

What are the costs of Russian Military Draft?*

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Abstract

In 2007 the Russian government decreased the length of obligatory military service to terminate a long standing violent hazing practises which were based on overlapping generation military conscripts. This separation of senior and junior recruits created a shortage of conscripts in the Army which was compensated by significant short term increase in a draft.

Alternative instrument is distance to the police station. Enlistment office fails to enforce the draft in remote area and a widespread evasion allow to use the presence of a police station as an instrument

This paper utilizes a high quality multivariate micro level dataset and exogenous variation induced by this overtaking draft to investigate the effect of military service on relevant for modern Russia topics and varies labour market outcomes.

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