

[Written in response to a solicitation letter sent in September, 2024, by a group of USAFA graduates seeking to be elected to the Board of Directors]:

“Please send me examples of the "dishearten[ing]...politically correct social engineering programs and politically charged ideological constructs" that worry you so. Likewise, I would appreciate some data/evidence regarding lowered standards at USAFA, lack of equal opportunity, and how meritocracy has given way to identity-based special privileges.

I'm sure you are prepared to back these assertions.

I also note that the signatories to your letter are all rated officers, most if not all of whom have served in war zones. That certainly helps explain your emphasis on combat leadership. Here's a heads up - do a study of say, the last 5 graduating classes to see what percentage have the opportunity to become "warriors" and "combat leaders," given their chosen career fields and subsequent career paths. Is it possible that the Air Force has changed? That it might desperately need Academy graduates of high character, intelligence, and integrity who will never have a chance to be "warriors" or combat leaders? Should the mission of the Academy include teaching, guiding, and developing these people too?

You folks need to study a little harder for your GR. We know what many people say about opinions...

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