

Manuscript
My Opinion about
The army
CYBC, Cyprus

Presenter: Living in a country with a conflict still running and with the fact, that every boy has to join the army in more than 2 years, whether he wishes to do or not, it's natural to ask the Cypriote teenagers what they think about the army

Participants (in order of appearance):

Andreas Charalambides, 19 years old.

Andria Charalambous, 16 years old.

Erasmia Michael, 15 years old.

Demetris Shemetras, 15 years old.

Sophia Katsamba, 15 years old.

Alexia Chrysostomou, 13 years old.

Charis Sideris, 14 years old.

Charis Countoures, 14 years old.

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Music: T.C.: 1:01-1:36 "2ND VIETNAM" from the motion picture "THE WAR" score
composed and conducted by Thomas Newman

1:36-1:44 "You're in the Army now" by Double Blue, cd Express vol. 1

1:46-4:29 "Peace Train" from the motion picture "THE WAR"

composed and conducted by Thomas Newman – Performed by Cat Stevens

4:30-4:49 "You're in the Army now" by Double Blue, cd Express vol. 1

Duration:

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1:06-1:06 It's an island that's known only but small periods of peace.

1:06-1:10 A peace loving people, just wanting to be free.

1:11-1:17 From ancient times until today, it's been the same story:
 Battling for freedom and going to war for peace.

1:19-1:25 National Guard service has become an absolute necessity,
 following the Turkish invasion of 1974.

1:27-1:29 In occupation, it's only an illusion of peace.

1:42-2:00 Andreas: -Of course, no young man in Cyprus wants to do
 the service. We don't like war, or the army. It's
 something we have to do. It is inevitable. It
 becomes a necessary evil for our country,
 because we feel threatened by Turkey.

2:00-2:13 Andria: -We can say that the service is necessary at this
 stage, and that because of our problem, it creates
 a sense of security for Cypriots, and this is very
 good.

2:15-2:28 Erasmia: -Ok, of course because of the service, you
 feel there is no security for your own country,
 but I believe it is an experience that is necessary.

2:27-2:39 Dimitris: -It prepares us, the boys, to defend our country,
 in any difficult moments that might lie ahead.

2:39-2:47 Sofia: -I think the boys get the wrong end of the deal. I
 don't like the army, I wouldn't like to go, I think
 the boys are enough!

2:47-2:59 Dimitris: -I believe she's right, girls and the army don't
 really go together.
 It's good to use that time to study.

- 2:59-3:14 Erasmia : -If I had the chance, I would join the army.
Not just out of the need to protect my
homeland, but also for personal exercise, to gain
certain experiences, in case you need them.
- 3:14-3:26 Alexia: -I would not like to serve in the army personally,
because from what we hear from today's soldiers,
it's a very tough job.
But I think it would be a good step if we would
abolish the mandatory army service.
- 3:26-3:42 Charis: -We can do that, for a possible volunteer army
following...a solution of the Cyprus issue, because
if you consider now that there are three hundred
thousand soldiers against us and only 700
thousand people here and just let's say, seven
thousand volunteers...
- 3:43-3:49 Charis: - Now...that the Cyprus issue remains unsolved,
perhaps there should be a reduction in service,
because I believe that...two years is too much.
- 3:50-3:59 Charis: -I believe that many things will have changed in the
army, since Cyprus will join the European Union and
the European army will be, or rather has been
created.
- 3:59-4:14 Dimitris: -The duration of the service will definitely be
reduced...like in Greece and other European
countries, we know that they serve for six
months, and I prefer that...
- 4:14-4:27 Charis: -The army will not be as nationalistic as it was many
years ago, it will become more professional.
- 4:27-4:34 Charis: -With this profession, you can do whatever is
possible to do some good for your homeland...

