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## Rep. Rangel: Reinstate the Draft! All Youth Must Serve the Glorious Homeland! Sieg Heil!

According to John Heilprin, Associated Press Writer:

"Americans would have to sign up for a new military draft after turning 18 under a bill the incoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee says he will introduce next year. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-NY., said Sunday he sees his idea as a way to deter politicians from launching wars.

'There's no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft and members of Congress and the Administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm's way,' Rangel said.



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'If We're going to challenge Iran and challenge North Korea and then, as some people have asked, to send more troops to Iraq, we can't do that without a draft,' Rangel said."

Rangel is truly living up to ideal of the Democratic party's mascot. The one thing the neocons don't have enough of is cannon fodder, and this monumental ass of a Democratic "leader" wants to give them just that – all the cannon fodder they can order up, by enslaving people who otherwise have the good sense to not enlist when our nation's foreign policy is under the control of a cabal of chicken-hawks with a fetish for "pre-emptive" war and empire. Does Rangel really think a draft would have stopped the neocons from invading Iraq?

As for the notion that politicians will hesitate to go to war with a draft in place because it means kids from their own communities will have to fight, Rangel is presuming that Congress will even be consulted. Under the 2001 AUMF, and the broad grant of power Bush has claimed it gave him, he does not think he needs a vote from Congress to go to war. Bush is more likely to send in the troops first, and then ask for Congressional "support" after. And even if the President did ask Congress what it thinks prior to just starting a war, warhawks in Congress have already demonstrated, with a volunteer military, that they don't give a damn about sending kids from their own communities off to die in some sand-pit. Why should they care more about draftees? Does he really think the politician's own children will actually be drafted and sent off to fight and die? What a fool.

So why is Rangel is so hot for a draft?

"He said having a draft would not necessarily mean everyone called to duty would have to serve. Instead, **"young people (would) commit themselves to a couple of years in service to this great republic, whether it's our seaports, our airports, in schools, in hospitals,"** with a promise of educational benefits at the end of service.' (emphasis added).

Ah, there is Comrade Rangel's *real* motivation, his real wet dream - a communist-style nationalization of all us unwashed masses - the worker bees - for compelled national "service to this great republic" wherever he and his fellow travelers at Party Headquarters think we are best utilized as their resources.

Lenin, Stalin and Mao would be so proud. Of the ten planks of the Communist Manifesto, number eight was "Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of Industrial armies, especially for agriculture" and part of plank ten was the "Combination of education with industrial production."

Keep your eye on this totalitarian idea of "national service" - with all of our kids enrolled at eighteen into an American version of the Hitler Youth - it is not going away anytime soon. Would-be slave foreman Rangel is not alone in his desire that the federal government own the means of production - your kids. As William Grigg noted back in 1997, in a New American article responding to a similar idea during the Clinton Administration, the idea of National Service is a staple of statist regimes throughout history, whether they be communist (international socialist) or fascist (national socialist) in orientation.

This is where the Far Left truly raps around to meet the Far Right in total agreement that you and your children are merely resources to be exploited by the State, like so many stalks of wheat, so many bricks, or so many yards of lumber. Neo-Marxists within the Democratic Party call for a draft as a tool of "equality" (apparently, equal slavery is fine, so long as it is truly equal, and color-blind) and of course, most modern "conservatives" reflexively support a draft as being the epitome of patriotism.

Never mind that a draft is completely counter to the principles of Liberty and voluntary association which drove the American Revolution and formed the bedrock upon which our Constitutional Republic is based, and is clearly unconstitutional, as I explained at length back on September 9, 2006, when I responded to "military scholar" Edward Bernard Glick's editorial calling for a nearly

identical draft for domestic 'civilian' service, as well as for military duty. You are welcome to read my historical and legal analysis in that September article. I will not repeat those arguments here. I will but quote what Ronald Reagan, the man who modern "conservatives" like to evoke as their role model, had to say about the military draft:

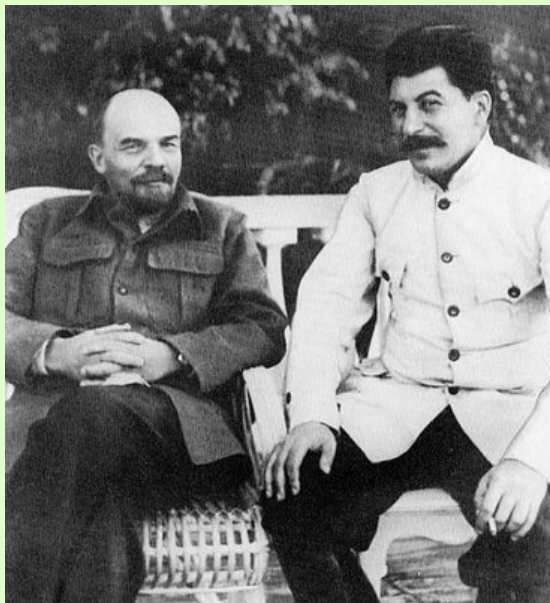
*"...it rests on the assumption that your kids belong to the state. If we buy that assumption then it is for the state – not for parents, the community, the religious institutions or teachers – to decide who shall have what values and who shall do what work, when, where and how in our society. That assumption isn't a new one. The Nazis thought it was a great idea."*


You who call yourselves "conservatives" should reflect long and hard on Reagan's words. If you still think a national draft is such a great idea, all I have to say is - of course you do!

Never have such a free people so longed for slavery.

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