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Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services (STARRS) is concerned about the divisive racist and radical CRT/DEI ideology infiltrating the military and service academies and seeks to expose, stand up against, and eliminate it in order to keep our country safe.

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Lack of Transparency and Accountability within the Department of Defense

PROBLEM:

Elements of the Department of Defense avoid transparency and accountability by stonewalling Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

FACTS:

- Since July 2020, Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services, Inc. (STARRS) has filed **53 FOIA requests** (to include five appeals)—primarily focused on Critical Race Theory (CRT); Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); and COVID vaccine issues.
- As of November 21, 2024, 27 remain open, only one received a satisfactory response within 20 business days, others were closed without notification.
- Judicial Watch filed two lawsuits on behalf of STARRS.
- The first one, filed September 23, 2022, was for an October 12, 2020 FOIA request that asked for a copy of an assessment of systemic racism directed by the USAF Academy Superintendent, Lt Gen Jay Silveria, with a report due to him no later than September 18, 2020. See [STARRS v. DOD Air Force Academy complaint 02894](#).
- Two documents were released on March 1, 2023:
 - [U.S. Air Force Academy Internal Racial Disparity Review Final Report- 21 September 2020](#)
 - [STARRS v DOD prod 2 02894](#)
 - For a centralized link with multiple documents, see [Records Show Air Force Academy Focus on Anti-American Critical Race Theory Training of Cadets](#).
- The two documents totaled 167 pages, of which 52 entire pages were redacted with other redactions throughout the remainder of the documents. All pages were labeled For Official Use Only (FOUO) for the purpose of shielding it from the public.
- Two major observations: (1) there was no evidence of racism, let alone systemic racism (i.e., the supposed predicate for nearly all of the CRT and DEI praxis), in the released documents; (2) during the period this report was kept from the public, 90 cadets were trained as diversity and inclusion officers and NCOs—two per unit (40 squadrons, four groups, and one wing), wearing purple ropes over their left shoulder, reporting via a separate chain of command to the Academy’s Chief Diversity Officer.
- The second lawsuit, filed September 23, 2024, was for a November 1, 2021, FOIA request that asked for records associated with USAF Academy’s diversity and inclusion plans. See [Judicial Watch Sues Department of Defense for Records on U.S. Air Force Academy’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plans](#).

DISCUSSION:

Organizations within the DoD are not responsive in accordance with legal FOIA requirements. Most of the cases involve CRT/DEI and COVID vaccination issues. The lack of transparency and accountability strongly suggests actions are taking place that are not Constitutionally or morally defensible and are almost certainly advancing versus eradicating discrimination.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Encourage Congressional hearings about ideological indoctrination and the lack of transparency and accountability with principals within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the professional military education universities/colleges/schools (officer and enlisted), the Service Academies, and other commissioning programs such as ROTC and Officer Candidate Schools;
- Hold accountable those who advance discrimination in violation of the law and those who abused Constitutional rights in association with experimental vaccines; and
- Consider strengthening the importance of timely transparency and accountability under the FOIA statute.

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