

By Debra Sweet

Chelsea said Tuesday, “I am unendingly relieved that the military is finally doing the right thing. I applaud them for that. This is all that I wanted — for them to let me be me... But it is hard not to wonder why it has taken so long. Also, why were such drastic measures needed? The surgery was recommended in April 2016. The recommendations for my hair length were back in 2014. In any case, I hope this sets a precedent for the thousands of trans people behind me hoping they will be given the treatment they need.”

The army announced later that month that it would investigate Manning for misconduct in [connection with the attempt to take her own life](#), a probe that could lead to indefinite solitary confinement, reclassification into maximum security or additional prison time.

A thought: **What kind of country is this that imprisoned Chelsea Manning for revealing its war crimes, and threatens Edward Snowden with the same, while letting war criminals and murdering police stay free?**