

No Exceptions

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"It's time to bring the country together," says Rep. John Delaney (D-Maryland), aspiring to be our next commander-in-chief, "restore our sense of shared purpose and a common and inclusive national destiny."

How?

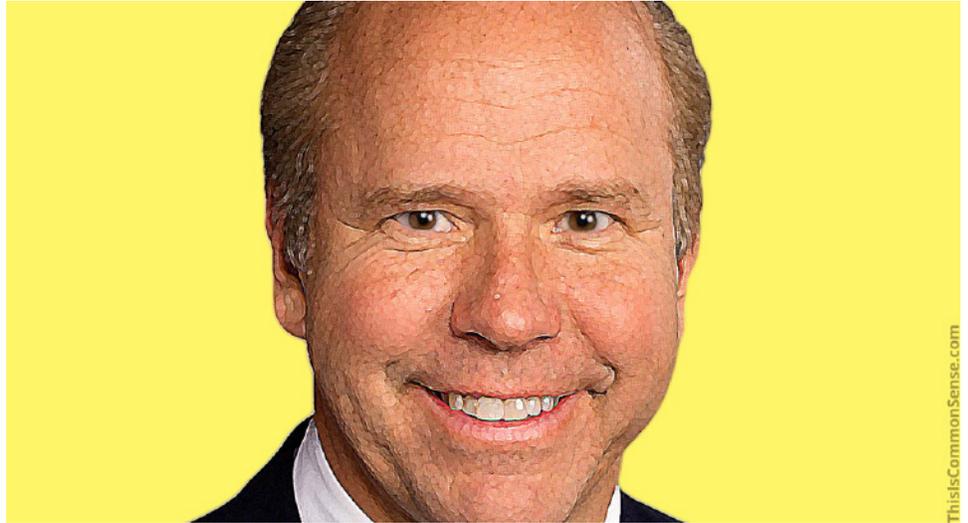
Forcibly: "John Delaney's Plan for National Service" states that "Every American will complete a minimum of one year and a maximum of two years of mandatory national service when they graduate high school, or turn 18."

Delaney joins other glassy-eyed statisticians in hallucinating that "mandating national service" will "build a future where young people begin

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their adult lives serving their country and working alongside people from different backgrounds."

That is, he explains, "Where people . . . who grew up in the suburbs, in farm towns, in coal country,



in urban communities **get to** know each other, **get to** learn from each other, and **get to** see firsthand that we still have a lot in common."

Except that young people won't "get to," they'll "have to."

As a Delaney news release emphatically emphasizes about his forced national conscription: "No exceptions."

If you're a LeBron James type NBA prospect, forget that multi-million dollar contract for a year or two. You have streets to sweep.

If you're pregnant? Have a terminal disease? This time isn't yours but the government's.

And why is it always young people who "get to" be shanghaied?

Never the politicians.

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For their own good, of course.

And the nation's destiny.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.