

**My Opinion about.....**  
**The military**  
**TVMV, Denmark**

Presenter: What are the young people in Denmark thinking of the military. Here are some opinions:

Names of participants are written in translation

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2:00 (Mette Alrø Stoktoft, 19 years old, Holstebro in Denmark)

The military plays an important role in society in terms of preserving peace and order.

2:07 (Emil Axelgaard, 19 years old, Vildbjerg in Denmark)

The military is a construction I don't really care for. After the fall of the Berlin wall, there was a unique opportunity to realize that you don't get anywhere by throwing bombs at each other, by rearming and by threatening. A policy of menace never works, I think.

2:28 (Mark Ruby, 15 years old, Holstebro in Denmark)

I think it could be very fun to experience the stern discipline of the military. But I don't think it's something I would choose as a professional career.

2:39 (Anna Vedel, 15 years old, Holstebro in Denmark)

I think it's a good thing there is a military, of course it is. But I think you ought to consider a reform of the compulsory service, as I don't think it makes sense to call in people, who don't want to be in the military. And after a certain number of months you kick them out again, as they don't want to be there, and then you have wasted God knows how much money to train people who will never be used for anything. Instead, you should consider a professional army

3:12 (Mette Alrø Stoktoft, 19 years old, Holstebro in Denmark)

I get a little frightened when you hear about the things going on in Iraq lately. The Danish soldier, who was killed, was actually killed by other Danish soldiers. It's really frightening that we can't go down there with a professional army and create law and order, but create more problems than is good for them.

3:49 ( David McWhan, 17 years old, Ørnhøj in Denmark)

My opinion on the military is that I think it's good to have a defence, to have people who can go out and help other people who are in distress. I don't think that I would choose the infantry or to go in hard combat where I'd have to kill people. But I would like to see the military where they help people in need.

4:16 (Mette Alrø Stoktoft, 19 years old, Holstebro in Denmark)

I get a little annoyed when you hear about all the cuts and all the money that gets taken away from all the different areas. But you never cut the military budget. And I don't dare think of how much money they put in there all the time.

4:36 (Emil Axelgaard, 19 years old, Vildbjerg in Denmark)

All wars originate in economical, political and social differences that you simply can't solve by throwing bombs, but by going in there and assisting in building an infrastructure in the countries where the wars go on.

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2:00

Militæret er jo en vigtig brik i et samfund for at holde ro og orden.

2:07

Militæret er en konstruktion jeg ikke er særlig glad for. Efter murens fald havde man en enestående chance for at erkende at man ikke kommer fremad ved at smide bomber i hovedet på hinanden og opruste og true. En trusselspolitik synes jeg aldrig virker

2:28

Jeg tror det kunne være en meget sjov øvelse at mærke den strenge disciplin der er omkring sådan et foretagende som militæret det er. Men jeg tror ikke det er noget jeg kommer til at lave en professionel karriere i.

2:39

Jeg synes det er godt at der er et militær selvfølgelig er det det, men jeg synes man bør overveje en reform af værnepligten fordi jeg ikke synes det giver mening at man indkalder folk som egentlig ikke vil i militæret, og tvinger dem til at komme ind. Og så efter så og så mange måneder, så smider man dem sådan ud igen for de vil ikke være der, og så har man spildt jeg ved ikke hvor mange penge på at uddanne folk som aldrig vil blive brugt til noget som helst. Så der burde man overveje en professionel hær.

3:12

Jeg bliver lidt skræmt når man hører om de ting som er foregået i Irak på det sidste. Den danske soldat der blev dræbt han blev faktisk dræbt af nogle andre danske soldater, det virker skræmmende at vi ikke kan tage ned med en professionel hær og skabe ro og orden, men faktisk laver mere bøvl end godt er.

3:49

Min holdning til militæret det er at jeg synes det er godt og have nogle som forsvarer og som kan gå ud og hjælpe andre mennesker som er i nød og problemer. Jeg tror ikke selv jeg vil vælge infanteriet eller gå i hård kamp hvor jeg skulle slå mennesker ihjel. Men jeg vil gerne se militæret der hvor de hjælper mennesker som er i nød.

4:16

Jeg bliver lidt harm når man hører om alle de besparelser der skal gøres på alle områder, og alle de penge der bliver taget fra alle mulige steder, men man ser aldrig på militæret, og jeg tør ikke tænke på hvor mange penge der bliver proppet i det hele tiden.

4:36

Alle krige har bund i økonomiske, politiske, sociale forskelle, som man altså ikke kan løse med at smide bomber. Men løse ved at gå ind og hjælpe og opbygge en infrastruktur i de lande hvor krigen foregår.