

A proclamation regarding the abominable practice of including women in conscription,

that is, the compulsory enlistment for state military service.

Colloquially referred to as the Selective Service, or the draft, conscription is referenced in the Selective Service Act of 1917 which authorized the federal government to temporarily expand the military through compulsive mustering.

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This act required all men between the ages of 21 (18 as of 1918) to 45 to register for military service.

As far back as 1945 and as recently as 2024, US presidents and the US Congress have attempted to amend this act to include women.

The following proclamations are representative of God's people at Truth Family Bible Church and serve as notice of intention to practice Godly dissent in the face of tyranny.

We affirm and deny the following propositions:

Article I: Women in the Military

WE AFFIRM that the word of God declares it to be contrary to righteousness, justice, and goodness through the law given down through Moses, applied through general equity, for women to put on the martial attire of a man and that it is likewise unlawful for women to be conscripted into the military, combat or otherwise.

WE AFFIRM the duty of a warrior is given distinctly to men of fighting age.

WE DENY that it is the duty, nature, or responsibility of women to protect their countries in the office of warrior.

Genesis 14:14; Numbers 1:2-3; 26; 31:3-4; 32:25-27; Deuteronomy 22:5; Joshua 1:14; 6:3; 8:3; Judges 7:1-8; 20:8-11; 1 Samuel 8:11-13; 13:2; 1 Chronicles 21:5, 23-24; 2 Chronicles 25:5-6; 26:11-14; Nehemiah 4:13-14; Jeremiah 51:30

Article II: Equality

WE AFFIRM that men and women are ontologically (fundamentally) equal regarding their being as image-bearers of God.

WE DENY that men and women are economically (functionally) equal regarding activity and roles.

Genesis 5:2; 1:27; Galatians 3:27–29; Galatians 4:6; Colossians 3:10-11; 1 Tim 2:8–15

Article III: Disobedience to Tyranny

WE AFFIRM that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God.

WE DENY that God's people are to blindly follow any civil edicts which are in any way contrary to God's word or not contained in His word.

Exodus 14:27-28; Deuteronomy 6:15-57; Psalm 2:2-3; 94:20; 118:9; 119:126; 136:13-18; Ezekiel 22:29-30; Daniel 6:11; Daniel 3:16; Matthew 15:9; Acts 4:19; 5:29; Romans 12:17-21; 1 Corinthians 7:23, James 4:12

Article IV: Support Roles and Self-Defense

WE AFFIRM that certain martial support roles are appropriate for women and that there is liberty of conscience regarding some non-combatant jobs.

WE DENY that these roles shall be conscripted or compulsory.

WE AFFIRM that women are entitled to certain inalienable rights which are endowed by their Trinitarian Creator to protect themselves and those around them.

WE DENY that the act of self-defense is militaristic in nature.

Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Judges 4; Psalm 33:12

Article V: Just War

WE AFFIRM that there are just and legitimate reasons for nations to go to war and that Christians may participate in said just wars.

WE DENY that all wars are just.

Exodus 22:2 Numbers 21:21-24; Joshua 5:13; I Chronicles 21:16; Proverbs 20:18; 24:6; Ecclesiastes 3:8; Revelation 19:1-5

CONCLUSION:

WHEREAS we value the glory and beauty of our wives and daughters above the state's immoral and selfish ambitions,

WHEREAS we love our neighbors as ourselves,

WHEREAS we are "not [to] be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, [we Fear] the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28)

THEREFORE, we are resolved to defend our wives and daughters and will not allow them, or the wives and daughters of our neighbors who may likewise dissent, to be conscripted into the United States Armed Forces and we are opposed to any such

future measures regardless of their successful or legal passage through Congress or presidential executive edict either in time of war or peace because such acts or actions would be clean contrary to the Law of God, the conscience of His people, and the good of our land.

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THEREFORE according to the great tradition of Christendom and our beloved nation, we are in agreement with our fathers before us that when the state commands that which God forbids, or forbids that which God commands, we are to obey God rather than man. Our Christian conscience binds us.