



In Wichita, Kansas on January 20, 2011, Air Force Sergeant David Gutierrez was court-martialed and sentenced to eight years in military prison for adultery, indecent acts, and aggravated assault.

In direct defiance of orders, he continued to have sexual contact with multiple male and female partners without warning them he was HIV positive. He was dishonorably discharged and lost the military health benefits that had paid for his expensive HIV medication.

Just 33 days earlier, the “lame duck” Senate voted in a Saturday session—before the military review was completed and just before Christmas recess—to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

Although flawed and based on the eleventh commandment, “thou shalt not get caught at it,” the Clinton-era law provided some restraint on homosexual activity in the military. Out of 1.5 million active-duty personnel, 13,500 or less than 1% were discharged under DADT since 1994.

Now consider a March 10, 2010 Press Release by the Centers for Disease Control. They found that among men who have sex with men, new HIV cases are 44x greater and new syphilis cases are 46x greater than among other men. HIV is 40x greater and syphilis 71x greater among men who have sex with men than among women. Did anyone in Congress consider those scientific facts or just their campaign promises?

While running for Vice President in 2004, Senator Joe Lieberman was excommunicated from the Jewish faith by a tribunal of rabbis for his irreligious positions on abortion and homosexuality. Was he thumbing his nose at his religion when he led the charge in December to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”?

Based on health concerns alone, any effort to increase the number of people in the military who engage in homosexual conduct is preposterous. Substance abuse, suicide, and posttraumatic stress disorder already cause enough harm to men and women in uniform. Why would a rational person consider a course of action certain to increase

sexual immorality and STDs? Military housing and medical benefits for same-sex partners and more military hospital beds for HIV patients would be next. Thirty states have amended their constitutions to expressly forbid same-sex “marriage.” Our armed forces are no place for “social engineering” designed to overturn those laws.

Over the past 50 years, contemporary euphemisms like “gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender” replaced classic Scriptural terms like “shameful, unnatural, indecent, and perversion” (Romans 1:26-27). What some call an “alternative lifestyle” God calls an “abomination.” Sexual immorality is a unique sin against one’s own body that results in physical consequences (1 Corinthians 6:18; Romans 1:27). God created only two genders: male and female. God designed sexuality exclusively for the marriage relationship between husband and wife (Hebrews 13:4). Sexual contact between unmarried persons, a married person and someone other than their spouse, persons of the same gender, with a child, unwilling partner, or animal is impure and immoral (Leviticus 18:22-23). Even televangelist Joel Osteen, so concerned about being politically correct, is in trouble for identifying homosexual behavior as sinful. Military chaplains could soon be court-martialed and discharged if they stand up for the Judeo-Christian principles on which this country was established.

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” should be replaced with laws that require some degree of moral decency as a requirement for military service. My wife and I are parents of a Marine Corps veteran and an active-duty Marine. These brave young men and women who defend our country deserve protection from sexual harassment in the barracks, showers, or onboard ships and submarines. If enough military parents become sufficiently outraged, this lunacy can be stopped!

In his State of the Union Address, President Obama bragged that no one will be kept from serving the country they love because of who they love. Would he apply that pathetic logic to unwanted advances toward his wife or minor-aged daughters? Pedophiles (people who have sex with children) and polygamists (people who marry multiple partners) are routinely prosecuted and sent to jail. Why should those who choose to engage in homosexual behavior be treated any differently? ***DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL: COURT-MARTIAL!***