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[Does USAFA have a response for the Op-Ed piece that appeared in the Air Force Times?  
http://www.airforcetimes.com/community/opinion/airforce\\_editorial\\_drawdown\\_062110w/](http://www.airforcetimes.com/community/opinion/airforce_editorial_drawdown_062110w/)

Below is a response from our Director of Communications:

"While the 2009 year group is not eligible for current Air Force involuntary Force Management programs such as Force Shaping, Reduction-in-Force, etc., if a member fails to complete initial skills training (IST) he/she may be subject involuntary separation.

In accordance with Air Force policy, an officer may be involuntarily separated if they do not complete IST and there is no requirement for their continued service. Under this policy, officers with less than 6 years of service who fail IST will be reviewed by a panel which will recommend whether an officer should be reclassified or discharged based on mission requirements, academic specialty, education costs, unique qualifications, etc. If recommended for separation, officers are subject to recoupment of education assistance, special pay or bonus money received."

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