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## POSITION PAPER

# Department of Defense Transgender Policy

**PROBLEM:** Potential recruits and officer candidates need to meet the physical and mental standards required to fight our nation's wars. Unit readiness, unity, and deployability are essential to effective mission accomplishment. An individual with gender dysphoria and seeking medical treatment for transitioning to a different sex does not meet these criteria and is an unnecessary financial burden. For a more detailed analysis see <https://starrs.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/STARRS-Position-Paper-on-DoD-Transgender-Policies.pdf>.

### FACTS:

- Current DoD policy, DoDI 1300.28, states that transgender service members (SM) are allowed to receive gender dysphoria “treatments” as determined necessary by a physician. This includes psychological evaluation and counseling and “transition” hormones and surgeries, paid for by the taxpayers.
- There is a long list of medical, psychological, physiological and intelligence factors that disqualify people from serving based on their ability to execute the mission, including age, weight, height, physical disability, medical conditions (asthma, heart conditions, epilepsy, color blindness, some dental conditions, hearing damage, history of food allergies, etc.), depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorder, drug additions, criminal history, inability to pass the physical fitness test, lack of a high school diploma or equivalent, inability to achieve the minimum score on recruitment exams, etc.
- There is a shortage of reliable scientific data on the long-term effects of “gender-affirming” treatments, but science indicates they have a low success rate and result in the need for long-term care and significant negative impacts on the ability of the service member to effectively execute mission requirements. See cited references in the STARRS position paper: <https://starrs.us/positon-paper-dod-transgender-policies/>.
- DoD policy ignores religious freedom and medical ethics and makes no allowance for those with strong religious and moral objections to aspects of transgenderism.
- There is a significant negative impact on readiness due to individual duty limitations during and after “gender affirmation treatments” and the diversion of funds from other priorities.
- The new policy ignores historical DoD data, an in-depth analysis conducted by Secretary of Defense James Mattis, and a panel of experts in 2017-2018 that led to the policy implemented by President Trump. It was not a “ban” as widely reported—it was based on readiness considerations. See [5 Things to Know About DOD's New Policy on Military Service by Transgender Persons and Persons With Gender Dysphoria > U.S. Department of Defense > Defense Department News](#)
- DoDI 1300.28 and 6400.11 restrict research into and the release of data related to transgender policies without the approval of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), thus hiding the information from the rest of the government and the public, and preventing oversight and re-evaluation based on analysis of actual impacts over time.
- **Note:** The above regulations do not override disclosure requirements under the FOIA law.

- The Trans agenda is an integral part of the international Marxist movement and is slowly changing the culture on military bases. Liz Wheeler explains the connection between Marxism and the Trans agenda in an [interview with Sebastian Gorka on 4 Aug, 2023](#). Read more in her book [Hide Your Children, Exposing the Marxists Behind the Attack on America's Kids](#).

## DISCUSSION:

It is a privilege, not a right, to serve in America's profession of arms. Its mission is to deter, fight and win our nation's wars. As such, its membership is exclusive to those who can meet physical and mental standards. Accommodations beyond this are wasteful and a threat to readiness.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Promote provisions in NDAA legislation that DOD policy shall focus on warfighting and mission readiness as it relates to the transgender movement, in particular;
- Prohibit federal funding of the cost of gender transitioning;
- Establish accommodations for those fully deployable Service Members who have completed the transition (e.g., billeting, bathroom) that respects the privacy of nontransitioned members; and
- Execute compassionate early release options (as in typical reduction in force efforts) with honorable discharges for those who choose to separate from military service.

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