

truthfulness a trait that they supposedly admire? So, for all of the years that this woman had served in the military she had discharged all of her duties to such a high level of competency that she was promoted to this high rank. And when they put this question to her, which had no bearing, obviously, on her ability to function in a military setting, because she had functioned adequately, and she acknowledged this that Americans consider a fatal character flaw. All that she had done up to that point went out the window and was of no value, and she was going to be drummed out of the military. Now, since that occurred she may have gone into court and had it overturned. I'm not sure what the ultimate outcome was. But there are so many of these things, these cases that are happening all over the country, especially in the military, that it's difficult to keep straight what's happening in one as opposed to the others, unless each case is laid before me. But her case exemplifies how unfair and how ridiculous this whole approach is. There was nothing in this woman's conduct as a military person and in discharging her duties which showed violation of any rule or regulation or principle of the military. Then when she answered a question honestly it was her undoing. Had she lied, and that's what people told her she should have done, had she violated her personal code of honor and become a dishonorable person in order to get the promotion, she would have gotten the promotion. But I imagine her standards of honor or honesty, whatever she would use to...whatever phrase she would use to describe her system of values, would not allow her to use dishonesty to achieve a worthwhile goal. So she was...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...slapped down for that. There was a gay officer recently put out of the military, and he had been stationed at Offutt. And he's continuing to battle his in the courts. And what people say is, why don't they just be quiet? Why do they tell anybody? Why should they have to be quiet? If somebody is a Democrat, or a "Repelican", or a Catholic, or a Lutheran, they don't have to keep that quiet. And, in fact, they're protected in their right to follow those pursuits. And I'm not aware of any homosexuals putting together a system whereby they burn people at the stake, attach heavy stones to them and drown them in the water because of their point of view, so we have a case of religious people burning and torturing homosexuals, but we don't have examples of homosexuals doing