

# Victor Berger, the Milwaukee Socialists and Civil Liberty

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## Newspaper Article

"Difference of Opinion," Milwaukee Leader, 8/2/1917



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### DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

In the newspapers that are boosting the war there is a very frequent iteration of the assertion that it is an honor to be drafted. Just why is this so often repeated? One would be led by this iteration to believe that there must be some doubt about it. "He protest too much."

Among the young men between 21 and 31 there seems to be a different view of the subject. They do not ask each other, "Have you the honor to be drafted?"

On the contrary, the question they ask is, "Did you escape?" Or "Are you caught?" These and questions of similar tenor are the ones you can hear if you mingle with the young men.