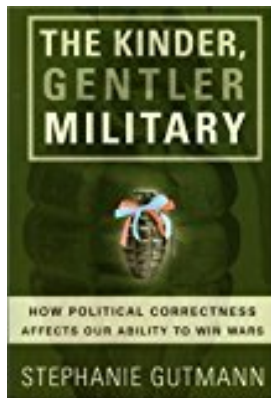


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Description:

When the Marines dropped their famous slogan, "We're looking for a few good men," and replaced it with "The few, the proud, the Marines," they weren't just eliminating a worn-out ad campaign--they

were pursuing a controversial social agenda. "The nineties were a decade in which the brass handed over their soldiers to social planners in love with an unworkable (and in many senses undesirable) vision of a politically correct utopia, one in which men and women toil side by side, equally good at the same tasks, interchangeable, and, of course, utterly undistracted by sexual interest," writes journalist Stephanie Gutmann. *The Kinder, Gentler Military*--an expanded version of a cover story Gutmann wrote for *The New Republic*--is a devastating critique of the military's sex-integration efforts. She reports of women "allowed to come into basic training at dramatically lower fitness levels and then to climb lower walls, throw shorter distances, and carry lighter packs when they got there." This has led to problems in the field: during the Gulf War, says Gutmann, "men in many units took over tearing down tents or loading boxes because most of the women simply couldn't or wouldn't do these chores as fast." Liberals will accuse Gutmann of hostility to feminism, but her strong blend of reporting and analysis overcomes that charge by describing the frustrations of women who want to contribute to the military's old-fashioned warrior culture, not its newfangled Peace Corps mentality. The Pentagon doesn't want you to read *The Kinder, Gentler Military*; that's all the more reason why you should. --*John J. Miller* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Review "New and Noteworthy Paperback" -- *New York Times' Sunday Book Review*, 10/2001

"Noteworthy Non-fiction of 2000" -- *New York Times' Sunday Book Review*,

...an impassioned defense of the warrior culture and the vision of masculinity it sustains. -- *The New York Times Book Review*, Carol Gilligan

...identifies the "risk-craving, "edge-courting soldiers" on whom success in the field, and in the planning rooms, depends. ...does not rule out the aptitude of some women for the killer role... -- *Wall Street Journal*, March 29, 2000

...tough-minded writer...ruthlessly dissects American military policy...in her outstanding new book, *The Kinder, Gentler Military*.... -- *The Detroit News*, March 29, 2000

Col. David Hackworth (Ret.) author of *About Face* and *Hazardous Duty* What the British longbow did to the French army at Crecy in 1346, the failed military policy on gender integration has done to the U.S. armed forces at the end of the twentieth century: near total destruction. Gutmann's brilliant book must be read by all caring Americans and its cogent message be urgently transmitted to all our lawmakers. -- *Review*

Gutmann...tours boot camps and aircraft carriers; haunts the hearing rooms of the military's gender advisory boards; and talks to soldiers, sailors and airmen (male and female)....and she raises questions that demand to be answered. [She] has written a highly charged polemic that rips through public relations cant like a tank breaking telephone poles...Still, Gutmann is no extremist in these matters. She offers a set of policy recommendations -- one of which would be to eliminate sexual recruitment quotas -- that would keep the armed forces open to any and all who meet the necessary high standards.Since the latest phase of the integration of women began, the armed forces have not had to fight a long, tough war against a strong foe.....If such a war comes and the gentler military does not do well, Gutmann's hard-headed book will have provided an early-warning signal. -- *New York Times*, March 24, 2000

Stephanie Gutmann's new book, *The Kinder, Gentler Military*, debunks the received wisdom [that resistance to raising the proportion of women in the military is inherently sexist] through first-rate reporting on the reality of the contemporary military. There is, as it turns out, a simple reason why

academic studies and official commissions cannot get at the truth in this area: in the wake of the 1991 Tailhook scandal, which ended the careers of many navy officers who were found to have been insufficiently vigilant in rooting out sexual harassment, the military has become one of the most politically correct of all American institutions. -- *Francis Fukuyama, author The End of History and the Last Man, Commentary, February 2000* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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