



## Weekly Discussion Questions 12/2/2024

[Wax-Thibodeaux, Emily. "Women Veterans Weigh in on Hegseth's Views: Say Removing Women from Combat Would Harm Military Effectiveness." \*The Spokesman Review\*, 2 Dec. 2024](#)

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 9-12

**Debate the Role of Physical Standards in Military Readiness:** Considering the perspectives shared in the article, should physical standards in combat roles be adjusted to promote inclusion, or should they remain uniform regardless of gender? Why or why not?

**Analyzing Leadership and Inclusion:** How can the integration of women in combat roles, as described by Jasmine Walker Motupalli, strengthen military effectiveness and reshape leadership dynamics within traditionally male-dominated environments?

**Cultural and Strategic Impacts of Diversity in Combat:** Discuss the unique advantages women bring to military operations, such as the ability to navigate cultural sensitivities and gather critical intelligence. How does this challenge traditional perceptions of combat readiness?

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 6-8

**Physical Strength and Fairness in Combat Roles:** Do you think physical fitness requirements for soldiers should be the same for everyone, or should they change for different people? Why do you think that?

**Teamwork and Respect in the Military:** How do you think having both men and women in the military can make teams stronger and more successful?

**Special Skills in Different Roles:** Women in the military often bring unique skills, like working well with people from different cultures. Why do you think these skills are important for the military?

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 1-5

**Strong Soldiers:** Do you think everyone in the military should have the same physical strength, or can people help in different ways? Why?

**Working Together:** How do you think having both men and women working together in the military helps them do a better job?

**Special Skills:** Why is it important for soldiers to have different skills, like talking to people from other cultures?