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Seven Reasons Why Women-in-Combat Diversity Will Degrade Tough Standards

Defense Department officials keep claiming that when direct ground combat assignments are opened up to women, female trainees will be held to the same standards as men.

This analysis, produced by the Center for Military Readiness, sets forth seven major reasons and new information explaining why this will not be possible:

- CMR: [Seven Reasons Why Women-in-Combat Diversity Will Degrade Tough Standards](#)

It does not matter what officials and advocates are promising now, incremental pressures to achieve gender-based "diversity metrics," (read, "quotas,") will drive qualification standards down. Requirements may end up being "equal," but *they will not be the same* as the tough regimen that male trainees in ground combat units must meet today.

According to several polls, people will favor women in land combat only if training standards remain the same. *What if they don't?* It's time to start asking that question, since expectations that standards will remain the same simply cannot be met over time.

I hope you will review new evidence presented in this article, which puts the entire issue into a different light.

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