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# The Pentagon Reportedly Spends 5 Times More on Viagra Than Transgender Services

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Viagra. Photo: Joe Raedle/Getty Images

On Wednesday morning, President Trump announced in a series of tweets that he would be reinstating a ban on transgender individuals serving in the military in “any capacity,” due in part to the “tremendous medical costs.” But according to [the Hill](#), these costs pale in comparison to the amount of money the Defense Department spends annually on erectile-dysfunction medications.

Trump’s statements reverse President Obama’s 2016 announcement that required the Pentagon to begin accepting qualified transgender recruits by July 1, 2017. That same year, a RAND corporation report estimated that covering transition-related costs would cost the Defense Department between \$2.4 million and \$8.4 million annually.

Meanwhile, a [Military Times](#) report found that in 2014, the Pentagon spent \$84 million on erectile-dysfunction meds, including \$41.6 million on Viagra alone. It notes that while drugs like Viagra, Cialis, and Levitra are occasionally prescribed for conditions such as pulmonary arterial hypertension, they are overwhelmingly used in the treatment of male sexual dysfunction. Of the 1.18 million prescriptions, less than 10 percent were for active-duty service members.

The RAND report also estimated there are between 1,320 and 6,630 transgender service members in the military, but military LGBTQ advocacy groups put that number closer to 15,000.

“The money is negligible,” Kristen Beck, a Navy Seal veteran who is transgender told [Business Insider](#), “You’re talking about .000001% of the military budget.”

A number of Republican lawmakers have spoken out against Trump’s decision, and the American Civil Liberties Union is exploring ways to [combat the move](#).

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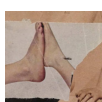
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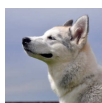
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Finally, Some More Pics From the Meghan Markle and Prince Harry Lifetime Movie Can't wait to binge this movie before the royal wedding.



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What Are the Best Maternity Clothes? We talked to moms, doctors, and shop owners to find more than five dozen of the best nursing bras, shirts, leggings, and more.



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Jeff Koons's 'Easyfun-Ethereal' Now on Display at the Gagolian Gallery Eight works depict food, fashion, and Utopian landscapes.



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Y E S T E R D A Y A T 4 : 2 5 P . M .

Father of Florida Shooting Victim Creates Powerful Mural to Honor His Son It was part of an exhibit honoring the 17 people killed during the shooting.

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Y E S T E R D A Y A T 4 : 1 1 P . M .

Your Guide to the New Tiny Sunglasses The most ubiquitous trend of the year.

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Y E S T E R D A Y A T 3 : 5 6 P . M .

Donald Trump Jr. Has Finally Met His Match Equals.

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Y E S T E R D A Y A T 3 : 3 2 P . M .

Jared Kushner's Brother Reportedly Donated \$50,000 to Gun-Violence Protest Joshua Kushner has apparently thrown his support behind March for Our Lives.

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Proenza Schouler Loves the Scent of Crayons and Puppies Talking to the designers about their first perfume, Arizona.

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Y E S T E R D A Y A T 2 : 1 5 P . M .

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What Cynthia Erivo Can't Live Without "I was actually asked to sing the national anthem at a half-marathon and asked to run the thing, too, so I'll be doing that in my Nike tights."

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Y E S T E R D A Y A T 1 : 3 5 P . M .

Please Enjoy This Incredibly Creepy Picture of the French President Giving a Hug "Soon."

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An Emotional Guide to Being Ghosted Tips for making it feel a little less terrible when someone disappears on you.

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This Is What a Runway Show at Disneyland Looks Like Opening Ceremony presented its spring 2018 collection at the happiest place on earth.

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The Wild, Necessary World of Online Advice for UTI Pain When doctors can't help, patients trade remedies with each other.

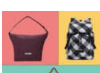
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Failures at Two Fertility Clinics May Affect Over a Thousand People On the same day, two clinics saw failures that might have compromised thousands of eggs and embryos.

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On Sale: 6 Better Gym Bags From Adidas by Stella McCartney An upgrade from your ratty tote bag.

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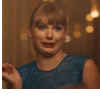
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Journalist Says He Doesn't Let His Kids 'Say Anything Negative' About Trump He also said that the president's repeated insults create a "challenge to all parents."



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Meghan Markle Attends First Official Event With Queen Elizabeth Kate Middleton and a member of One Direction were also there.



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Is Taylor Swift's New Video a Copy of This Perfume Ad? The similarities are striking.

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