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It's time to end draft registration once and for all. Don't expand the draft to women. End it for everyone. Until the US is invaded by a foreign power, stop pretending that the draft is about anything other than empire and making the war mongers and bankers rich and powerful.

Is there any means by which any number of individuals can delegate to someone else the moral right to do something which none of the individuals have the moral right to do themselves? Where do you or I get the right to force a person to register for the draft, how can we delegate a right we do not have? Where does the government get this power we the people do not have?

Do those who wield political power have the moral right to do things which other people do not have the moral right to do? If so, from whom and how did they acquire such a right? Does this power come from the barrel of a gun?

Is there any process (e.g., constitutions, elections, legislation) by which human beings can transform an immoral act into a moral act? Is the constitution magical? Are elections magical? Are the opinions, aka legislation, of some human beings known as politicians divine?

When law-makers and law-enforcers use coercion and force in the name of law and government, do they bear the same responsibility for their actions that anyone else would who did the same thing on his own? Can you or I draft a person to cut our grass or pick our cotton? How is it wrong for us to use coercion and force but not for the law-makers and law-enforcers?

When there is a conflict between an individual's own moral conscience, and the commands of a political authority, is the individual morally obligated to do what he personally views as wrong in order to "obey the law"? How can those who morally object to draft registration opt out?

Sincerely,

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