

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR EDUCATORS AND POLICY MAKERS



Should women serve in front line combat units?

1. Should physical standards be occasionally adjusted to ensure greater participation of women in combat, or must they remain fixed regardless of the consequences that follow?
2. Should we expect to see more sexual harassment cases as women are integrated into combat units, or is the current worry about escalating harassment allegations an entirely separate issue?
3. Should the U.S. be attentive to gender practice elsewhere in the world (in which increasingly women are integrated into more but not all units), or should the American experience remain unique?
4. Why exactly is combat perceived as an exceptional ordeal in which the normal assumptions about equal opportunity and access do not quite apply?

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