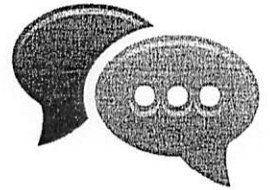


Should the government impose a mandatory year of service?



Debating the Issue

I. Get ready...

Pick one of these positions (or create your own).

A The United States should impose mandatory national service. Requiring volunteer work is a good way to help fight social problems and keep the country strong.

B The United States should impose mandatory national service. Requiring volunteer work will help young people become good citizens.

C The United States should have national service programs, but participation should be voluntary.

D The United States should not impose mandatory national service. It is wrong for the government to force young people to volunteer. Some people may want to attend college or earn money right after high school graduation.

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GO!

Be a strong participant by using phrases like these.

In my experience . . .

that's similar to what I think too...

What makes you think that?

When I re-read the text, it reminded me...

2. Get set...

Be ready to provide evidence to back up your position during your class discussion or debate. Jot down a few quick notes:

