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LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS, a non-
 profit corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and
 ROBERT M. GATES, SECRETARY
 OF DEFENSE, in his official capacity,
 Defendants.

Case No. CV 04-8425 VAP (Ex)
 DECLARATION OF AARON
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 CABIN REPUBLICANS'
 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'
 MOTION FOR SUMMARY
 JUDGMENT
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on April 1, 2010 in Berkeley, California.



Aaron Belkin

Exhibit A

Witness report

By Aaron Belkin,
January 15, 2010

An overwhelming preponderance of evidence suggests that after gays and lesbians are allowed to serve openly in the armed forces, military readiness will not be compromised, and would in fact be enhanced. The data have been produced by a wide range of scholars including scholars at the Army Research Institute, the Rand Corporation, the Defense Personnel Security Research Center, and a large number of universities. No scholarly study has ever shown that allowing open gay service will compromise military effectiveness. Indeed, official documents confirm that the military has on a number of occasions ignored and even suppressed research which shows that gay and lesbian service members do not undermine readiness.

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- Data from analogous institutions that allow gays and lesbians to serve openly
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Data about the logic unpinning the unit cohesion rationale, the notion that unit cohesion will suffer if gays and lesbians serve openly

The unit cohesion rationale is the claim that heterosexuals cannot form bonds of trust with gay people, and that if gays and lesbians are allowed to serve openly, units will fail to develop a sufficient amount of cohesion. As a result, military effectiveness will suffer. The rationale is premised on the assumption that heterosexuals cannot form bonds of trust with gay people. Empirical data, however, call this assumption into question. A recent survey of 545 service members who served in Afghanistan and Iraq found that 72 percent are comfortable working with gays and lesbians. Of the 20 percent who are uncomfortable, only 5 percent are “very uncomfortable”, while 15 percent are “somewhat” uncomfortable.

Four additional observations deserve mention. First, it is correct that many service members indicate on surveys that they do not want gays and lesbians to be allowed to serve openly. Roughly speaking, and triangulating among a number of surveys that have been administered, approximately 50+ percent of service members say that gays and lesbians should not be allowed to serve openly, while approximately 40+ percent say that gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly. The question, however, is not whether the troops want gays and lesbians to be allowed to serve openly. It is whether open gay service will undermine military effectiveness.

Second, it is correct that not every service member or every military unit is perfect. The question, however, is not about whether every service member or unit is perfect, since that is not a useful standard. As the Joint Chiefs said clearly in 1993, the main question we must ask is

whether open gay service will be followed by a *general* or *overall* decline in military effectiveness.

Third, it is correct that a significant number of service members (between 10 and 20 percent) indicate that they will leave the military if gays and lesbians are allowed to serve openly. Data suggest, however, that these predictions should not be taken seriously. In both Canada and Britain, two-thirds of male troops said they would not work with gays if gay bans were lifted. After the lifting of the bans, only a few people resigned in each country.

Finally fourth, while the data show that allowing open gay service will not undermine the military, research suggests that a number of positive benefits will accrue. Repeal of the gay ban will

1. make it easier for gay troops to do their jobs;
2. save a small amount of money;
3. avoid the loss of talented service members;
4. eliminate a source of bad media publicity for the military; and
5. promote unit cohesion.

A number of independent data-points indicate that openly gay troops are widely accepted by their peers, and that it is closeted gay troops who pretend to be heterosexual who are most likely to undermine cohesion and suffer harassment. The survey of troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, mentioned above, found that 23 percent know for sure that at least one person in their unit is gay. Of these, 55 percent say that this fact is well-known in their unit. And 64 percent say it has no impact on the unit's morale.

Taken together, the evidence on the ability of countries to lift their gay bans without problems is overwhelming.

1. The Crittenden Report from 1957 which found that gay troops did not present a security risk;
2. The PERSEREC study from 1988 which found the same thing as the Crittenden report, and also concluded that the rationale for the ban was unfounded and not based on evidence.
3. A 1992 draft report by the GAO suggesting that the military “reconsider the basis” of the gay exclusion rule;
4. A 1993 GAO study of four foreign militaries which found that “the presence of homosexuals in the military is not an issue and has not created problems in the functioning of military units.”
5. A 1993 RAND study prepared by over 70 social scientists based on evidence from six countries and data analyses from hundreds of studies of cohesion that concluded that sexuality was “not germane” to military service, and recommended lifting the ban;
6. A 1994 assessment of the Canadian Forces by the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences finding that predicted negative consequences of ending gay exclusion did not materialize following the lifting of the ban;
7. The assessments of the British Ministry of Defence in 2000 calling its new policy of equal treatment “a solid achievement” with “no discernible impact” on recruitment and no larger problems resulting from reform; and a 1995 assessment by a Canadian military office finding that there was no effect on readiness when the ban was lifted, despite enormous resistance and anxiety preceding the change;
8. Four independent academic studies conducted by the Palm Center at the University of California finding that lifting bans in Britain, Israel, Canada and Australia had “no impact” on

military readiness and that negative attitudes almost never translated into service member departures, recruitment problems or other disruptions;

9. A 2008 report by a commission of retired General and Flag Officers who concluded that “allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would pose no risk to morale, good order, discipline, or cohesion.”

10. A 2009 statistical analysis which shows that there is no correlation between whether or not a unit includes openly gay service members and the readiness or cohesion of the unit.

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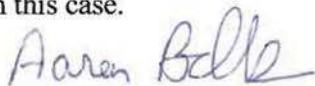
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American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Aug. 18, 2007, "Reputational Implications for the U.S. Armed Forces of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.'"

International Symposium for Military Ethics, January 26, 2007, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.'"

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Harvard University Law School, Conference on The Law of Dignity / The Politics of Shame: An Inquiry into the State of Our Art on Sex, Sexuality, Gender and the Family, November, 2004, "Stoicism, Shame and Male/Male Violence in the Military."

Inter-University Seminar, Chicago, October, 2003, "Constructing Normal Citizens: Militarism, Race, Sexuality and Gender."

American Psychological Association Annual Meetings, Toronto, August, 2003: "Military Sexuality and Total Institutions."

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American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September, 1996: "Historical Counterfactuals and Conditional Forecasts." (chair)

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Center for Naval Warfare Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI, March, 1991: "Regional Conflict and Situational Perversity."

School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, November, 1990: "Collective Security Then and Now; The 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis and Current Dilemmas in the Persian Gulf."

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University of Michigan Press, NYU Press, University of North Carolina Press, American Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, International Security, Security Studies, Armed Forces and Society, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, Psychological Reports, Research Grants Board, Economic and Social Research Council (UK), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Selected Recent Grants

Anonymous	\$134,000	2008
Gill Foundation	\$75,000	2008
Walter and Evelyn Haas Jr. Fund	\$75,000	2008
Wells Fargo Foundation	\$55,272	2007
R. Gwin Follis Foundation	\$40,000	2007
Arcus Foundation	\$30,000	2007
Michael Palm Foundation	\$1,000,000	2006

Other professional activities

Editorial Board, Journal of Homosexuality (2000-current)
 Committee on the Status of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered in the Profession, American Political Association (2002-2005)
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Honors

Monette-Horowitz Trust, Annual award, 2008
 Bristol University, Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor, 2006
 Outstanding Faculty Member, UC Santa Barbara, 2000, 2001, and 2002.
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Twenty-five foreign militaries allow gays and lesbians to serve openly. Not a single one has reported any detriment to cohesion, readiness, recruiting, morale, retention or any other measure of effectiveness or quality. Ministry of Defense studies in Canada and Britain as well as scholarly studies published in peer-reviewed journals have confirmed the same finding: decisions to allow open gay service had no negative impact on cohesion, readiness, recruiting, morale, retention or any other measure of effectiveness or quality in foreign armed forces. In the more than three decades since an overseas force first allowed gays and lesbians to serve openly, no study has ever documented any detriment to cohesion, readiness, recruiting, morale, retention or any other measure of effectiveness or quality. No American police or fire department that allows gays and lesbians to serve openly has reported any detriment to cohesion, readiness, recruiting, morale, retention or any other measure of effectiveness or quality, and scholarly research has confirmed the lack of any decline. No federal agency that allows gays and lesbians to serve openly such as the CIA, FBI or secret service has reported any detriment to cohesion, readiness, recruiting, morale, retention or any other measure of effectiveness or quality.

Data about the logic unpinning the unit cohesion rationale, the notion that unit cohesion will suffer if gays and lesbians serve openly

The unit cohesion rationale is the claim that heterosexuals cannot form bonds of trust with gay people, and that if gays and lesbians are allowed to serve openly, units will fail to develop a sufficient amount of cohesion. As a result, military effectiveness will suffer. The rationale is premised on the assumption that heterosexuals cannot form bonds of trust with gay people. Empirical data, however, call this assumption into question. A recent survey of 545 service members who served in Afghanistan and Iraq found that 72 percent are comfortable working with gays and lesbians. Of the 20 percent who are uncomfortable, only 5 percent are “very uncomfortable”, while 15 percent are “somewhat” uncomfortable.

Four additional observations deserve mention. First, it is correct that many service members indicate on surveys that they do not want gays and lesbians to be allowed to serve openly. Roughly speaking, and triangulating among a number of surveys that have been administered, approximately 50+ percent of service members say that gays and lesbians should not be allowed to serve openly, while approximately 40+ percent say that gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly. The question, however, is not whether the troops want gays and lesbians to be allowed to serve openly. It is whether open gay service will undermine military effectiveness.

Second, it is correct that not every service member or every military unit is perfect. The question, however, is not about whether every service member or unit is perfect, since that is not a useful standard. As the Joint Chiefs said clearly in 1993, the main question we must ask is

whether open gay service will be followed by a *general* or *overall* decline in military effectiveness.

Third, it is correct that a significant number of service members (between 10 and 20 percent) indicate that they will leave the military if gays and lesbians are allowed to serve openly. Data suggest, however, that these predictions should not be taken seriously. In both Canada and Britain, two-thirds of male troops said they would not work with gays if gay bans were lifted. After the lifting of the bans, only a few people resigned in each country.

Finally fourth, while the data show that allowing open gay service will not undermine the military, research suggests that a number of positive benefits will accrue. Repeal of the gay ban will

1. make it easier for gay troops to do their jobs;
2. save a small amount of money;
3. avoid the loss of talented service members;
4. eliminate a source of bad media publicity for the military; and
5. promote unit cohesion.

A number of independent data-points indicate that openly gay troops are widely accepted by their peers, and that it is closeted gay troops who pretend to be heterosexual who are most likely to undermine cohesion and suffer harassment. The survey of troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, mentioned above, found that 23 percent know for sure that at least one person in their unit is gay. Of these, 55 percent say that this fact is well-known in their unit. And 64 percent say it has no impact on the unit's morale.

Taken together, the evidence on the ability of countries to lift their gay bans without problems is overwhelming.

Additionally, there is no reason to believe that the elimination of “don’t ask, don’t tell” would undermine heterosexual privacy in showers, barracks or intimate spaces. There are several reasons for this. First, polls show that most service members are comfortable interacting with gay and lesbian peers. Second, polls show that most service members have access to single-stall showers most of the time. Third, polls and other studies show that most troops know or suspect that they know gay and lesbian peers in the military. If there the presence of openly gay and lesbian service members were the cause of privacy injuries in the military, we would have already heard about those injuries. Fourth, little if anything will change in showers, barracks, and intimate spaces following the repeal of “don’t ask, don’t tell.” Studies suggest that the presence of absence of a gay ban has little effect on disclosure rates of sexual orientation. Very few additional gays and lesbians, in other words, will come out of the closet post-repeal. Hence, little if anything will change in the showers and barracks. Whether or not service members reveal their sexual orientation has to do with the perceived climate and culture of the unit, not the presence or absence of a gay ban.

If anything, the elimination of “don’t ask, don’t tell” will improve privacy conditions for heterosexuals. The reason is that investigations into service members’ sexual orientation can include interviews with parents, friends, lovers, family members, and other intimates of the individual under investigation. These investigations can involve highly intrusive and personal questions of the *heterosexual* intimates of the person under investigation, questions that have been documented in the literature. After the elimination of the ban, such investigations will no longer be needed. Perhaps even more seriously, research shows that some “butch” or “mannish” heterosexual women in the military sleep with men in order to prove that they are not lesbian. This dynamic would be mitigated as well by the elimination of the ban.

1. The Crittenden Report from 1957 which found that gay troops did not present a security risk;
2. The PERSEREC study from 1988 which found the same thing as the Crittenden report, and also concluded that the rationale for the ban was unfounded and not based on evidence.
3. A 1992 draft report by the GAO suggesting that the military “reconsider the basis” of the gay exclusion rule;
4. A 1993 GAO study of four foreign militaries which found that “the presence of homosexuals in the military is not an issue and has not created problems in the functioning of military units.”
5. A 1993 RAND study prepared by over 70 social scientists based on evidence from six countries and data analyses from hundreds of studies of cohesion that concluded that sexuality was “not germane” to military service, and recommended lifting the ban;
6. A 1994 assessment of the Canadian Forces by the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences finding that predicted negative consequences of ending gay exclusion did not materialize following the lifting of the ban;
7. The assessments of the British Ministry of Defence in 2000 calling its new policy of equal treatment “a solid achievement” with “no discernible impact” on recruitment and no larger problems resulting from reform; and a 1995 assessment by a Canadian military office finding that there was no effect on readiness when the ban was lifted, despite enormous resistance and anxiety preceding the change;
8. Four independent academic studies conducted by the Palm Center at the University of California finding that lifting bans in Britain, Israel, Canada and Australia had “no impact” on

military readiness and that negative attitudes almost never translated into service member departures, recruitment problems or other disruptions;

9. A 2008 report by a commission of retired General and Flag Officers who concluded that “allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would pose no risk to morale, good order, discipline, or cohesion.”

10. A 2009 statistical analysis which shows that there is no correlation between whether or not a unit includes openly gay service members and the readiness or cohesion of the unit.

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