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Annotated List of Works Cited

Cronk, Terri Moon. "Panetta, Dempsey Speak on War, Women in Combat." *American Forces Press Service US Department of Defense*. 3 Feb 2013. Web. 13 Feb 2013.

Terri Moon Cronk is a journalist for the American Press Service. She writes many articles involving American troops and military members. She also has various articles featured in the US Department of Defense archives. In her article, she speaks mainly about US affairs overseas in Afghanistan and how the lifted ban on women in combat units could really help contribute to the quarrels overseas. Cronk references two highly esteemed men, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Joint Chief of Staff Army General Martin E. Dempsey, and she directly quotes each of the men throughout the article, which give it a sense of validity and credibility. Cronk, never states her own opinion on the matter, and bequeaths the spotlight to Panetta and Dempsey. She uses a few numerical data references, most of which are years or numbers of US troops. Cronk uses many logical arguments to get her point across, and she never lets her own views get in the way of the facts. She gives you evidence while using semi-sophisticated vocabulary, which make the article a very credible source.

Domi, Tanya L. "Women in Combat: Policy Catches Up With Reality." *The New York Times*. 8 Feb 2013. Web. 13 Feb 2013.

Tanya L. Domi is the Senior Public Affairs Officer for International Affairs, Economics and Politics at Columbia University. She writes about issues related to democratic transitional development, including political and media development, gender issues, sex trafficking, human rights and media freedom. Domi uses very specific numerical data throughout the article and quotes several highly respected people such as President Clinton and Defense Secretary nominee Chuck Hagel, to prove her point logically. However, her article is draped with personal opinions and anecdotes, which contribute to its very biased appearance. Domi has a clever style of opening with a logical argument and then moving into her own personal accounts on the matter, which then transcend into more and more logical arguments. Although slightly biased, Domi's article is very reliable being as it presents the cold hard facts throughout its entirety.

McClam, Erin. " 'Valor Knows No Gender': Pentagon Lifts Ban On Women In Combat." *NBC News*. 24 Jan 2013. Web. 13 Feb 2013.

Erin McClam is a University of Georgia graduate currently residing in New York City working as the financial markets editor at Associated Press and he also works as a staff writer for NBC News. In his article, McClam articulates the excitement behind the lifted ban on women in combat units of the military. He logically constructs his argument, using many quotes and references to highly esteemed individuals such as President Obama, President Clinton, and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta. However, his article lacks solid numerical data, which in turn, squanders its credibility. Although he omits any personal opinions, it is evident that the article is extremely one-sided, and that McClam is very in favor of the lifted ban. Nevertheless, the article

does not appear biased, but more celebratory of this new turning point for America, thus proving that it is still useful.

Watson, Julie. "Marine Survey Lists Concerns On Women In Combat." *Yahoo News*. 1 Feb 2013. Web. 13 Feb 2013.

Julie Watson covers military affairs and San Diego regional news for The Associated Press. She has numerous articles about the US military, most of which pertain to the Marine Corps. In her article she constructs a logically compelling argument with the use of specific data and quotes from a multitude of people (most of which are men) like Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and former Marine Infantry officer Greg Jacob. She uses many different surveys, most of which where the participants consisted of mostly Marines, as strong and very substantial numerical data. Watson excludes any personal opinions, and sticks to the opinions of those who were interviewed. However, the entire article only lists reasons why women should not be in combat units and states none of the reasons why women in these units could be beneficial. The article is very biased and gives Watson a prejudice tone. On the bright side, the article does help give light into the other side of the controversy and is therefore very profitable.

Wong, Kristina. "Women Actually On The Front Lines May Not Happen." *The Washington Times*. 5 Feb 2013. Web. 13 Feb 2013.

Kristina Wong is a national security reporter at The Washington Times where she covers defense, foreign policy, and intelligence affairs. In her article, she weaves a strong argument held up by facts and logic. She quotes many different people involved with the issue, like Army Major Mary Jennings Hegar, defense analyst Michael O'Hanlon, and Air Force Colonel Martha

McSally. She has an equal distribution of quotes from men and women, which help the article take a somewhat neutral approach. Throughout the article it lists all of the benefits and well as the complications with women being allowed in combat units. However, numerical data and statistics are absent from the whole article, which unfortunately contribute to some loss of credibility. Wong leaves all personal beliefs out, which really help the article maintain its balance between sides. The article serves as a mediator between both standpoints of the controversy, which really proves its reliability as a source.