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Questions and Answers

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How come so many sons of **high-ranking** politicians **get out of** doing their **mandatory** military service?

Why are there so many high ranking politicians' sons that don't have to do their military service **when everybody else has to**?

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In the past, **draft dodging** and military **exemptions** were **common-place** among **the rich and powerful** in Korea.

There used to be a lot of corruption among public officials. **People in high places** were able to **pull some strings** to get special treatment.

But now, **things are changing**. People start to think that no Korean man should be **exempted** from military service **in an unfair manner**. I think we're **moving in the right direction**.

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Key Expressions and Others

1. 고위 공직자 high-ranking official; high-ranking politicians; people in high places
2. 병역을 기피하다 draft dodging; get out of doing one's mandatory military service
3. 면제를 받다 be exempted from ~
4. 부와 권력을 가진 사람 the rich and powerful
5. 영향력을 행사하다 pull some strings
6. 상황이 달라지고 있다 things are changing
7. 올바른 방향으로 나아가고 있다 we're moving in the right direction
8. 공정한 경쟁을 하다 be on a level playing field
9. 왜 우리 자녀만 병역의무를 이행해야 하는가? If your son doesn't have to do military service, why does mine?