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And how many kids these days are just pushed from grade to grade and are "graduating" but still functionally illiterate.

Laura Gibson wrote:

Well, I do know that you have to have at least a GED to get into the military, and some of the branches won't take you unless you have a regular high school diploma, and in some instances college. It isn't like the 60s, when a kid got the choice of jail or the military.

Laura

"RaeMorrill" <RaeMorrill@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Well, I can't either, but, unfortunately, there was some truth in Kerry's remarks. Not all those inquiring about joining up would know the difference. They probably never watch the news or read the paper. False promises made in order to up enlistment is just wrong.

Laura Gibson wrote:

On the other hand, most recruits would talk things over with their parents I would imagine, and I would expect the parents would be able to tell truth from fiction, or at least if the "claims" are really hyperinflated. I can't imagine any volunteer in the Service not thinking he/she was not going to Iraq with a war going on over there.

Laura

"RaeMorrill" <RaeMorrill@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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WOW. Yes, children know the difference
between a truth and a lie at an early age –

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that is what it means to lie about something they did. Do you think a 6 year old can reliably detect an adult lying about something? If so, we'd never have any children abducted, would we? After all, they'd know the pervert was lying.

Smart people should always try to document anything that's going to impact on their life or health. However, not everyone does, not everyone is capable of doing so. When you ask a professional an opinion you have a right to expect the truth. Do they make mistakes? Sure, but if the doctor tells a diabetic – sure, go ahead, eat all the sugar you want, it won't hurt you – that'd be a lie and if documented would likely lead to disciplinary action or loss of license.

These recruiters (I saw the tapes) were telling the prospective soldiers things like "the war is over" and there was little chance of them being sent into danger. How you can think this is ok or the enlistee (regardless of age) can be blamed is beyond me. Somehow, though, you seem to be managing to tie this to young teens being given the right to chose to continue a pregnancy or not. Just because someone has a choice at a given age has no bearing on this when the decisions are made on hype and lies. My choice about anything is certainly going to be impacted by being told, "Ah, there's not really any danger" versus "Yes, there's a good chance you're going to be in harm's way and won't be provided with basic safety gear." DUH

Phyllis Nilsson wrote:

You're right, it isn't an informed decision if someone either lies or withholds information that would be pertinent to the decision-making process. But if I'm not mistaken, you believe that very young people have the right to make choices

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that will affect their lives
forever and the
military is not the only
venue where lies are told
and information
withheld. If a 12-year old or
15-year-old can make a
choice, why not an
18-year-old?

I know you don't believe
services and retailers always
tell the truth about
their products. And Rae,
children know the difference
between the truth
and a lie long before they're
6 years old, that's why
they're allowed to
testify in court cases.

Do I wish everyone would
tell the truth? Of course. Is it
likely to
happen? Not hardly. Have
you never heard of the old
saying, "Buyer
beware"? An 18-year-old
can make an informed
decision to vote, to drink,
to make contracts. It is our
job to make them as ready
as we can to make
the right choices.

RaeMorrill wrote:

OH MY
GOSH!
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think the
United
States
military
should have
to
tell the truth

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when they
are out
soliciting
young
people to
join? Yes,
I'm
prochoice –
but it is not
a choice
when
someone
lies to you
about
what you're
choosing.