

From: "Rep. Trey Hollingsworth" <trey@mail.house.gov> To: Carter.Moelk@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST Poll: Should Women be Registered for the Draft? Date: Wed, 09 Jun 2021 11:41:09 -0400 Dear Hoosiers, In September 1940, the United States established the Selective Training Service Act, which required men between ages 21 and 45 to register for the military draft. Since its inception over 80 years ago, the draft has been employed in three different military conflicts, though the concept of a draft, or conscription, has been used in America dating back to the Revolutionary War. While the idea of a military draft has largely remained the same over time, aspects of our nation's military have changed—such as the role of women in the Armed Forces. The growing presence of female servicemembers has stirred discussion of including women in the military draft. While tens of thousands of women served in the Army during and prior to World War I, they were mostly delegated to nursing and food preparation stations. During World War II, a wider array of opportunities became available to women in the military when the Women's Army Corps was created, but females still weren't integrated into service with men until the late 1970s. It wasn't until recent years that women were able to fight in combat, but their involvement is continually growing. According to The New York Times, in 2020 over 224,000 women were serving in the US military, making up roughly 19% of the armed forces' 1.2m active-duty members. Additionally, more than 2,000 of those women have served in military combat positions since 2016, according to the Pentagon. Women's roles in the armed forces are undeniably becoming increasingly vital to the safety and protection of our nation. QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Assuming the military draft remains in place, do you think women should be registered? ☐ Yes, women should be included in the military draft ☐ No, women should not be included in the military draft ☐ I don't know ☐ Other

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