Subject: Re: don't ask don't tell

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Whether or not some, or even most folks will accept gays in the military is a moot point. In case you haven't been keeping up with the news, it's a done deal- as good as repealed the moment it gets to the Oval Office for signing.

Acceptance has a way of coming in its own good time. If you were to wait until everyone accepts gays in order to extend them equal protection of the laws, including open service in the military, it would never happen. Remember that there are still bigoted fuckwads who would rather there not be any blacks or hispanics or asians in the military... and racial integration happened under President Truman, a good two decades before rulings like Brown vs. Board of Ed. made segregated public services illegal. Took people a while to accept that one, didn't it? Well, it'll take people a while to accept gays too. Probably less of a while, all things considered. The "gay or no gay" issue has always had religious roots, and religion should never have been a factor in policy-making to begin with. "But then everyone will have to change and get used to the idea of knowing who's gay" is not a valid counter-argument. Servicemen have never had the option of picking and choosing who to serve with.

Yes, it will make the fundies get all butthurt and pissy, but... honestly? Fuck 'em. Some of my best friends are gay, and the thought of them being shat upon because they don't like the opposite sex just kinda pisses me off.