

ASIA-PACIFIC & GLOBAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS UPDATE

9 OCTOBER 2015

A WEEKLY OPEN-SOURCE NEWS UPDATE ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND THE GLOBE

ASIA-PACIFIC

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North Korea Rocket Launch Unlikely This Week

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North Korea Seems To Opt For Pure Celebration Over Rocket Launch

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North Korea Could Fire Short-Range Missile For Anniversary

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North Korea Estimated To Have 22 Nuclear Weapons' Worth Of Fissile Material: U.S. Institute



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Kim Jong-Un Calls For Stronger Nuclear Deterrence In Anniversary Thesis

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North Korea Preparing Military Parade To Celebrate Anniversary



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New South Korea JCS Chief Vows Stern Actions Against NK's Provocations

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Congress to Push Obama on North Korea Sanctions

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North Korea's FM Presses U.S. For Peace Treaty

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Seoul Hopes Top Chinese Official's Visit To Pyongyang Will Help Ease Tension

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North Korea Denies Role In Alleged Hacks Into Seoul Subway Operator

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North Korea Releases 21-Year-Old Detained In April After Illegally Crossing Border



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U.S. To Sail Warships Near Disputed S. China Sea Islands



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U.S. Navy Ready To Sail Within 12 Nautical Miles Of China's Artificial Islands In The South China Sea

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U.S. Commander Warns China Against 'Revising' International Law in the South China Sea

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China Navy Calls For United States To Reduce Risk Of Misunderstandings

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Is the Day of the Land Attack Cruise Missile Upon Us?



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Can Japan and Russia Resolve Their Territorial Dispute?

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What Taiwan-Japan Relations Might Look Like in 2016

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Thailand Reports 4 Additional Dengue Deaths

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Philippines Dengue Case Count Tops 90,000, Dengue Epidemics Linked To El Niño

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Malaysia to Host New Conference to Tackle Islamic State Challenge

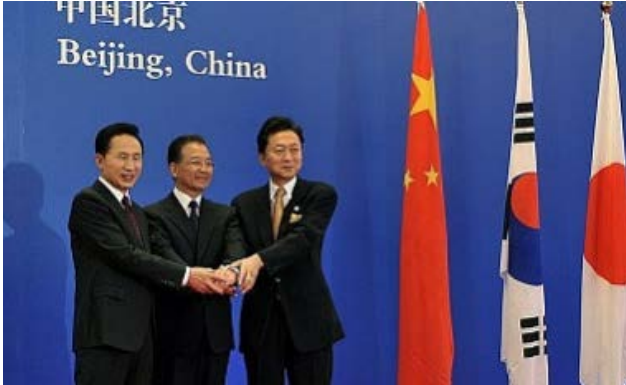


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Malaysia, Singapore Begin 'Next Phase' of High-Speed Rail Project

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China, Japan, South Korea Eye Trilateral Finance Meeting



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China, Brazil Dump U.S. Debt In Latest Signal Of Global Emerging Market Slowdown

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Pacific Rim Countries Reach Landmark Trade Deal, U.S. Lawmakers Skeptical



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The Trans-Pacific Partnership Is Now Finalized, but You Can't Read It Quite Yet



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Many Factors To Consider In Trans-Pacific Partnership



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'A Future Of Participation Over Isolation': Harper Praises Vast Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Deal



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Canada: With Decision To Oppose TPP, The NDP Puts An End To Its Failed Centrist Strategy

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How The Trans-Pacific Partnership Could Drive Up The Cost Of Medicine Worldwide

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Vietnam Is Changing... And So Is the Balance of Power in Asia

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Australia's New First Female Defense Minister



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Chinese Media Sheds Light On North Korea's Education System

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South Korea, U.S. Have Plan To Combat Guerrilla Warfare By Pyongyang

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Indian Women Will Soon Fly Fighter Jets, Says IAF Chief



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Nepal Constitution: Mind Your Own Business, Media Tell India



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Ukraine Starts Pull-Back Of Tanks, Light Artillery In East



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NATO Denounces Russian Incursion Into Turkish Air Space

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NATO, Alarmed By Russian Actions In Syria, Shores Up Defenses

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‘They Can’t Control It’ Syrian Migrant on Serbian Border



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Image Of Merkel In Muslim Veil Sparks Wider Refugee Debate In Germany



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Germany Rethinks Its Response to the Refugee Crisis

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EU Gets Tough On Expelling Migrants, Talks To Neighbors

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The Refugee Crisis: What Europe Can Learn From the Past



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10 ISIS Recruiters Arrested In Morocco, Spain: Official

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'Hundreds' Of Yazidi Women Killing Themselves In ISIS Captivity



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Convert Or Die: ISIS Chief's Former Slave Says He Beat Her, Raped U.S. Hostage



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Women In The Islamic State: 'Till Martyrdom Do Us Part'

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Islamic State Education: For Boys, God And Guns; For Girls, God And Cooking

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One Reason Why Men Join ISIS Is Not Flattering For The 'Caliphate'

Fight against Islamic State

Recent air strikes and Islamic State control zones as of Sept. 15.

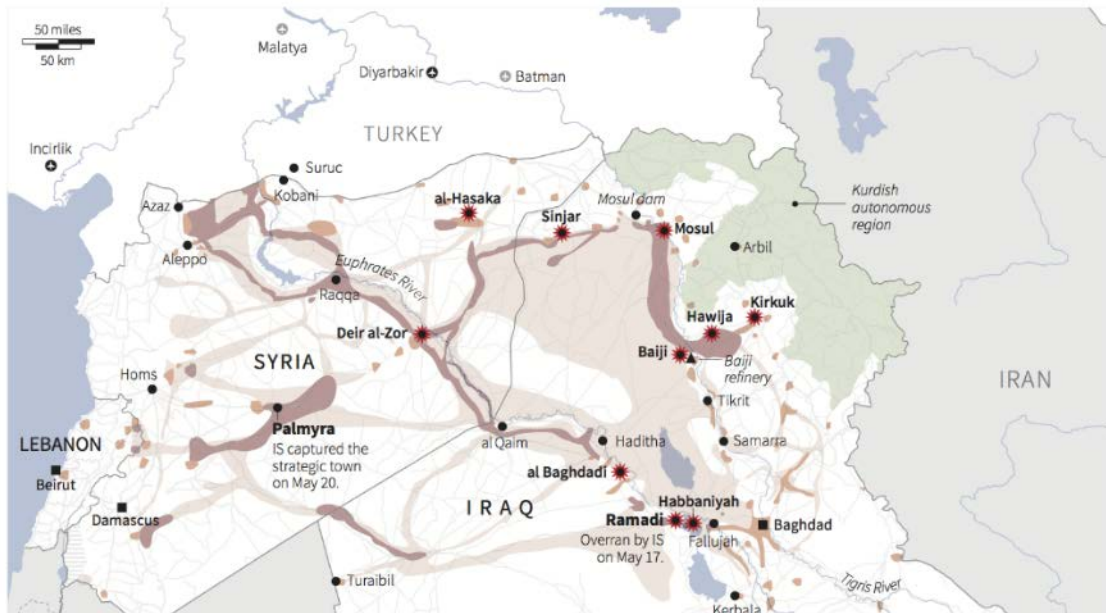
● Primary airbase ● Emergency airbase ★ Air strikes on Sept. 14*

IS control status

■ Attack zone
Where IS participated in or perpetrated attacks

■ Control zone
Where IS has defensible control

■ Support zone
Where IS moves freely and attacks are often staged



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Why Are So Many ISIS Recruits Defecting?

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ISIS Militants Destroy Arch of Triumph in Syria's Ancient Town of Palmyra



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ISIS Destroys Another Ancient Landmark: 'We're Going to Lose Palmyra,' Syrian Director Says



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IS Militants Prepare for Lengthy Siege of Raqqa

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Deadlock In Battle For Iraq Refinery Casts Doubts On Mosul Campaign

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Unfit For Two Battles, Iraqi Army Chooses Anbar Over Mosul



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ISIS-Occupied Mosul: Some Resistance, But Most 'Feel Abandoned'

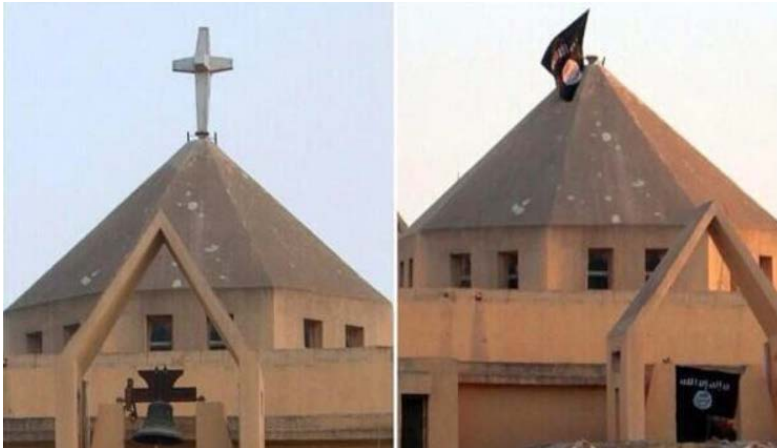
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Dark Details Emerge From ISIS-Occupied Mosul



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Mosul Churches Become ISIS Slaughter Houses



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ISIS Executes 12 Christians Including Boy and 2 Women Who Were Raped and Beheaded In Public For Refusing To Denounce Jesus



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Japan's Largest Company Toyota Unsure How Islamic State Has Obtained So Many Pick-Up Trucks



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A Desperate Scene at the Border Between Syria and Turkey



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Russia Escalating Syria War By Targeting Moderate Opposition - U.S.



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Russian Military Experts Arrive In Iraq

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Russia Would Consider Air Strikes In Iraq At Baghdad's Request: RIA



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Assad Confident Anti-Terror Coalition Of Russia, Iran, Iraq, Syria Will Succeed



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Syria Extends Major Offensive To Retake Territory In West

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Russian Cruise Missiles Intended For Targets In Syria Hit Iran Instead

Russian military fires cruise missiles into Syria



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Israeli Police Limit Access To Old City Of Jerusalem After Deadly Attack



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Winning A War Requires More Than Military Power, It Requires Conviction: Why The U.S. Isn't Winning



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3 Things the U.S. Could Do About Syria, And Why They're All Bad Choices

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'He Wasn't Going To Stand And Watch Something Horrific Happen': The Hero Army Veteran Who Was Shot Seven Times As He 'Charged At Oregon College Shooter'



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3257223/He-wasn-t-going-stand-watching-horrific-happen-hero-Army-veteran-shot-five-times-charged-Oregon-college-shooter.html>

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The Heroic Last Stand Of 2 Marines In Ramadi



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A Grunt's Thoughts On The Loss Of Kunduz: I Used To Tell My Squad That It Was Worth It



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Was It Fixed? Army General Told Subordinates: 'A Woman Will Graduate Ranger School,' Sources Say



"A woman will graduate Ranger School," a general told shocked subordinates this year while preparing for the first females to attend a "gender integrated assessment" of the grueling combat leadership course starting April 20, sources tell PEOPLE. "At least one will get through." That directive set the tone for what was to follow, sources say.

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Retired Ranger Says He Did Not Instigate Female Ranger Grad Inquiry

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Former Ranger Training Brigade Commander: Women In Ranger School Is Fine, But Women In Infantry Isn't, Here's Why



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Politics vs. Soldiers in Combat: Obama's Push To Transform The U.S. Military At Any Cost

The push for having women in the infantry has been driven almost entirely by an effort to achieve fairness and diversity. Infantry battles are not won by those qualities, but by tough training and a bond that occurs between members of units in combat that is difficult to explain and almost impossible for those who have never been under fire to understand.

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Allowing Women In Combat Roles Will Provide Women Opportunity To Move Into Parts Of The Military That Traditionally Produce Senior Leaders

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/how-allowing-women-in-combat-will-rock-the-military/article/2572453>

President Obama's Political Pressure on Senior Military Leaders: 'Fall In Line Or Resign'



Regarding Obama's plan to repeal the 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' law, the former U.S. Coast Guard Chief noted, "We were called into the Oval Office and President Obama looked all five service chiefs in the eye and said, 'This is what I want to do.' if we didn't agree with it — if any of us didn't agree with it — we all had the opportunity to resign our commissions and go do other things."

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<http://www.allenwest.com/2014/04/obama-told-military-chiefs-accept-dadt-resign/>

Putting Women In Combat Puts Troops At Risk

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Navy Secretary Mabus: Being Combat-Ready Is Not About Gender

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Navy Secretary Dismisses Risks to Women in Combat

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Obama Nominee For Under Secretary Of The Navy Wants Women In Combat



<http://dailycaller.com/2015/09/18/obama-nominee-for-under-secretary-of-the-navy-wants-women-in-combat/>

Navy SEALs Ready to Open Doors to Women, but Warn of the ‘Foreseeable Impacts’ of the Decision

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Air Force Ready to Open All Combat Jobs to Women, Secretary Says

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After General Dunford Stood Fast, The Marine’s New Commandant Says Its ‘Personally Insulting’ To Raise The Issue Against Women in Combat, It’s Already a Moot Point



"I'm not overly concerned about it," Neller said, referring to Carter's eventual decision. "We'll get told what to do and we'll execute the plan. . . . It's as simple as that."

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2015/10/02/new-marine-commandant-personally-insulting-to-talk-about-women-in-combat/>

Flawed USMC Gender Evaluation? It Is No Longer Sufficient To Argue That Because Most Women Are Not As Strong As Most Men, All Women Should Be Denied The Opportunity To Serve

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Female West Point Graduate: Marines' Resistance To Women In Combat Undermines The Nation

With gender-neutral occupational standards established, the best-qualified Marines operating in the right positions will not only maximize their individual potential, but optimize the total fighting force in defense of our great nation.

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Marines Quickly Bring In Much Tougher, 'Gender Neutral' Standards For 29 Jobs, Many Females Unlikely To Pass



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Many In Special Ops Resist Women In Commando Role

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The Battlefield Mocks 'Diversity'

During my 27 years teaching at the Naval War College, I met many impressive female officers from all services. It was my impression that in their capacity for critical strategic thinking, they were every bit the equal of their male peers. Many were extraordinarily fit. They were smart and competent. They have made and continue to make substantial contributions to their services.

But based on my own experience as a Marine infantry officer in Vietnam and my close study of all aspects of war, I have argued for more than three decades against opening combat specialties to women. My argument, like that of General Newbold, has focused on the immeasurable impact of unit cohesion on military effectiveness.

The battlefield mocks "diversity." It doesn't care about the equality of the sexes. The battlefield cares only about who will prevail. Ironically, the Marines are being criticized for attempting to determine military effectiveness in an objective way by comparing all-male and integrated units on a simulated battlefield.

It is interesting that many of the most insightful articles opposing opening infantry and special operations have been penned by female soldiers and Marines. This is most likely because they have been exposed to war, even if not as members of the infantry.

Anyone who wants to get a sense of why women don't belong in the infantry should take the time to read Bing West's most recent book, "One Million Steps," about a Marine infantry platoon in extended close combat in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. Or Karl Marlantes' Vietnam novel, "Matterhorn."

I would encourage secretary Mabus to read them forthwith, before he makes a decision that is going to get people killed. Remember, Mr. Secretary, the battlefield doesn't care about your "diversity."

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After Studies And Testing, What Now For Role Of Women In Combat?



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Carter on Women in Combat Recommendations: 'Less Interested in Who Said What, But Why'

Carter added that as secretary of Defense, "I'm committed to seeing this through, because attracting the best and staying the best means that wherever possible, we must open ourselves to the talents and strengths of all Americans who can contribute with excellence to our force. As I've said before, everyone who is able and willing to serve and can meet the standards we require should have the full opportunity to do so."

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Should Women Serve In Combat Arms?

Women also suffer higher rates of fractured and broken bones because they are, well, softer than men. Thus, women wash out of military training at higher rates. Then there is the obvious: pregnancy. These facts apply to almost all women, barring a few exceptions who really are very strong and tough. Given that the military is voluntary and recruits from the general run of citizens, it won't find these strong and tough women by serendipity, which means using women in combat requires recruiting and training a very select population. Even assuming such women want to be found, and that they want to serve in the military, such an effort is a waste of military money and resources. *Because we don't need women in combat.* I've been writing about this subject for 20 years, and while I have often read or heard that women want to serve, I have never read or heard that removing the combat exemption for women is a matter of military urgency. I've never heard a flag or fleet officer say that the armed forces urgently need women for combat assignments, lest our enemies destroy us.

<https://www.chroniclesmagazine.org/the-question-isnt-whether-they-can-but-most-cant-the-question-is-whether-they-should/>

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If We Are Serious About Women in Combat, Let's Abolish Women's Sports First

James Robson in Canada's *National Post* asks a good question: if we think women are just as good as men in combat, why don't we believe first they are just as good as men in football and other sports? Let's eliminate discriminatory gender-based sports leagues...NOT. But our desire to nurture women-only sports is a clear sign we recognize gender matters. *Maggie Gallagher is a senior fellow at American Principles in Action.*

<http://news.nationalpost.com/full-comment/john-robson-why-allow-women-in-combat-if-we-wont-allow-them-to-compete-alongside-men-in-sport>

Are Female Warriors More Likely To Be Traumatized By Combat?

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Should Women Be Required To Register For The Draft? Lawsuit Seeks Equal Treatment



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<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/01/29/16745990-push-for-all-younger-women-to-register-with-selective-service-gaining-steam?lite>

Rangel Wants Women To Register With Selective Service

In 2013 Rangel introduced the All American Selective Service Act, which would double the number of Americans between the ages of 18 and 25 registered with the Selective Service in the event Congress decided to reinstate the military draft.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/02/15/rangel-selective-service-women/1923631/>

JBLM Transgender Soldier Endures 'Excruciating' Wait For Army Reforms

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Are Transgender People Really Joining The Military In Such High Numbers?

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/why-do-transgender-people-join-the-military-in-such-high-numbers-1.366477>

ISIS Throws Four Gay Men To Their Death



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Senators Collins And Lieberman Who Pushed The Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Cite Islamist Extremists' Cruel Intolerance Of Homosexuals - But Made No Comments On How This Policy Change Could Unnecessarily Increase Danger to All U.S. Servicemembers Serving in the Middle East

(USA Today) "Today, as our forces are deployed around the world in the global fight against Islamist extremism, there is special justice in allowing openly gay Americans to join our military, given the ideology of our adversaries. In addition to their fanatical desire to mass-murder Americans, their complete rejection of women's rights, and their totalitarian vision, Islamist extremists have singled out gay men and lesbians for persecution. In fact, wherever Islamist extremists have come to power — whether under the Taliban in Afghanistan or the Islamic Republic of Iran today — lesbians and gay men have been subject to horrific mistreatment."

<http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/opinion/forum/story/2011-09-20/repeat-dont-ask-tell-military/50477264/1>

Military Transgender Ban Set To End Next May

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'God Will Judge Our Country for This': Evangelist Franklin Graham Goes After Obama for 'Celebrating Sin'

Evangelist Franklin Graham said that both he and his father, famed preacher Billy Graham, are most concerned about the "moral decline" that they see in American culture, accusing the Obama administration of "celebrating sin". "Our country has changed so much, and we've seen the moral decline — and that moral decline being led by the Obama administration, and championing things like same-sex marriage, which is really defiance against God," Graham said. "Same-sex marriage is a sin against God. God made us male and female."

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2015/10/05/god-will-judge-our-country-for-this-famed-preacher-goes-after-obama-for-celebrating-sin/>

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A Backpack That May Save Your Life



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A Vision of Russian Robotic Land War



<http://www.popularmechanics.com/military/weapons/news/a17598/a-vision-of-russian-robotic-landwar/>

Laser Weapon Melts Test Drone in Midair

<http://www.livescience.com/52121-laser-weapon-destroys-test-drone.html>

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Merciless Gunman Shot Woman In A Wheelchair, Oregon Survivor Says

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Umpqua Community College Shooting In Oregon: What We Know



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<http://heavy.com/news/2015/10/umpqua-community-college-ucc-roseburg-oregon-shooting-victims-names-photos-identities-tributes-twitter-facebook-family-ages/>

Reports: Oregon Shooter Said To Have Singled Out Christians For Killing In 'Horrific Act Of Cowardice'



A woman who claimed to have a grandmother inside a writing class in Snyder Hall, where a portion the massacre unfolded, described the scene in a tweet. "The shooter was lining people up and asking if they were Christian," she wrote. "If they said yes, then they were shot in the head. If they said no, or didn't answer, they were shot in the legs. My grandma just got to my house, and she was in the room. She wasn't shot, but she is very upset.

Kortney Moore, an 18-year-old student at Umpqua Community College who was also in the room, told Oregon's News Review that the shooter was indeed on the hunt for Christians. Moments after hearing a

bullet come flying through a window, she said the 20-year-old shooter made his way inside and targeted their teacher, pumping a single round into their head. As the young man ordered people to the ground, Moore laid patiently with her classmates and waited, according to the News Review. Once they all got down, she said the gunman began asking people to rise and say what their religion was. After they stood and gave their answer, he started shooting.

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Want To Get American Gun Violence To European Levels? Then You Need To Confiscate Guns.



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John Oliver Exposes The Hypocrisy Of Politicians Who Blame Shootings On The Mentally Ill



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Politicians and Media Obsessed With Gun Control Miss Gaping Hole In Mass Shootings

So, what is the truth? Where is the journalistic curiosity? Where is the follow-up? Where is the police report, the medical examiner's report, the interviews with his doctor and others? It is simply indisputable that most perpetrators of school shootings and similar mass murders in our modern era were either on – or just recently coming off of – psychiatric medications.

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Do Civilians With Guns Ever Stop Mass Shootings?

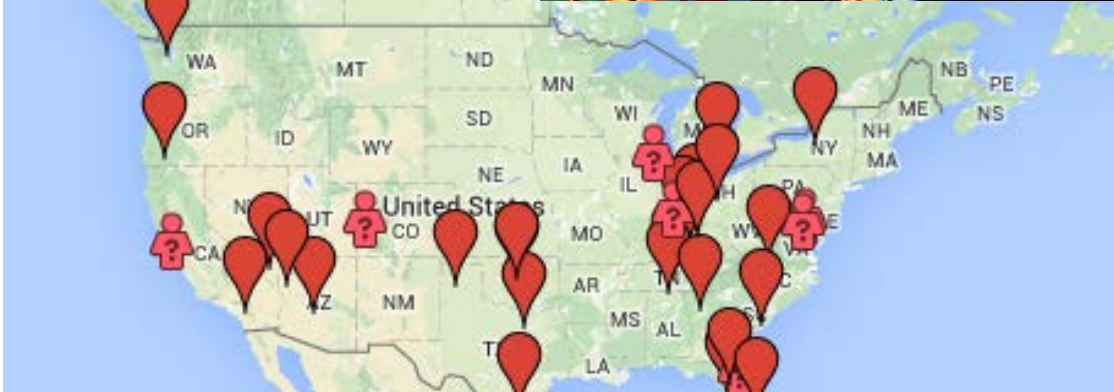
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It Appears Left-Leaning Groups Like 'Imagine 2050' Are Actually Fabricating And Staging 20 Armed 'Global Rally For Humanity' Anti-Muslim Protests' This Weekend To Incite Disruption In America



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Classic Saul Alinsky Manipulation



1. "Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have." Power is derived from 2 main sources – money and people. "Have-Nots" must build power from flesh and blood.
2. "Never go outside the expertise of your people." It results in confusion, fear and retreat. Feeling secure adds to the backbone of anyone.
3. "Whenever possible, go outside the expertise of the enemy." Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty.
4. "Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules." If the rule is that every letter gets a reply, send 30,000 letters. You can kill them with this because no one can possibly obey all of their own rules.
5. "Ridicule is man's most potent weapon." There is no defense. It's irrational. It's infuriating. It also works as a key pressure point to force the enemy into concessions.
6. "A good tactic is one your people enjoy." They'll keep doing it without urging and come back to do more. They're doing their thing, and will even suggest better ones.
7. "A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag." Don't become old news.
8. "Keep the pressure on. Never let up." Keep trying new things to keep the opposition off balance. As the opposition masters one approach, hit them from the flank with something new.
9. "The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself." Imagination and ego can dream up many more consequences than any activist.
10. "The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition." It is this unceasing pressure that results in the reactions from the opposition that are essential for the success of the campaign.
11. "If you push a negative hard enough, it will push through and become a positive." Violence from the other side can win the public to your side because the public sympathizes with the underdog.
12. "The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative." Never let the enemy score points because you're caught without a solution to the problem.
13. "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it." Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people and not institutions; people hurt faster than institutions.

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Pushing LGBT Rights Is Part Of UN's 'Sacred Mission': UN Secretary General



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Obama Was the First U.S. President To Chair UN Security Council Since Its Inception



Never in the history of the United Nations has a U.S. President taken the chairmanship of the powerful UN Security Council. Perhaps it is because of what could arguably be a Constitutional prohibition against doing so. To wit: Section 9 of the Constitution says:

“No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.”

Nonetheless, the rotating chairmanship of the council does rotate to the U.S. The normal course of business would have U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice take the gavel. However, this time will be different. Regardless of the Constitution, President Obama decided to put himself in the driver’s seat.

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