



MILITARY ACCESS: FACTS & IMPACTS

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- FACT:** The Stanford Law School Non-Discrimination policy states: "Stanford Law School makes its facilities and services open only to employers who do not discriminate on the basis of age, religion, disability, ethnic background, national origin, gender, race, sexual orientation, or veteran status."
- FACT:** The United States Military discriminates against lesbian and gay service members. This occurs in 2 primary ways: discharges for homosexual conduct; and a presumption of homosexual conduct resulting from any first-person statement acknowledging non-heterosexual orientation.
- FACT:** Since the implementation of President Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, the number of military personnel discharged for homosexuality has increased by 67%.
- FACT:** Congress is blackmailing law schools into complicity with the military's discriminatory policies by withholding federal funds for student aid. The Solomon amendments force law schools to forgo federal funding if they refuse to violate or change their nondiscrimination policies by allowing the military access to students. Access may include on-campus recruiting, as well as access to student directory information.
- FACT:** Stanford Law School will lose federal funds earmarked for student financial aid if the military is denied access to our students. Up until this year, the amount of money lost would have been about \$100,000. Due to recent increases in the amount of work-study money available to the law school, the amount of future lost funds could be significantly higher.
- FACT:** Yale Law School has refused to allow military recruiters access to their students.
- FACT:** New York University Law School has refused to allow military recruiters access to their students. Dean John Sexton stated:
- "You don't make decisions of principle based upon the price tag."

IMPACTS:

If Stanford Law School capitulates to federal blackmail, we send a message that our commitment to nondiscrimination is negotiable.

If Stanford Law School capitulates, we send a message that the rights of lesbians and gay men are less important than the rights of others.

By refusing to make exceptions to its nondiscrimination policy, Stanford Law School will support equality for ALL persons.