Lesbians More Likely to Have Served in the Military

Despite the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy that does not permit lesbians and gay men to serve openly, military service rates among partnered lesbians far exceed rates among other women. Partnered lesbians are more than five times as likely as other women to report ever having served in the armed forces.

Female Military Service by Age

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