

Military Necessity Homosexuality

Assessing Value Argument - Ian Robert Fielding 1994

Parameters - 1993

The Long Arc of Justice - Richard D. Mohr 2007-04

Richard D. Mohr adopts a humanistic and philosophical approach to assessing public policy issues affecting homosexuals. His nuanced case for legal and social acceptance applies widely held ethical principles to various issues, including same-sex marriage, AIDS, and gays in the military. Mohr examines the nature of prejudices and other cultural forces that work against lesbian and gay causes and considers the role that sexuality plays in national rituals. In his support of same-sex marriage, Mohr defines matrimony as the development and maintenance of intimacy through which people meet their basic needs and carry out their everyday living, and he contends that this definition applies equally to homosexual and heterosexual couples. By drawing on culturally, legally, and ethically based arguments, Mohr moves away from tired political rhetoric and reveals the important ways in which the struggle for gay rights and acceptance relates to mainstream American society, history, and political life.

Gays and Lesbians in the Military - Wilbur J. Scott

Despite the amply documented presence of significant numbers of undeclared homosexual soldiers, sailors, and Air Force personnel, the official position of the American military since the Second World War has been to ban gay men and lesbian women from serving in the United States military. Enlistment of openly gay or lesbian military personnel has not been permitted; those already in the military service who have subsequently "come out" as gays and lesbians have been mustered out of

the service, with no prospect of appeal.

It is Time to Rescind Don't Ask, Don't Tell - Mitch L. Berger 2009

Any reasonable person could argue that homosexuals have served in the U.S. military throughout our history, many with distinction. The difference throughout history is the way the government and military departments have handled the issue. In 1993, President Bill Clinton acting on a prior campaign pledge started the process to replace the existing policy on homosexual military service. The resulting controversy led to passage of a law commonly known as "Don't ask, Don't tell" (DADT). This research project will provide a historical perspective of homosexuality and military service and the process leading up to DADT. The research project will cover several of the controversial issues such as comparing and contrasting this issue with racial integration in the military in the 1940s and 1950s as well as use other nations' recent experiences as they changed their policy as it relates to homosexual service. In the end, based on current public and military opinion, military needs and the fact that there is no credible evidence that homosexual military service degrades unit morale, cohesion or effectiveness, the recommendation is Don't ask, Don't tell be rescinded and replaced with a new policy allowing homosexual military service.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell - 2003

Summary Report of the Military Working Group - United States. Department of Defense. Office of the Secretary of Defense. Military Working Group 1993

Military Necessity & Homosexuality - Ronald D. Ray 1993

Homosexuality and the U.S. Military - 2008

The Department of Defense policy regarding homosexuals allows gays and lesbians to join without requiring them to divulge their sexual orientation. However, just as in previous versions of the military's homosexual policies, the current Don't Ask, Don't Tell version continues to make it clear that gay men and lesbians are not welcome. The policy excludes persons (homosexuals) whose presence in the armed forces would create an unacceptable risk to its high standards of morale, good order, discipline, and unit cohesion (US Code 654, 1993). The purpose of this study was to examine and gain an understanding of those homosexuals who choose to join the military and serve under sexually covert conditions. The questions contained in the survey were used to assist in understanding why the participants made the choices they made in regards to their military service. The survey included the Gay Identity Questionnaire (Brady & Busse, 1994), the Satisfaction with Life scale (Diener, Emmons, Larsen, & Griffin, 1985), and the Generalized Expectancy for Success Scale-Revised (Hale, Fiedler, & Cochran, 1992). Additional questions in the survey were related to preference choices that assisted in testing the theory proposed of homosexuals who join the military belonging to one of three life preference groups: adaptive, community centered, or career centered. Participants in this study reported a decline in satisfaction with life as well as their estimation for success as they progressed toward the mid-stages of homosexual identity and then improved again as they advanced into the final stages of identity development. The midstage of homosexual identity is a time of conflict for a homosexual in the military who is struggling with self-acceptance and the need to share these feelings with others, yet forced to keep these feelings hidden to prevent expulsion from the service due to the Don't Tell portion of the current military homosexual policy. Results from this study indicate that as long as homosexuals are allowed to join and serve their country, the military needs to ensure confidential mental health services are available for homosexuals who are in need of support while transitioning through the stages of homosexual development.

Homosexuals and the U.S. Military - 2008

In announcing the interim agreement, the President noted that the Joint Chiefs of Staff agreed to remove questions regarding sexual orientation from the enlistment application.² One of the elements of the compromise was an agreement within the Congress not to immediately enact legislation that would have maintained the prior policy (of barring homosexuals from service and continuing to ask recruit [...]) The inclusion of "don't pursue" (akin to a "don't investigate" stance advocated by homosexual rights groups) seemingly created a contradiction in the President's policy.⁵ On the one hand, it maintained the notion of military necessity and privacy as found in the congressional compromise of "don't ask, don't tell," and then appeared to prevent efforts to enforce the regulations and laws which imple [...] A tradition of deference by the courts to Congress and the Executive in the organization and regulation of the military dates from the earliest days of the republic. [...] The Constitution grants exclusive authority to raise and support the armed forces to Congress,³⁸ which has "broad and sweeping" power to make all laws necessary for that purpose.³⁹ Similarly, the Constitution grants exclusive command of the armed forces to the executive branch, designating the President as "commander-in-chief."⁴⁰ Nowhere does the Constitution delineate a specific role for the judi [...] The essence of military service 'is the subordination of the desires and interests of the individual to the needs of the service.'⁴⁵ Because the Air Force argued that standardized uniforms were necessary to "encourage the subordination of personal preferences," the majority deferred to the "professional judgment" of the Air Force.

LGBT Military Personnel - Joshua Polchar 2014-06-27

Diversity and Military Effectiveness Improving inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) service members is more than a matter of 'doing the right thing': it is a matter of military effectiveness. A groundbreaking new report from The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, a defense think tank, argues that militaries must embrace diversity in order to survive and thrive in the twenty-first century security environment.

Coming Out Under Fire - Allan Bérubé 2010-09-07

During World War II, as the United States called on its citizens to serve in unprecedented numbers, the presence of gay Americans in the armed forces increasingly conflicted with the expanding antihomosexual policies and procedures of the military. In *Coming Out Under Fire*, Allan Berube examines in depth and detail these social and political confrontation--not as a story of how the military victimized homosexuals, but as a story of how a dynamic power relationship developed between gay citizens and their government, transforming them both. Drawing on GIs' wartime letters, extensive interviews with gay veterans, and declassified military documents, Berube thoughtfully constructs a startling history of the two wars gay military men and women fought--one for America and another as homosexuals within the military. Berube's book, the inspiration for the 1995 Peabody Award-winning documentary film of the same name, has become a classic since it was published in 1990, just three years prior to the controversial "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which has continued to serve as an uneasy compromise between gays and the military. With a new foreword by historians John D'Emilio and Estelle B. Freedman, this book remains a valuable contribution to the history of World War II, as well as to the ongoing debate regarding the role of gays in the U.S. military.

Gay Men and Lesbians in the Military - Mary L. Tilden 2003

Sexual Misbehavior in the Civil War - Thomas P. Lowry 2006-10-12

Over three million young men left home, shouldered rifles, and set about killing one another in the 1860s. Behind, they left wives and sweethearts. The 50,000 books about the war have told us in meticulous detail about the strategy, tactics, weapons, uniforms, canteens, famous generals, religious beliefs, personality quirks, fortifications, battles, sieges, gunboats, medical care, and recruiting policies. The causes of the war have been endlessly analyzed. The surviving veterans wrote hundreds of memoirs, sometimes inflating their own heroism and importance. What rarely appears in this literature is any mention of sex, in spite of most soldiers being in their early twenties, a time of manly vigor. The late 19th

century brought the ascendancy of Victorian prudishness and hypocrisy. The Comstock laws sent men to prison for mailing contraceptive advice. Just advice! Whatever willingness there might have been to reveal wartime hanky-panky evaporated in the tenor of the time and the admiring gaze of the veteran's growing grandchildren. The following scene would be unimaginable: the old veteran sits by the stove in the country store. His long white beard covers his tattered vest. A faded medal graces his chest. On the floor are the shavings from his most recent whittling. A tiny child pipes up: "Tell us about the war, grandpa." "Well, Jimmy, there was this pretty little whore in Memphis..." Never happen. Material collected twenty years ago resulted in the author's 1994 book, *The Story the Soldiers Wouldn't Tell - Sex in the Civil War*, which presented everything that was then known on the subject. There had been no previous book on Civil War sex. Since then, the author and his wife, Beverly, have read over 90,000 court-martials and countless letters and diary entries. What emerges is that sexual activity was far more common and public than our previous research or any memoir had ever revealed. The records come from literally every corner of the country: Key West, Washington Territory, Los Angeles, and Maine. The malfesants are both officers and enlisted men. The victims range from six-year girls to sixty-year old grandmothers. The soldiers carried with them lewd books and obscene photos. Even more striking is the universality of houses of prostitution. Every village and every city neighborhood has at least one such—and everybody knew it. They knew the addresses of the houses. They knew the names of the madams and the names of many of the "girls." Most of the witnesses for the trials had visited the houses, for the usual reasons. The military police tramped through the houses, looking for deserters. Rape, thought to be rare during the war, was not that rare. An unexpected finding was that Union soldiers, who were supposedly freeing the slaves, were quick to rape black women. An even more surprising finding was that the Confederate army had a policy of not prosecuting rapists, whether the victim was black or white. The inventor of the Graham cracker had, in 1834, written a book claiming that masturbation caused severe illness, even death.

This idea had taken root in the medical profession and many army doctors testified that a defendant was not guilty because of "insanity from self-abuse." The Union army's largest hospital listed dozens men, dead from "masturbation." The famous ship Monitor had a thick iron turret. In other such ships, the sound-proof turret proved a convenient place for old sailors to rape young boys. A Union cavalry colonel was tried for sexually assaulted both men and women. Evidence for Civil War homosexuality was unknown until now. Even more astonishing stories appear in the records: sex with horses, sheep, even with chickens and turkeys. There are records of obscene tattoos, foul cursing by Winfield Scott Hancock, black and white mistresses of Confederate generals, even many records of "fornication and bastardy" in the little village of Gettysburg. Ads fo

Gays--in Or Out? - Ronald D. Ray 1993

The author presents evidence of his opinion that the ban of homosexuals serving in the military should be upheld, despite the announcement of the President's intention to overturn the ban.

Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces - United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Armed Services 1994

Gay Mental Healthcare Providers and Patients in the Military - Elspeth Cameron Ritchie 2017-11-18

This volume tells the history of homosexuality in the United States military beginning in 1986, when the issue first came to the forefront of social consciousness. Each chapter is written through the eyes of gay mental healthcare providers, covering how to steadily adapt and learn to treat veterans struggling with the traumas associated with the stigma of homosexuality in service. Topics include the "Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell" (DADT) policy, its repeal in 2011, and addresses the current trends and challenges. Unlike any other professional book, this text includes the personal stories of gay military mental healthcare providers, as well as gay civilian clinicians who have worked with the military population in various segments in history. These accounts offer invaluable support for medical professionals working with this demographic. Chapters cover the

various psychological damage service personnel encounter as it uniquely pertains to those struggling with the stigma of LGBTQ rights. Chapters include clinical pearls for particular psychiatric concerns, lessons learned for the future, and hard-earned successes as stigmas and perceptions evolved over time. Gay Mental Healthcare Providers and Patients in the Military is an excellent resource for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, policymakers, and all professionals who are interested in LGBTQ rights in the context of veteran psychiatry.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell - Aaron Belkin 2003

Conservatives and liberals agree that President Bill Clinton's effort to lift the military's gay ban was perhaps one of the greatest blunders of his tenure in office. In this text, experts of both persuasions come together to debate the critical aspects of the gays-in-the-military issue.

Conduct Unbecoming - Randy Shilts 2005-07

The definitive book on lesbians and gay men in the US military. Randy Shilts, author of the classic documentary history of the AIDS epidemic *And The Band Played On*, was acclaimed for his ability to take epic histories and molding them into gripping, intimate narratives. *Conduct Unbecoming*, his groundbreaking exploration of lesbians and gays in the military, came out of hundreds of interviews conducted with servicepeople at all levels of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps and intense research uncovering thousands of documents resulting in a unique history of gays in the military as well as the persecution of gays in the military. *Conduct Unbecoming* will leave readers moved and imbued with a better understanding of the pressing situation in our nation's military. "A sober, thoroughly researched and engrossingly readable history on the subject. [Shilts's] chronicle is excellent military history, closely woven with an enthralling analysis of the changing definitions of sexuality and personal relationships in American society....[A] landmark book....Remarkable." --New York Times Book Review "A masterpiece of investigative reporting...Shilts has shown us the honor homosexuals have brought, and continue to bring, to the uniforms they wear and the country they serve." - Boston Globe "Gays, we are told, would damage morale in the military. Shilts documents the fact that morale has already

been eaten away by hypocrisy, contradictions, and favoritism...This book will be to gay and lesbian liberation what Betty Friedan's was to early feminism or Rachel Carson's to ecological consciousness. No fair-minded person can read *Conduct Unbecoming* and consider the present system defensible. - USA Today "Gripping reading....the history of homosexual people and the movement for gay/lesbian equality in the United States can nowhere be more clearly told." - Los Angeles Times

Straightforward - Ian Ayres 2011-06-27

What can straight people do to support gay rights? How much work or sacrifice must allies take on to do their share? Ian Ayres and Jennifer Brown--law professors, activists, husband and wife--propose practical strategies for helping straight men and women advocate for and with the gay community. *Straightforward* advances a thesis that is at once simple and groundbreaking: to make real progress at the central flashpoints of controversy--marriage rights, employment discrimination, gays in the

military, exclusion from the Boy Scouts, and religious controversies over homosexuality--straight as well as gay people need to speak up and act for equality. Ayres and Brown take aim at both the hearts and minds of the general public, focusing on strategies that can change the incentives and therefore the behavior of the recalcitrant. The book is peppered with stories about real people and the decisions they have faced at home, in church, at work, in school, and in politics. It is also filled with creative legal and economic strategies for influencing public and corporate decision-making. For example, Ayres and Brown propose the development of a "fair employment mark" to help companies advertise inclusive employment policies. They also show how a simple pledge to vacation in states that legalize gay marriage can create powerful incentives for legislatures to amend their marriage laws. Engagingly written and sure to spark debate, *Straightforward* promises to change the way America thinks about--and participates in--the gay rights movement.

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