



President Trump Says Transgenders Will Not Be Allowed to Serve in the Military

“After consultation with my Generals and military experts, please be advised that the United States Government will not accept or allow transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military. Our military must be focused on decisive and overwhelming victory and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical cost and disruption that transgender in the military would entail. Thank you.”- President Trump. The number of transgender people currently serving in the military is estimated between 4,000 and 15,000.

There are already between 15,000 and 4,000 trans troops in the military –the estimates vary wildly, and perhaps for good reason. Until June 30, 2016, trans troops were forced to hide their gender identity. When former Defense Secretary Ash Carter changed that policy, he also barred the discharge of troops “just for being transgender.”

Carter also called for allowing “transgender individuals to join the armed forces, assuming they meet accession standards.” That was supposed to happen by July 1 of this year. But on the last day of June, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced a six-month delay to allow the services to assess the impact openly trans troops would have on “the

readiness and lethality of our forces.”

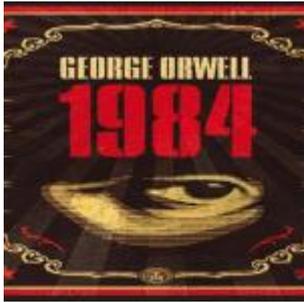
The House has also taken up the issue this summer, with a focus on whether the Pentagon should pay for troops to transition. Earlier this month, the House defeated a proposal that would have banned it by a 209–214 vote, with 24 Republicans voting against the ban.

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Pediatrician Says Childhood Gender Change Is Child Abuse

Dr. Michelle Cretella, a pediatrician, is alarmed at the increase of transgender ideology in her field of medicine. Children between the ages of 9 and 12 are being given puberty-blocking drugs and sex-altering hormones as precursors to surgically changing their sex. The drugs can make them sterile, and there is zero evidence that changing genders is safe or even helpful. Almost all children with sex-identity problems eventually outgrow that stage and, after puberty, readily accept their biological gender. Dr. Cretella says that transgender drugs and surgery for children is nothing less than child abuse. –GEG



UK Plans to Scrap Gasoline and Diesel Cars by 2040

The UK has committed to ban all new gasoline and diesel cars by 2040, supposedly to improve air quality. [Forcing people into public transportation is a long-standing goal of the UN as a means of getting people out of rural areas and into cities where they can be more effectively monitored and controlled. Britain is following French President Macron's plan to ban sales of gasoline and diesel by 2040 in order to meet his goals under the Paris climate accord. Authorities plan to replace internal combustion engine vehicles with electric vehicles and buses. They say that taxes will be used for this only as a last resort – but they lie. Everyone knows that the implementation of this plan would cost more than the entire nation's gross national product and could be financed only through taxes and inflation, which is an indirect tax. The subsidies would crush what little is left of a viable economy. If you want to know what life would be like crammed into cities without private transportation, read Orwell's *1984*.] –GEG

Britain is to ban all new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2040 amid fears that rising levels of nitrogen oxide pose a major risk to public health.

The commitment, which follows a similar pledge in France, is part of the government's much-anticipated clean air plan, which has been at the heart of a protracted high court legal

battle.

The government warned that the move, which will also take in hybrid vehicles, was needed because of the unnecessary and avoidable impact that poor air quality was having on people's health. Ministers believe it poses the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK, costing up to £2.7bn in lost productivity in one recent year.

Ministers have been urged to introduce charges for vehicles to enter a series of "clean air zones" (CAZ). However, the government only wants taxes to be considered as a last resort, fearing a backlash against any move that punishes motorists.

"Poor air quality is the biggest environmental risk to public health in the UK and this government is determined to take strong action in the shortest time possible," a government spokesman said.

"That is why we are providing councils with new funding to accelerate development of local plans, as part of an ambitious £3bn programme to clean up dirty air around our roads."

The final plan, which was due by the end of July, comes after a draft report that environmental lawyers described as "much weaker than hoped for".

The environment secretary, Michael Gove, will be hoping for a better reception when he publishes the final document on Wednesday following months of legal wrangling.

A briefing on parts of the plan, seen by the Guardian, repeats the heavy focus on the steps that can be taken to help councils improve air quality in specific areas where emissions have breached EU thresholds.

Measures to be urgently brought in by local authorities that have repeatedly breached EU rules include retrofitting buses and other public transport, changing road layouts and altering

features such as roundabouts and speed humps.

Reprogramming traffic lights will also be included in local plans, with councils being given £255m to accelerate their efforts. Local emissions hotspots will be required to layout their plans by March 2018 and finalise them by the end of the year. A targeted scrappage scheme is also expected to be included.

Some want the countrywide initiative to follow in the footsteps of London, which is introducing a £10 toxic “T-charge” that will be levied on up to 10,000 of the oldest, most polluting vehicles every weekday.



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There have been calls for vehicles to be charged for entering ‘clean air zones’. Photograph: Alicia Canter for the Guardian
Sources insisted that while the idea of charges were on the table, there was no plan to force councils to introduce them, and that other measures would be exhausted first.

They hope the centrepiece of Wednesday’s strategy will be the plan to ban diesel and petrol sales completely by 2040, in line with Emmanuel Macron’s efforts across the Channel.

The French president took the steps to help his country meet its targets under the Paris climate accord, in an announcement that came a day after Volvo said it would only make fully electric or hybrid cars from 2019 onwards.

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