

Questions for COs Who Could Be Drafted

What is worth fighting for? What methods would you be willing to use? Who would you be willing to fight against? Every person has his or her own definition of what is moral. Understand that *everyone has a line he will not cross, something he will not do because his conscience tells him it is wrong*. It is important to know what lines you are not willing to cross and to ask yourself the following questions before making a choice about entering the military.

Note: More than one answer can be given. You decide where you would draw the line. Your answers, in addition to our discussions, help us to help you in seeing where you might fall within the Selective Service Classification system.

1. When would you be willing to get involved in a conflict? (Y/N)

- a) Whenever my government ordered me to do so.
 - b) If another country's freedoms were being threatened by others.
 - c) If our country were being invaded.
 - d) To obtain oil or other natural resources from another country.
 - e) To defend myself if personally attacked.
 - f) To defend a member of my family if attacked
 - g) To defend my friends if attacked
 - h) Other (explain): _____
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2. Which methods could you personally use in good conscience? (Y/N)

- a) Nuclear weapons.
 - b) Germ, chemical or biological weapons.
 - c) Conventional weapons (guns, tanks, non-nuclear bombs).
 - d) My own physical strength (maybe with Judo, Karate, etc.).
 - e) Use weapons to defend myself against physical attack
 - f) Use weapons to defend my family against physical attack
 - g) Use weapons to defend my friends against physical attack
 - h) Nonviolent action (strikes, boycotts, refusing to cooperate, public education, persuasion).
 - i) Spiritual methods (meditation, prayer, group worship).
 - j) Other (explain): _____
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3. One of the facts about war and other kinds of conflict is that the people who threaten or harm others are not the only ones punished. Who are you willing to fight as the enemy? (Y/N)

- a) Anyone that my government says is the enemy.
 - b) Leaders of the other side and those who give the orders.
 - c) Those in the military of the 'other side.'
 - d) Anyone at 'other side' military facilities (like weapons factories, storage sites, bases, supply lines).
 - e) Civilians designated as 'the enemy.'
 - f) No one.
 - g) Other (???): _____
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4. Willing to serve? (Y/N)

- a) Would you serve if one country was being threatened by another?
 - b) Would you be willing to serve if Mexico (for example) invaded TX to re-claim that area?
 - c) Would you have been willing to serve in WWII or Korea?
 - d) Other (???): _____
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Go on to discuss these options and the Form 22 questions...