

National Compulsory Service

In the 1964 Plan, we address the reconstitution of the traditional nuclear family as well as strengthen the bonds of marriage, reform the prisons, reduce the future crop of criminals, reduce homelessness and care for the mentally ill. All of these priorities will be funded with the savings resulting from the end of the so-called Drug War that once again has proven that prohibition of anything people really want regardless of governmental system, penalties, fines, confiscations, incarcerations, and even the possibility of death literally never works. Why the failure of Prohibition of alcohol in this country didn't teach us anything, hell, I just attribute it to hubris and sheer cluelessness. The 1964 Plan enshrines this reality in American culture once and for all.

All of this is great, but the catch is that much of the benefit will accrue with time. Therefore until the present generation of miscreants dies off naturally, we are stuck with them. When I say miscreants, I don't mean urban poor or any other common stereotype. What I am referring to is pretty much every single kid raised by a single parent either in bastardy or as the result of divorce. They are pretty much all bereft of the incredibly important if never alluded to in wokeness fatherly influence. That means things like deferring gratification, knowing what your boundaries need to be, discipline, and all the other intangibles that having Dad in your life means and needs.

Combine the percentage of our population born to single mothers, about 52% currently ¹ with those living with divorced moms a certain percentage of which have Dads that are either irresponsible or blocked by an angry ex-wife/mother from being a significant part of their children's lives, and we are raising damaged future adults at an existential level. That begs the question, what can we do to mitigate the problem in the here and now while all the organic elements of the 1964 Plan have time to work?

 $^{^{1}\} https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/sosmap/unmarried/unmarried.htm$

The answer is a variation of what we called back in the day, The Draft. I will call it simply as part of the project, National Compulsory Service (NCS). It will work like this:

Upon graduation from high school or equivalent or age 17 if dropped out or a genius who graduates while still a child (think *The Good Doctor* or *Young Sheldon. Doogie Howser* if you're older), every American youth must serve NCS. However, unlike the draft, they will have two options. They can either elect to serve in the military, OR they can elect to join what will be a paramilitary that does infrastructure and similar community work both in the United States and abroad which will be called the American Service Corps (ASC).

The ASC will be a new branch of service and structured as a paramilitary because as a part of NCS, it's core mission will be to instill those values that are missing in a majority of our youth like being responsible for your actions, critical thinking, and most importantly perhaps, learn that to be a good order giver, you must first learn to be a good order taker. These lessons begin in basic training for those that will choose military service. ASC will also have basic sans weaponry and tactics instruction replaced by civil engineering and construction courses and similar. By structuring ranks from private to general, those that choose to make it a career may and those that don't will know exactly where they fit in the pecking order. ASC careers will be entitled to the same VA and education benefits as the armed forces.

Small digression here as a Navy Veteran myself, I think we could save a fortune of VA and retiree healthcare by shutting down the whole monstrosity of bureaucracy that it is and replace it with every vet getting a credit card that pays for all of their entitled benefits at 100% and unlimited with the private providers of their choice. Simply, much cheaper, and MUCH better for the veterans. Just saying.

Back on track, the mandatory term of service will be two years. There will be no deferments for any reason but severe physical or mental disability. This means that 100% of the prospective college population will be freshman at age 20. Older, wiser, and educated. What a pleasure it will be for both the professors/instructors to teach and how much more will our children appreciate what they have in being Americans? It boggles.

Finally, as the military led the way in our society integrating the races, so will NCS expose our youth to young adults of every race and socio-economic class. With familiarity comes understanding IF that familiarity is not forced and rather is organic. With no deferments possible, the natural mix will do what a lifetime of coercion and lecturing could never do in terms of racial progress. If coerced, familiarity breeds contempt. If allowed to blossom on its own, everybody wins.

One of the saddest lessons of the Vietnam War was the simple fact that the kids of the rich and those entering college could manipulate the system to never serve or if they had to, in roles nowhere near combat. Therefore, the burden and death toll fell heavily on the poor and people of color in particular. We need to never repeat that stupidity.

The result of NCS will be a better crop of adults in the here and now regardless of where they came from to serve. The tradeoff here is the putting off of beginning a career or college for two years. Big deal. We are very likely living today with a large group of kids destined to live to be 125 or more assuming we don't self-destruct. They can pay for their citizenship with 2 years of their long and prosperous lives to come and be better for it.