

FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: Political Activities

1. PURPOSE. To inform commanders and supervisors of the restrictions on the political activity of soldiers and Army civilian employees.

2. FACTS.

a. With the increased political activity of a general election year, soldiers and Army civilian employees must be aware of permitted and prohibited political activity.

b. For members of the Armed Forces, AR 600-20, para 5-3, Appendix B and Appendix C provide regulatory guidance on political activities. For Army civilian employees, the Joint Ethics Regulation lists permitted and prohibited political activities.

c. Examples of permitted political activity.

(1) Express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues as a private citizen and not as an Army representative.

(2) Make monetary contributions to a political party favoring a particular candidate or slate of candidates.

(3) Join a political club and attend its meetings (soldiers can attend meetings only when not in uniform).

d. Examples of prohibited political activity.

(1) Use official authority or influence to solicit votes for a particular candidate or to solicit political contributions.

(2) Display political signs, banners, or posters in government facilities or large political signs or posters on private automobiles (political stickers on POVs are authorized).

e. Other permitted and prohibited political activities are listed in AR 600-20. Violations of these regulatory provisions may provide the basis for disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of

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SUBJECT: Political Activities Military Justice or, for civilian employees, removal or suspension.

3. POC is the Administrative Law Division at 4-7414/4668.

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