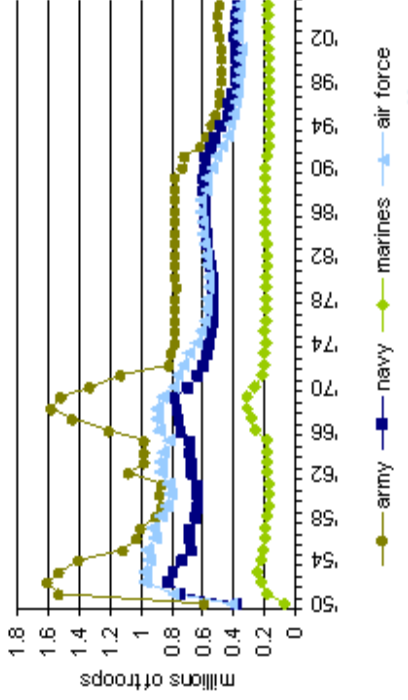


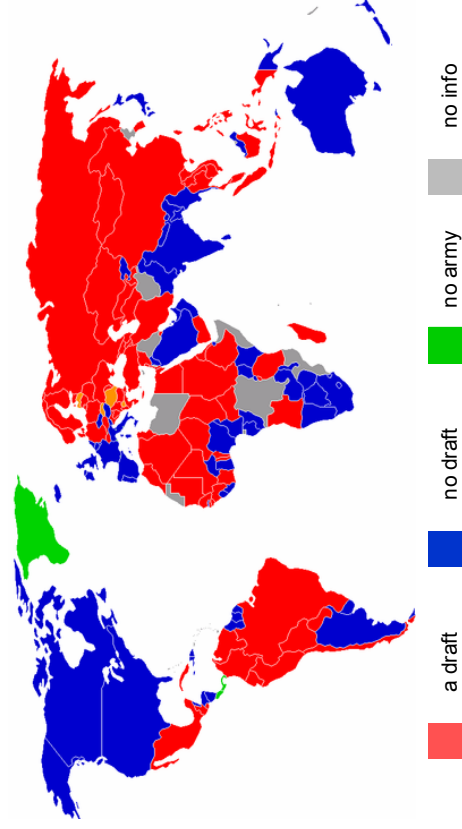
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our forces over the years



While there's concern our current forces are being stretched to the limit in Iraq and Afghanistan, our armed forces have been almost 50% bigger without a draft (which was ended in 1973). *Data from Department of Defense.*

the draft in the rest of the world



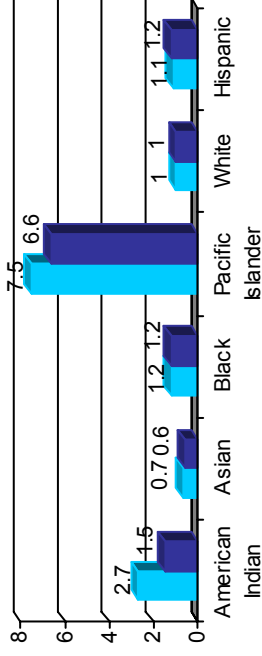
Map from *Wikipedia* (we know) - but squares pretty well with info at *CIA Factbook*, with a couple ambiguities and discrepancies.

who's serving

Advocates of a draft say that minorities and lower and middle income Americans bear the brunt of service in a volunteer army. The numbers show a mixed picture.

by race

Comparing racial make-up in the army vs. in the general population. Higher numbers mean racial groups are over-represented in the army. Numbers lower than one mean they are under-represented.

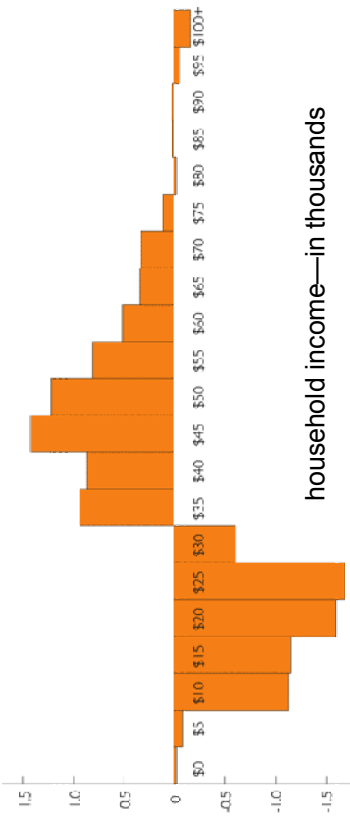


■ recruit/population ratio ■ army/population ratio

Numbers from Heritage analysis of 2004 Department of Defense data. Note that 8% of respondents to questionnaires on race didn't respond; that number went up to 12% in 2005, when the ratio for black army/population ratio went down to 1.0. 30% did not respond to question on Hispanic identity.

by income

Comparing wartime recruits to the rest of the population. Bars above zero show that 18-24 year olds from that income bracket are over-represented among recruits in 2003-2005. Bars below zero show that those income brackets are under-represented among recruits.



Graph from Heritage, using Department of Defense data and Census numbers. Since the DOD doesn't track household income, Heritage looked at recruits' zip codes and assumes their household had the median income from that zip.