

# **Gender and Security Puzzle**

***In one instance in the US military operation in Iraq, many female US soldiers became dehydrated, and two died as a result.***

***Why?***

# Gender puzzle


*Hint*

It is not about physiological differences between men and women. Sports research has shown that men are four times more likely to suffer from dehydration than women are (men tend to sweat more and drink less water)



# Gender puzzle

*Established causal chain*



Women's bathrooms located outdoors, far from barracks.

The way to the bathrooms was not lit at night.

Several women were assaulted & more harassed near toilet by fellow soldiers at night.

Women responded by not drinking after 4pm.

No A/C in barracks; temperature reached 50°C / 120°F.

Several female soldiers died from dehydration in their sleep.