**Processing Chart: Oral Histories of Vietnam Veterans**

A different kind of lottery: Understanding the draft during the Vietnam War era.

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|  | **Make a claim:**  **What is this person’s perspective on the draft?** | **How do you know?**  **Record some evidence (quotes) that support your claim** | **How did the draft influence this person’s perspective / opinion about the war?** |
| **Steve Allen** | We thinks that the draft wasn’t good, but it was necessary. | “One two three…marine, one two three…and that was quite a shock to them”  “They chose marine corp and wound up in the bush and wondered whether or not they made the right decision”  “None of those guys really wanted to be there” | He thinks that the draft caused some unrest, but it didn’t really effect his opinion on the war as a whole |
| **Thomas Boaz** | He thinks that it was negative and seems resentful that it wasn’t fair to all people. | “Didn’t like it, didn’t think it was fair, but it was the law”  “I had to do it”  “The people that were drafted were primarily the highschool non college people, typically the poor people…a larger majority of minorities” | This ended up making him think that the war was fought by the wrong people |
| **Timothy Kendall** | He didn’t enjoy the draft, because he didn’t enjoy being forced to do something, even though he didn’t think it would affect him. | “You did it because that was the law”  “I didn’t really expect anything to happen” | I think his overall perspective on the war was not changed by the draft. |
| **Robert Ritter** | He enjoyed the draft because it helps strengthen our nation’s men. | “I was either going to go into the army…or go into the navy…I was due to be drafted…I made the choice of going into the naval reserve”  “You need to support your government and your military…I looked back on it as superior training for me as an individual” | I think because he liked the draft process, his opinion on the war was not really swayed by it. |
| **Paul Wisovaty** | He thinks that it was biased against the lower classes. | “I’m sure I did better [in college] than I would have prior to [the service]”  “if your parents…had enough money or political pull, they could get you into the Illinois national guard” | I think that the draft made him think more highly of the war, as he feels like he grew as a person, but I also think that he felt less positive for the war knowing that it was the lower classes fighting for the middle and upper. |