

Opinions of Military Personnel on Sexual Minorities in the Military

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Table 5. Arguments for Allowing Gays/Lesbians to Serve

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Sexual orientation has nothing to do with job performance	36
It is wrong to discriminate based on sexual orientation	30
During wartime, the armed forces need every qualified service member regardless of sexual orientation	25
Discharging service members for being gay is a waste of recruiting, education and training dollars	22
Gays already make valuable contributions to the military	17
No one should be able to avoid a service obligation by claiming to be gay	11
No one should be forced to lie about who they are as a condition of military service	11
The government should not pry into people's private lives	11
Discharging service members for being gay undermines military readiness	7
Other reason	2
There are no strong arguments for allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly	19
Not sure	13