

Justice

Markets and Morals

9. Markets and Morals: Military Service

What are the limits of government? Government is sending citizens to war

- Sergeant can send specific soldier to the battle
- But sergeant cannot take soldier's money!
- 👍 The rule should be for everyone!
- ? Q: but what if the sergeant has sent the soldier he personally doesn't like???

Consent is important!

- 👎 Not the consent of the individual to the particular tax or military order
- 👍 But the consent to join the government and be bound by majority

WAYS TO INCREASE RECRUITMENT

1. Increase pay and benefits
2. Shift to military conscription (a draft)
3. Outsource - hire mercenaries

During Civil War US used Hybrid system: conscription + market system: allowed to hire a substitute if you was drafted

- It's considered dishonest
- Andrew Carnegie was drafted and paid amount he spends on fancy cigars ;)

Increase pay/benefits in volunteer systems still dishonest

- Mostly poor people would volunteer

Poor has less opportunities

- 👍 My answer: Do not mix everything up - we have a separate topic about the simple distribution of resources / money and fair taxation. IF / WHEN this problem is solved, THEN we have no issues here and in any similar problems - MARKET WILL SOLVE EVERYTHING!
- ? QUESTION REMAINING: Which background inequalities in society erode people's freedom to make choices regarding the purchase and sale of their labor?

Objections to market system

- 👎 Unfairness, inequality, coercion,
- 👍 Using volunteering, you will hire more motivated (patriotic) people
- ? QUESTION REMAINING: What are the obligations of citizenship? And what is the source of such obligation? Consent of even w/o consent?
- ⚠️ What about patriotism?

10. Markets and Morals: Surrogacy

Case: Surrogate mother in India

EGG DONOR NEEDED
LARGE FINANCIAL INCENTIVE
 Intelligent, Athletic Egg Donor Needed For Loving Family
 You must be at least 5'10"
 Have a 1400+ SAT score
 Possess no major family medical issues
 \$50,000
 Free Medical Screening
 All Expenses Paid

Example of the Ads

- The same for sperm donors near Stanford - for 75\$

Why a deal is NOT a deal HERE?

Case: Surrogate mother changed her mind after baby birth

Objections to enforcing surrogacy contracts

1. Tainted or Flawed Consent
 - Coercion (bargaining power)
 - ? Q: but it was informed consent!
 - But neither party had a superior position!
 - So - no coercion here!
 - Lack of information
 - ? Q: So if it was second child then if would be ok? yes. in Russia it works this way
 - ? Q: If artist painted the picture he promised to sell he can exit contract?
 - ? Q: So you can sign any contract without reading it and then make it void because you was not informed!??
2. Dehumanizing
 - Baby(!) has inalienable right for real mother
 - "This is the sale of a child, or, at the very least, the sale of a mother's right to her child... Whatever idealism may motivate the participants, the profit motive predominates, permeates, and ultimately governs the transaction."
 - 👍 This is like baby selling
 - Do you want to be able to bid for a baby?
 - ? Q: But shouldn't we now cancel ALL surrogacy contracts even where the both parties are happy?

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- Mother's emotional bond with the child
- this is result of labor which cannot be alienated
- Certain goods should not be traded as they are not simply the object of use
- e.g. fatherhood should be something you do, not something you donate

👍 So - there are certain goods that money can't buy!

- Because some goods are valued higher than for their use
- ⚠️ This is against Utilitarianism which valued goods for the use