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Biden Admin. Doesn't Want Military Family Recruits; Fears a "Warrior Caste"

Is the Biden administration trying to make the U.S. armed forces the Bud Light of world militaries? Some may thus wonder given recent developments. After all, first the administration intensified military wokeness with its focus on sexual devolutionary ("LGBTQ+") agendas, which some blame for the Army's and other branches' recruitment shortfalls. Apropos to this, there later was news that the Army was <u>exempting</u> "trans" members from fitness standards (because, of course, what does not looking like Jabba the Hut's little brother have to do with effective soldiering?) Now there's this:



AP Images Christine Wormuth

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth, who cut her teeth as a Clinton intern, worries that relying too much on military families for new recruits could create a "warrior caste."

Instead, "The Army is strategically deploying recruiters to communities across the country based on demographics, ethnicity, race, and gender," Wormuth recently wrote.

My, it's now clear why Senator John Kennedy (R-La.) once said that "the Biden Administration, I've observed, never makes the same mistake twice."

"They make it five or six times just to be sure."

Front Page Magazine (FPM) <u>reports</u> on the story. "Wormuth said she expects within weeks to begin drafting a proposal for a recruiting overhaul so sweeping that Congress might need to pass legislation to enact all of it," the site relates, apparently <u>quoting</u> *The Wall Street Journal* (the latter's material is behind a paywall).

"Depending too much on military families could create a 'warrior caste,' Wormuth said," FPM continues with the quotation. "Her plans seek to draw in people who have no real connection to the military and to broaden the appeal of service."

The irony here is that leftists are enthusiastic about caste formation in general. They've given us, for example, privileged castes, such as the "protected classes" under anti-discrimination law and the beneficiaries of affirmative action and quotas; and villain castes, such as white men, Christians, and MAGA supporters.

This woke discrimination manifested itself in the military when "Biden's nominee for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Chief of Staff Charles Brown ... signed off on a <u>43% quota for white male officers</u>," wrote FPM in an earlier article titled "The Army Needs a Few Good (Trans) Men of Color." The piece later <u>informed</u>:

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In pursuit of REDCAT [Racial Ethnic Designation Category] quotas, a message from the United States Army Special Operations Command urges soldiers to "select the ethnic group code that includes the most accurate description of ethnic background or combination of ethnicities in their ethnic background."

At the Virginia National Guard, past recruitment was aimed at making the Guard "match the demographics of the state within 1% of the REDCAT" and when that failed, developing a "target for underrepresented groups each FY by comparing census data" and then "if the demographics are not within the 1% target develop three (3) COAs to attain the objective by 28 February of each year."

Rather than getting the best people or even adequately qualified people, the goal is to match the force to the census data in a completely senseless exercise so that the people they do get are 20% black, 7.2% Asian, and 0.6% American Indian, or develop a plan to get those Asians.

And if this diversity goal isn't understood in plain English — or can't be met through it — let not your heart be troubled: The Army actually has something called the FLRI (Foreign Language Recruiting Initiative), through which recruitment videos are made in various foreign languages, including those of our two major geopolitical adversaries, China and Russia.

Moreover, "Army flyers begin with 'No Habla Ingles?' No problem," adds FPM. "You can still 'reciba dinero' and get 'education gratis'. So long as you have a green card and a pulse, you're in."

Returning to Army Secretary Wormuth, she herself is a product of this affirmative-action/diversity obsession. As commentator Monica Showalter <u>put it</u>, "What, exactly, is this harried middle-aged woman with the bottle-blonde hair and the 'I'm somebody's secretary' pink sweater even doing as Secretary of the U.S. Army?"

This "person's sorry look [image below] is completely self-inflicted, given the availability of business suits, and in itself sends the unmistakeable [sic] message that she knows nothing about the military," Showalter continues.

Furthermore, Showalter theorizes that the Biden administration's real goal here may be ideological. "Most military families that extend generations tend to be conservative," she writes. "What can this be but an effort to root out any people with traditional ideas about the military as well as family experience within its orbit?"

Whatever the case, the Biden military has long been adept at alienating such people. Just consider the following recruitment video, the story of "Emma," a soldier "raised by two moms."

"Comments are turned off," informs YouTube. I wonder why!

Then there's the CBN news segment below, which contrasts the "Emma" effort with an uber-masculine Chinese military recruitment video.

Next is a Russian recruitment video (below), and you don't have to speak the language to know it's not about "gender identity" and pronouns.

With how our military is selling itself, it's reminiscent, I'll say at the risk of seeming flip, of a Seinfeld



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scene (short video below; well worth watching) in which the loser George Costanza character tries to woo a woman he has become convinced is attracted to troubled men.

"I'm disturbed! I'm depressed! I'm inadequate! I got it all!!" George desperately exclaims, as the disgusted lady says farewell. And that's what happens when you count on people being attracted to all the wrong things.



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