

The Pentagon's Culture War is Hurting the Military

In "The Pentagon's Culture War is Hurting the Military" (U.S. Naval Institute, October 22, 2026), Pollock Cohen partner Steve Cohen discusses three recent policies attributed to the Secretary of Defense that have targeted the military's most important asset: its human capital.

First, on 29 September, the secretaries of the military departments were ordered to "immediately cease appointing civilians to tenured positions" at the military service academies. Second, on 27 February, the Pentagon formally cut ties with a number of Ivy League universities, ending fellowships and tuition aid for officers attending those schools. And third, on 30 September, the Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth confirmed a 20 percent cut of flag and general officers.

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