

# Should Canada make Youth Service Mandatory?

## No

*Here are some of the reasons why people might argue that Canada **should not** make youth service mandatory.*

### **Impeding people's personal freedom**

We live in a liberal democracy, where we are supposed to be able to choose how we spend our time. Mandating service impedes people's freedom to choose how they spend their time, and what kind of employment they do or do not seek. While our rights do come with responsibilities, this kind of policy would constitute government overreach, especially when it concerns military service, which we should have a right to conscientiously object to.

### **Wasting taxpayer money**

There are other ways to address shortage in the labour market. There are also other ways to build a sense of national identity. We should not be wasting billions of tax payer dollars on this program, without trying alternatives first.

### **Decreasing Quality of labour**

In mandating a year of labour, many youth may not *want* to be working in the positions they are effectively forced to take on. A lack of enthusiasm would result in a decrease in the quality of labour within the sectors youth could serve in, and could also lead to worsening overall morale amongst employees, which might decrease the overall quality of labour further.

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