

Dr. James Dobson: Congress Is Trying to Radically Reshape Our Military

If you thought the battle over forcing America's wives and daughters to register for the draft through the Selective Service Act was over when President Barack Obama left office, you would be wrong.

With Republicans in charge of the White House and both houses of Congress, the push toward "gender equality" in the armed services continues. Dr. James Dobson said this radical move will have far ranging implications for our national security in a new commentary he released Wednesday morning.

In it, he writes:

While most of us Americans were thinking about something else, a decades-long struggle has been going on within the leadership of our Armed Forces and the political decision makers to whom they are accountable. You should know about it if you don't already. It concerns an effort to redesign and reshape our military and has far ranging implications for the security of this country.

Since the early 1990s, each branch has been under unrelenting pressure to conform itself to the principles of political correctness. It has been driven by powerful left-wing social movements, including radical feminism, the gay rights movement, LGBTQ ideology and most recently, transgender influences that have swept the nation. America has elected two presidents, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, who threw the force of their presidencies into these radical concepts, changing our defense apparatus from top to bottom and making it rethink recruitment, training, maintenance and fighting in foreign wars.

This revolutionary social experiment has weakened the U.S. military and made our troops march to a different set of drums. But, that is where we are headed.

For example, Congress first began considering the radical notion of authorizing women in combat 26 years ago. Hearings were held on that concept on June 18, 1991, which featured generals, senators and feminists who testified on behalf of what has never been permitted in the 217-year history of this country. Gender studies confirmed what has been known about male and female physiology, psychology, sexuality, family issues, gender norming and other dimensions of military life. What had to be considered is the undeniable fact that most women can't run, swim, fight, climb, carry or endure hardship like men. They were designed by the Creator with feminine physiological characteristics that influence every aspect of their lives. To be sure, women have made positive impacts in our military. However, if women are put on the front lines of battle, they will be subjected to the most brutal and demanding challenges known to humanity. For example, the additional physical strain placed on a woman already weighed down by over 100 pounds of weapons, ammunition and equipment on an extended combat operation conducted over complex mountainous terrain would be insurmountable. These challenges go beyond the individual soldier or marine. The impact on the remainder of her unit could very well make them combat-ineffective and lead to unnecessary loss of life. This is what is at stake for you and your daughters if assigned to combat duties.

Imagine women being disembarked in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, when 17- or 18-year-old boys, many coming straight out of high school, fought, bled and died for their country. These fellows slogged through wet, sandy beaches under a staggering load and into the face of withering machine gunfire and treacherous mines. Then, exhausted and terrified, they fought their way up heavily defended bluffs

from which crack German troops rained down hell upon them. If they survived that bombardment, and 2,000 of them perished that first day, they were required to fight continually from foxholes all the way to Berlin. That trauma went on for 11 months. Some units didn't have a single survivor when it was over.

Yet, the hoary-headed senior officers in the Pentagon pretended that women were as equipped as men to withstand physical and psychological deprivations, and then fight to the death against hardened troops with high-octane testosterone surging through their veins. Common sense would tell us emphatically, "No, this is dangerous and irrational," but common sense was not on the agenda that day in the U.S. Senate in June of 1991.

During that first morning in a Senate Chamber, the 27th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Barrow, sat listening to one military expert after another as they tried to make a case for putting women in harm's way.

I have a video and transcript of General Barrow's testimony from that morning. If you have any interest in what I am writing, you should read his words of warning. It may someday be highly relevant to you—to husbands or sons, or daughters.

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