

## **Primary Mission of NS? To Teach Discipline and Values to Young, Survey Findings Show**

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The primary mission for National Service (NS) is to instil discipline and values among the young, according to a new study on perceptions on the rite of passage.

Disciplining and inculcating values in young able-bodied males edged out national defence to be NS' most important purpose for the 1,250 Singaporeans who were asked what NS means to them. Respondents picked transforming boys to men as the third most important reason for NS.

The survey, conducted by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) between July and September, was commissioned by the high-level Committee to Strengthen National Service that is spearheading ongoing discussions on how to increase support and commitment to NS. It is the first-ever study on NS that is done by an independent research outfit and revealed to the public.