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5 Things to Know About DOD's New Policy on Military Service by Transgender Persons and Persons With Gender Dysphoria

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Here are five things you should know about the new DOD policy:

- 1 The new DOD policy doesn't ban transgender individuals from service.
- 2 Transgender service members may continue to serve.
- 3 The new policy is focused on enhancing readiness, and comes after consultation with military and medical experts.
- 4 Gender dysphoria is a medical condition.
- 5 The new DOD policy eliminates special accommodations that were provided to persons with gender dysphoria but not to others.

A non-transgender woman taking hormones is welcome to serve. A transgender person taking the exact same hormones is banned. That's a transgender ban.

Some gay people were allowed to serve under "don't ask, don't tell," but DADT was still a ban that harmed all gay and lesbian troops. Trump's transgender ban is the same.

The American Medical Association, American Psychological Association, American Psychiatric Association, 3 former military Surgeons General and 6 former U.S. Surgeons General have said that DoD is lying about the science.

When service members have any other medical condition, the military treats them, and they return to service unless they cannot meet fitness standards within a required time period. The only exception is gender dysphoria. If you need treatment for GD, Trump fires you.

As the former Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force explained recently, inclusive policy held all troops to the same standards. There were no special accommodations. The new Trump ban creates separate standards that apply only to transgender troops.