Spreading gender research to the mainstream

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UNISEX ROOMS MADE GENDER INSIGNIFICANT IN THE ARMY

The researchers behind a new report on gender equality in the Norwegian army describe the phenomenon as “degenderisation”. When boys and girls shared the same room, gender was no longer significant.

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Six boys and two girls in the same room in the army, a place known from previous research as a breeding ground for sexual harassment.

“We were very biased. We thought that the girls could not possibly be OK with it, says Lilla-Britt Lilleås, who, together with Dag Ellingsen, is responsible for the report Forsvarets Livsstilsøk med soldater (The Army: the vanguard, rear guard and battlefield of equality).”

Before their arrival at the camp, some of the girls had thought along the same lines; for instance the girl who had prepared herself by purchasing large sized underwear.

But instead of finding an increased focus on gender and sexuality, the researchers concluded that the unisex rooms had a “degenderising” effect.
Unisex in der Kaserne

Von Silea Bigalke


Frauen in der Armee gelten bisher eher als Störfaktor; sie provoziieren Sprüche und machen beim Geländelaufen früher schlapp - soweit das Vorurteil. Konflikte zwischen Soldat und Soldatin hat Norwegen nun aber eine Losung gefunden: Sie dürfen im selben Raum schlafen. Das sorgt für Entspannung.

Norwegian Army: Sexual harassment claims fell after using unisex dorms

The Norwegian Army recently started to experiment with unisex dorms, with pleasantly surprising results thus far - sexual harassment claims have dropped.

A military base in northern Norway began housing two women together with four men, and the experience has made the women feel more comfortable sharing a room with the men.
Norway Army garrison study finds unisex dorms reduce harassment

OSLO - Mixed-gender dormitories have helped curb sexual harassment in the Norwegian Army, the author of a new study said Monday, refuting long-held beliefs on the subject.

“We were very surprised. We had thought these mixed rooms would encourage harassment, or in any case not reduce it,” said Ulla-Britt Lillean, co-author of the report “The Army: the vanguard, rear guard and battlefield of equality.”

The two researchers based their findings on interviews with 20 soldiers — 10 men and 10 women — as well as with top- and middle-ranking officers at a garrison that employed mixed dormitories.

The study only found one serious case of sexual harassment that occurred there, while the phenomenon was far more widespread at a unit of the Norwegian Navy, where the rooms were segregated.

In a mixed dorm “the soldiers are more like comrades, friends, almost brothers and sisters. There isn’t this ‘us-and-them division,’” said Lillean, a professor of health science currently working at the University of Oslo.

“Degenderization” means “stereotypes fade: The boys put a damper on jokes at the expense of women, foreigners and gays; and the girls banter and talk less,” she added.

“There is no gender in the army, there is only green,” one of the interviewees was quoted as saying by the Information Center for Gender Research in Norway.

“You have to be a team here, and then you have to live together in order to be able to trust in one another,” a female interviewee said.
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