville, Ark. "I am against any form of draft registration. I believe it is morally and ethically wrong to force a person to fight even if it is for his or her own country. If draft registration was reinstated I feel women should be included since all men (persons, as I am sure Thomas Jefferson was referring to men as a

**On the question of women and registration, most said females want equality and should be treated equally.**

draft in peacetime. "I do favor registration for women." Jerianne Timmerman.  
 — Houston: "I believe since minorities now dominate the volun-

ter strongly opposed, although this type of military move may be a useful warning to Moscow, its ultimate results can only be another war and the slaughter of millions. If this registra-

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