



## FACT SHEET

### FOREIGN MILITARIES WHICH ALLOW OPEN SERVICE:

In Iraq and Afghanistan, allied forces from many countries allow gays and lesbians to serve openly. Allied troops often serve side by side with American service members.

### **Twenty-two Allied Countries with Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan<sup>1</sup> Allow Gays to Serve:**



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Britain



Canada



Czech Republic



Denmark



Estonia



Finland



France



Germany



Ireland



Italy



Lithuania



Luxembourg



Netherlands



New Zealand



Norway



Slovenia



Spain



Sweden



Switzerland

- In all, twenty-four nations allow gays to serve in the military including Israel and South Africa as well as the countries listed above.
- Studies regarding the integration of gays into the militaries of Australia, Israel, Britain and Canada have shown the change to be a non-event.

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<sup>1</sup> As of July 2007.