

## APPENDIX 2: TOPLINE QUESTIONNAIRES

**PEW SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS**  
**MILITARY VETERANS SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**JULY 18-SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**  
**TOTAL N=1,853; VETERANS WHO SERVED SINCE SEPT. 11, 2001, N=712**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN 0.5 % ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.**

1. First, I would like to talk to you about your life overall:  
 Generally, how would you say things are these days in your life -- would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

|                        | Very happy | Pretty happy | Not too happy | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Total                  | 32         | 50           | 16            | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11 <sup>35</sup> | 33         | 49           | 17            | 1                         |
| Post-9/11              | 29         | 59           | 12            | *                         |

2. Next, please tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with the following aspects of your life: (First/Next) (INSERT)

a. Your family life

|           | SATISFIED |      |          | DISSATISFIED |          |      | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------|------|----------|--------------|----------|------|---------------------------|
|           | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET          | Somewhat | Very |                           |
| Total     | 90        | 69   | 21       | 9            | 5        | 4    | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 90        | 69   | 21       | 9            | 5        | 4    | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 88        | 63   | 25       | 10           | 9        | 2    | 1                         |

b. Your personal financial situation

|           | SATISFIED |      |          | DISSATISFIED |          |      | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------|------|----------|--------------|----------|------|---------------------------|
|           | NET       | Very | Somewhat | NET          | Somewhat | Very |                           |
| Total     | 68        | 29   | 39       | 30           | 16       | 14   | 2                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 69        | 30   | 39       | 28           | 15       | 14   | 2                         |
| Post-9/11 | 57        | 20   | 37       | 42           | 25       | 17   | 1                         |

<sup>35</sup> Caution should be used when comparing the pre-9/11 and post-9/11 samples. Experiences and attitudes of veterans who served in wartime can vary significantly from those who served in periods of relative peace between major wars. The pre-9/11 sample includes veterans who served in wartime and those who did not while all veterans who served in the military after 9/11 did so in a period of continuous war.

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his duties as commander-in-chief of the military?

|           | Approve | Disapprove | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|---------|------------|----------------------------|
| Total     | 40      | 50         | 9                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 40      | 51         | 9                          |
| Post-9/11 | 44      | 47         | 9                          |

4. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... (INSERT)

NO ITEM a.

b.

|  | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|--|-------|----------|-----------|
| It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs                      | 32    | 31       | 35        |
| We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home | 61    | 61       | 59        |
| Neither/both equally (VOL.)  | 7     | 7        | 4         |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.)  | 1     | *        | 2         |

c.

|  | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|--|-------|----------|-----------|
| Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world             | 46    | 48       | 40        |
| Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism | 45    | 44       | 51        |
| Neither/both equally (VOL.)  | 6     | 6        | 6         |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.)  | 3     | 3        | 3         |

5a. Do you think you are more patriotic, less patriotic, or about as patriotic as most other people in this country?

|           | More patriotic | Less patriotic | About as patriotic | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Total     | 55             | 2              | 41                 | 1                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 55             | 2              | 42                 | 1                          |
| Post-9/11 | 61             | 5              | 32                 | 1                          |

5b. Overall, do you think that the U.S. military operates efficiently or inefficiently?

|           | Efficiently | Inefficiently | Both equally (VOL.) | Neither (VOL.) | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Total     | 66          | 27            | 2                   | 1              | 4                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 66          | 27            | 2                   | 1              | 4                          |
| Post-9/11 | 67          | 29            | 1                   | 1              | 2                          |

5c. Generally speaking, do you think people get ahead in the military based on their hard work and ability, or do you think that hard work and ability are no guarantee of success in the military?

|           | People get ahead in military on hard work and ability | Hard work and ability are no guarantee | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|---|--|----------------------------|
| Total     | 62  | 34                                     | 4                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 63  | 32                                     | 4                          |
| Post-9/11 | 54  | 43                                     | 3                          |

6. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Iraq has been worth fighting, or not?

|           | Worth fighting | Not worth fighting | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Total     | 39             | 57                 | 4                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 39             | 58                 | 4                          |
| Post-9/11 | 44             | 50                 | 6                          |

7. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Afghanistan has been worth fighting, or not?

|           | Worth fighting | Not worth fighting | Don't know/<br>refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total     | 42             | 53                 | 5                             |
| Pre-9/11  | 41             | 55                 | 4                             |
| Post-9/11 | 50             | 42                 | 8                             |

8. In Afghanistan and Iraq, the military has been asked to engage in noncombat missions like reconstruction and operations designed to strengthen the country's social, political and economic institutions, sometimes called "nation building." Do you think these are appropriate roles or inappropriate roles for the military?

|           | Appropriate | Inappropriate | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Total     | 47          | 50            | 4                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 45          | 51            | 4                          |
| Post-9/11 | 59          | 38            | 3                          |

9. As you may know, the United States military has made increasing use of unmanned aircraft called "drones" to launch aerial attacks in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. Do you think the increased use of drones by the military is a good thing, or a bad thing?

|           | Good thing | Bad thing | Doesn't make a difference (VOL.) | Neither/equally good and bad (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 86         | 8         | *                                | 2                                   | 3                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 86         | 8         | *                                | 2                                   | 3                         |
| Post-9/11 | 87         | 7         | *                                | 3                                   | 3                         |

10. Do you think the United States should return to the military draft at this time, or not?

|           | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Total     | 30  | 68 | 2                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 32  | 66 | 2                         |
| Post-9/11 | 16  | 82 | 2                         |

11. What year did you (enter/ first enter) the service?

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ENTERED IN 2001 [n = 31; Pre-9/11 = 1; Post-9/11 = 30]**

11a. Did you enter the service before or after September 11, 2001?

11/11a. Combo Table

|                           | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Prior to 1954             | 17    | 19       | *         |
| 1954-1963                 | 14    | 15       | *         |
| 1964-1973                 | 27    | 31       | 2         |
| 1974-9/11                 | 36    | 34       | 53        |
| 9/11 to present           | 5     | 0        | 44        |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.) | 1     | 0        | 0         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ENTERED THE SERVICE BEFORE 1974 [n = 999; Pre-9/11 = 932; Post-9/11 = 67]**

12. Were you drafted, or did you volunteer?

|           | Drafted | Volunteered | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Total     | 28      | 72          | *                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 28      | 72          | *                          |
| Post-9/11 | 33      | 67          | 0                          |

11/12. Combo Table

|           | Enter the service before 1974 |         |             | Entered the service after 1974 | Don't know/ refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|           | NET                           | Drafted | Volunteered |                                |                            |
| Total     | 58                            | 16      | 42          | 42                             | 1                          |
| Pre-9/11  | 66                            | 18      | 48          | 34                             | 0                          |
| Post-9/11 | 3                             | 1       | 2           | 97                             | 0                          |

13. Altogether, how long did you serve on active duty?

|           | 2 years or less | 3-less than 5 years | 5-less than 10 years | 10 years or more | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 27              | 39                  | 18                   | 16               | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 27              | 40                  | 17                   | 15               | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 25              | 30                  | 22                   | 21               | *                         |

14. At the time of your (most recent, **IF MORE THAN ONE ITEM MENTIONED**) discharge or retirement were you a commissioned officer, a noncommissioned officer, a warrant officer, or an enlisted person?

|           | TOTAL OFFICERS |                      |                          |                 | Enlisted person | In National Guard/Reserves (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET            | Commissioned officer | Non-commissioned officer | Warrant officer |                 |                                   |                           |
| Total     | 50             | 8                    | 42                       | 1               | 49              | 1                                 | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 50             | 8                    | 42                       | 1               | 49              | 0                                 | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 44             | 8                    | 35                       | 1               | 49              | 6                                 | 1                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO SERVED AFTER 9/11 [n = 712]**

15a. Did you serve in Iraq, off the coast of Iraq, or did you fly missions over Iraq at any time since March 2003?

|           | TOTAL SERVED |                |                         |                              | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----|---------------------------|
|           | NET          | Served in Iraq | Flew missions over Iraq | Served off the coast of Iraq |    |                           |
| Post-9/11 | 45           | 36             | 4                       | 9                            | 54 | 1                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO SERVED AFTER 9/11 [n = 712]**

15b. Did you serve in Afghanistan, or did you fly missions over Afghanistan at any time since October 2001?

|           | TOTAL SERVED |                       |                                |  | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|----|---------------------------|
|           | NET          | Served in Afghanistan | Flew missions over Afghanistan |  |    |                           |
| Post-9/11 | 16           | 13                    | 4                              |  | 82 | 2                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ENTERED THE SERVICE AFTER 2001 OR AFTER 9/11/01 OR DK/REF WHEN ENTERED AND SERVED IN IRAQ AT ANY TIME SINCE MARCH 2003 [n = 217]**

16a. If you had to choose just one word that best describes your experience in Iraq what would that word be?

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ENTERED THE SERVICE AFTER 2001 OR AFTER 9/11/01 OR DK/REF WHEN ENTERED AND SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN AT ANY TIME SINCE OCTOBER 2001 [n = 87]**

16b. If you had to choose just one word that best describes your experience in Afghanistan what would that word be?

| Total | Answer given                               |
|-------|--|
| 19    | Worthwhile/beneficial/rewarding/fulfilling |
| 18    | Hot  |
| 16    | Bad/ousy/terrible/horrible/miserable       |
| 15    | Interesting                                |
| 13    | Hell/nightmare/horrifying                  |
| 13    | Eye-opening                                |
| 12    | Educational/knowledgeable                  |
| 11    | Life-changing                              |
| 10    | Challenging                                |
| 9     | Good                                       |
| 9     | Different/unique                           |
| 9     | Stressful/nerve-racking/on edge            |
| 7     | Hard/tough                                 |
| 7     | Enlightening                               |
| 6     | Scary/fearful                              |
| 5     | Confusing/confused                         |
| 4     | Experience                                 |
| 4     | Memorable                                  |
| 4     | Frustrating                                |
| 4     | Business                                   |
| 3     | Sad/tragic                                 |
| 3     | Appreciative/thankful                      |
| 3     | Depressing                                 |
| 3     | Disappointing                              |
| 3     | Long                                       |
| 2     | Futile                                     |
| 2     | Hope                                       |
| 2     | Satisfying                                 |
| 2     | Humbling                                   |
| 2     | Awesome                                    |
| 2     | Amazing                                    |
| 70    | Other                                      |
| 12    | Don't know/refused                         |

*NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages. All words are shown.*

17. When you were on active duty would you say that you had a clear understanding of what your missions were ... all of the time, most of the time, just some of the time or none of the time?

|           | ALL/MOST |                 |                  | JUST SOME/NONE |                       |                  | Varied (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET      | All of the time | Most of the time | NET            | Just some of the time | None of the time |               |                           |
| Total     | 85       | 48              | 37               | 14             | 12                    | 3                | *             | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 85       | 50              | 36               | 14             | 11                    | 3                | *             | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 79       | 37              | 42               | 20             | 17                    | 3                | 0             | 1                         |

17a. (MARITAL). Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

|           | Married | Living with a partner | Divorced | Separated | Widowed | Never been married | Refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|----------------|
| Total     | 64      | 4                     | 13       | 3         | 9       | 8                  | *              |
| Pre-9/11  | 65      | 4                     | 14       | 3         | 10      | 5                  | *              |
| Post-9/11 | 56      | 5                     | 9        | 3         | *       | 26                 | *              |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN MARRIED OR REFUSED**

**MARITAL STATUS [n = 1701; Pre-9/11 = 1094; Post-9/11 = 602<sup>36</sup>]**

18. Were you married at any point when you were on active duty, or were you not married then?

|           | Married | Not married | Refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|---------|-------------|----------------|
| Total     | 53      | 47          | *              |
| Pre-9/11  | 52      | 48          | 0              |
| Post-9/11 | 72      | 28          | *              |

17a/18. Combo Table

|           | EVER BEEN MARRIED/REFUSED |                              |                                  | Never been married |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|           | NET                       | Married while on active duty | Not married while on active duty |                    |
| Total     | 92                        | 49                           | 43                               | 8                  |
| Pre-9/11  | 95                        | 49                           | 46                               | 5                  |
| Post-9/11 | 74                        | 53                           | 21                               | 26                 |

<sup>36</sup> Pre-9/11 and post-9/11 cases do not always add to the total due to "Don't know/Refused" responses in Q.11/11a.

19. Were you the parent of a child under age 18 when you were on active duty, or did you not have children during that time?

|           | Had young children | Did not have young children | Refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Total     | 32                 | 68                          | *              |
| Pre-9/11  | 32                 | 68                          | 0              |
| Post-9/11 | 39                 | 61                          | 1              |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED OR PARENTS WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY [n = 1051; Pre-9/11 = 545; Post-9/11 = 505]**

20. Now I would like you to think back to the time when you were on active duty. How would you rate the job the military did in meeting the needs of your family when you served? Did the military do an excellent, good, only fair or poor job [IF NEEDED] meeting the needs of your family?

|           | EXCELLENT/GOOD |           |      | ONLY FAIR/POOR |           |      | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|------|----------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|
|           | NET            | Excellent | Good | NET            | Only fair | Poor |                           |
| Total     | 74             | 26        | 48   | 24             | 17        | 8    | 2                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 75             | 27        | 48   | 23             | 15        | 7    | 2                         |
| Post-9/11 | 63             | 20        | 44   | 34             | 26        | 8    | 2                         |

18/19/20. Combo Table

|  | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|--|-------|----------|-----------|
| Married/had young children while on active duty              | 51    | 51       | 57        |
| Military did excellent job meeting needs of family           | 13    | 14       | 11        |
| Military did good job meeting needs of family                | 24    | 25       | 25        |
| Military did only fair job meeting needs of family           | 9     | 8        | 15        |
| Military did poor job meeting needs of family                | 4     | 4        | 5         |
| Not married/did not have young children while on active duty | 49    | 49       | 43        |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.)                                    | 0     | 0        | 0         |

21. During your military service, how many times were you deployed away from your permanent duty station?

|                               | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| None                          | 29    | 31       | 15        |
| 1-2                           | 30    | 28       | 46        |
| 3-7                           | 20    | 20       | 24        |
| 8 or more                     | 10    | 10       | 9         |
| Multiple (unspecified) (VOL.) | 9     | 10       | 4         |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.)     | 3     | 3        | 1         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO WERE DEPLOYED [n = 1323; Pre-9/11 = 723; Post-9/11 = 599]**

22. Overall, did your (deployment/deployments) have a positive impact, a negative impact or no impact on each of the following? (INSERT FIRST ITEM)? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

a. Your financial situation

|           | Positive impact | Negative impact | No impact | Mixed, both equally (VOL.) | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 36              | 19              | 45        | *                          | *                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 32              | 20              | 47        | *                          | *                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 60              | 10              | 30        | *                          | 0                     | *                         |

b. Your health

|           | Positive impact | Negative impact | No impact | Mixed, both equally (VOL.) | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 27              | 21              | 50        | 1                          | 0                     | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 28              | 18              | 52        | 1                          | 0                     | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 21              | 40              | 38        | *                          | 0                     | 1                         |

c. Your chances for promotion and advancement within the military

|           | Positive impact | Negative impact | No impact | Mixed, both equally (VOL.) | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 58              | 6               | 35        | 1                          | *                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 58              | 6               | 34        | 1                          | *                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 57              | 7               | 35        | 1                          | *                     | *                         |

## Q. 22 CONTINUED...

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO WERE DEPLOYED AND MARRIED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY [n = 790; Pre-9/11 = 372; Post-9/11 = 418]**

d. Your relationship with your spouse

|           | Positive impact | Negative impact | No impact | Mixed, both equally (VOL.) | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 24              | 36              | 38        | 1                          | *                     | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 25              | 34              | 38        | 1                          | *                     | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 16              | 48              | 33        | 1                          | 1                     | 0                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO WERE DEPLOYED AND HAD CHILDREN WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY [n = 580; Pre-9/11 = 249; Post-9/11 = 330]**

e. Your relationship with your children

|           | Positive impact | Negative impact | No impact | Mixed, both equally (VOL.) | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 23              | 35              | 40        | *                          | *                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 24              | 34              | 42        | 0                          | *                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 22              | 44              | 32        | 1                          | 1                     | 0                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO WERE DEPLOYED [n = 1323; Pre-9/11 = 723; Post-9/11 = 599]**

23. Did your (deployment/deployments) make you feel you were doing something important for your country, or didn't it make you feel that way?

|           | Felt doing something important | Did not make me feel that way | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 84                             | 15                            | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 84                             | 14                            | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 80                             | 18                            | 2                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ENTERED THE SERVICE AFTER 1973 [n = 1583;  
Pre-9/11 = 886; Post-9/11 = 697]**

25. I'm going to read you some reasons why people join the military. For each one, please tell me if this is an important reason or not an important reason why you joined the military. Here is the first (INSERT)?

a. To serve your country

|           | Important | Not important | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 92        | 8             | *                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 93        | 7             | *                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 88        | 10            | 1                     | 1                         |

b. To receive education benefits

|           | Important | Not important | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 58        | 41            | *                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 55        | 44            | *                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 75        | 24            | *                     | 1                         |

c. To learn skills for civilian jobs

|           | Important | Not important | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 55        | 44            | *                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 55        | 45            | *                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 57        | 42            | *                     | 1                         |

d. Because jobs were hard to find

|           | Important | Not important | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 25        | 74            | *                     | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 25        | 74            | *                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 28        | 70            | 1                     | 1                         |

**Q.25 CONTINUED...**

e. To see more of the world

|           | Important | Not important | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 55        | 44            | 1                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 53        | 46            | 1                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 65        | 35            | 0                     | 1                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ENTERED THE SERVICE AFTER 9/11/01 OR ENTERED ON 9/11/01 [n=183]**

f. Because of the terrorist attacks on 9/11

|       | Important | Not important | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total | 58        | 42            | *                     | *                         |

26. Considering everything, do you think your military experience has helped you get ahead in life, do you think it has hurt you, or don't you think it has made a difference one way or another?

|  | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|--|-------|----------|-----------|
| Helped (NET)                                 | 80    | 80       | 74        |
| A lot  | 66    | 67       | 58        |
| A little                                     | 14    | 14       | 16        |
| Hurt (NET)                                   | 3     | 3        | 6         |
| A little                                     | 2     | 1        | 2         |
| A lot  | 2     | 1        | 4         |
| Made no difference                           | 16    | 16       | 15        |
| Both equally/neither (VOL.)                  | 1     | 1        | 3         |
| Too soon to tell, recently discharged (VOL.) | *     | 0        | 1         |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.)                    | 1     | *        | 1         |

27. How useful was your military experience in (INSERT). Would you say very useful, fairly useful, not too useful or not useful at all?

a. Teaching you how to work together with other people

|           | USEFUL |      |        | NOT USEFUL |         |            | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------|------|--------|------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET    | Very | Fairly | NET        | Not too | Not at all |                           |
| Total     | 92     | 67   | 25     | 8          | 5       | 3          | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 92     | 67   | 25     | 8          | 4       | 4          | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 90     | 65   | 25     | 9          | 7       | 2          | 1                         |

b. Giving you self-confidence

|           | USEFUL |      |        | NOT USEFUL |         |            | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------|------|--------|------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET    | Very | Fairly | NET        | Not too | Not at all |                           |
| Total     | 92     | 68   | 23     | 8          | 4       | 4          | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 92     | 69   | 22     | 8          | 4       | 5          | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 90     | 61   | 29     | 8          | 6       | 2          | 2                         |

c. Preparing you for a job or career

|           | USEFUL |      |        | NOT USEFUL |         |            | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------|------|--------|------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET    | Very | Fairly | NET        | Not too | Not at all |                           |
| Total     | 69     | 44   | 25     | 30         | 13      | 16         | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 69     | 44   | 25     | 30         | 13      | 17         | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 72     | 41   | 31     | 27         | 16      | 11         | 2                         |

d. Helping you grow and mature as a person

|           | USEFUL |      |        | NOT USEFUL |         |            | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------|------|--------|------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET    | Very | Fairly | NET        | Not too | Not at all |                           |
| Total     | 93     | 71   | 21     | 7          | 3       | 3          | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 93     | 71   | 21     | 7          | 3       | 4          | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 93     | 71   | 21     | 6          | 5       | 1          | 1                         |

**Q.28 MOVED TO AFTER Q.51**

29. Generally speaking, how well do you think the American people understand: (INSERT): very well, fairly well, not too well or not well at all?

a. The benefits and rewards of military service

|           | VERY/FAIRLY |      |        | NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL |         |            | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------|------|--------|--------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET         | Very | Fairly | NET                | Not too | Not at all |                           |
| Total     | 29          | 5    | 24     | 70                 | 46      | 24         | 2                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 29          | 5    | 24     | 69                 | 45      | 24         | 2                         |
| Post-9/11 | 26          | 4    | 22     | 73                 | 49      | 23         | 1                         |

b. The problems that those in the military face

|           | VERY/FAIRLY |      |        | NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL |         |            | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------|------|--------|--------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET         | Very | Fairly | NET                | Not too | Not at all |                           |
| Total     | 22          | 3    | 18     | 77                 | 44      | 33         | 2                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 22          | 4    | 19     | 76                 | 44      | 32         | 2                         |
| Post-9/11 | 15          | 2    | 13     | 84                 | 44      | 39         | 1                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ENTERED THE SERVICE BEFORE 2001 [n = 1635;**

**Pre-9/11 = 1133; Post-9/11 = 502]**

30. Compared to when you were in the military, do you think the American public today has more respect or less respect for those who serve in the military?

|           | A LOT/LITTLE MORE |       |          | A LOT/LITTLE LESS |          |       | About the same respect (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET               | A lot | A little | NET               | A little | A lot |                               |                           |
| Total     | 70                | 47    | 24       | 22                | 13       | 10    | 5                             | 3                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 70                | 47    | 23       | 23                | 13       | 10    | 5                             | 3                         |
| Post-9/11 | 74                | 39    | 35       | 18                | 12       | 6     | 5                             | 2                         |

31. Next, I'm going to ask some questions about combat and other military experiences. Did you ever serve in a combat or war zone, or not?

|           | Yes, served in combat or war zone | No did not serve | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 44                                | 55               | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 42                                | 57               | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 60                                | 39               | 1                         |

32. Were you ever seriously injured while performing your duties in the military, or not?

|           | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Total     | 10  | 89 | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 10  | 90 | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 16  | 83 | 1                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO WERE INJURED IN A COMBAT ZONE [n = 143]**

32a. Were any of those injuries combat-related, or not?

| Yes, seriously injured in combat | No, not combat-related | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 72                               | 28                     | 0                         |

32/32a. Combo table

|           | WAS INJURED |                   |                        |                           | Was not injured | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET         | Injured in combat | Injured, not in combat | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |                 |                           |
| Total     | 10          | 4                 | 2                      | 0                         | 89              | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 10          | 4                 | 1                      | 0                         | 90              | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 16          | 6                 | 4                      | 0                         | 83              | 1                         |

33. Was anyone you knew and served with seriously injured while performing their duties in the military, or not?

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO KNEW SOMEONE WHO WAS INJURED [n = 1046; Pre-9/11 = 598; Post-9/11 = 446]**

33a. Were any of those injuries combat-related, or not?

33/33a. Combo Table

|           | KNEW SOMEONE WHO WAS INJURED |                   |                        |                           | Do not know someone who was injured | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET                          | Injured in combat | Injured, not in combat | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |                                     |                           |
| Total     | 52                           | 40                | 12                     | 1                         | 47                                  | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 51                           | 39                | 12                     | 1                         | 49                                  | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 60                           | 48                | 12                     | *                         | 38                                  | 2                         |

34. Was anyone you knew and served with killed while performing their duties in the military, or not?

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO KNEW SOMEONE WHO WAS KILLED [n = 883;**

**Pre-9/11 = 515; Post-9/11 = 367]**

34a. Were they killed in combat, or not?

34/34a. Combo Table

|           |     | KNEW SOMEONE WHO WAS KILLED |                       |                           |    | Do not know someone who was killed | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET | Killed in combat            | Killed, not in combat | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |    |                                    |                           |
| Total     | 43  | 35                          | 8                     | *                         | 56 | 1                                  |                           |
| Pre-9/11  | 43  | 34                          | 8                     | 1                         | 56 | 1                                  |                           |
| Post-9/11 | 47  | 38                          | 9                     | *                         | 52 | 1                                  |                           |

35. When you were in the service, how would you rate the care that injured U.S. military personnel received in military hospitals in the United States? Would you say the care they received when you were in the service was excellent, good, only fair or poor?

|           |     | EXCELLENT/GOOD |      |     | ONLY FAIR/POOR |      |    | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----------------|------|-----|----------------|------|----|---------------------------|
|           | NET | Excellent      | Good | NET | Only fair      | Poor |    |                           |
| Total     | 70  | 26             | 44   | 18  | 14             | 4    | 12 |                           |
| Pre-9/11  | 70  | 26             | 43   | 17  | 13             | 4    | 13 |                           |
| Post-9/11 | 74  | 22             | 52   | 22  | 18             | 4    | 5  |                           |

36. On another subject, after your military service, would you say your readjustment to civilian life was very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult?

|           | VERY/SOMEWHAT EASY |      |          | VERY/SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT |          |      | Just left the service/too soon to tell (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------------|------|----------|-------------------------|----------|------|---|---------------------------|
|           | NET                | Very | Somewhat | NET                     | Somewhat | Very |   |                           |
| Total     | 72                 | 43   | 29       | 27                      | 21       | 6    | *   | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 75                 | 47   | 28       | 25                      | 20       | 5    | 0   | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 54                 | 17   | 37       | 44                      | 31       | 13   | *   | 1                         |

37. How would you rate the job the Veterans Administration is doing today to meet the needs of military veterans? Is the VA doing an excellent, good, only fair or poor job [IF NEEDED] meeting the needs of military veterans?<sup>37</sup>

|           | EXCELLENT/GOOD |           |      | ONLY FAIR/POOR |           |      | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|------|----------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|
|           | NET            | Excellent | Good | NET            | Only fair | Poor |                           |
| Total     | 52             | 16        | 36   | 38             | 30        | 8    | 10                        |
| Pre-9/11  | 52             | 16        | 36   | 37             | 29        | 8    | 11                        |
| Post-9/11 | 51             | 12        | 39   | 44             | 35        | 9    | 5                         |

38. Have you received any benefits from the Veterans Administration, or not?

|           | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Total     | 55  | 45 | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 54  | 46 | 0                         |
| Post-9/11 | 62  | 38 | 1                         |

39. Has the government given you, as a veteran, all the help you think it should?

|           | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Total     | 61  | 34 | 5                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 62  | 32 | 5                         |
| Post-9/11 | 51  | 47 | 2                         |

E2. Are you now enrolled in school, either full or part-time, or not?

|           | STUDENT |           |           | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----|---------------------------|
|           | NET     | Full-time | Part-time |    |                           |
| Total     | 7       | 4         | 3         | 93 | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 3       | 1         | 3         | 97 | 0                         |
| Post-9/11 | 33      | 25        | 8         | 66 | 1                         |

<sup>37</sup> When the Veterans Administration was established as a Cabinet-level position in 1989, the name was changed to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Survey respondents were asked to rate the "Veterans Administration."

E3. Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

|           | EMPLOYED |           |           | Not employed | Retired (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET      | Full-time | Part-time |              |                |                           |
| Total     | 45       | 38        | 6         | 35           | 20             | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 41       | 36        | 5         | 36           | 23             | 0                         |
| Post-9/11 | 69       | 55        | 13        | 30           | *              | 1                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ARE EMPLOYED [n = 860; Pre-9/11 = 360; Post-9/11 = 499]**

40. Are you now employed by a private company or business, a private nonprofit organization; the federal, state, or local government, or are you self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

|           | A private company or business | A private nonprofit organization | The federal, state, or local government | Self-employed | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 55                            | 8                                | 24                                      | 12            | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 54                            | 9                                | 23                                      | 12            | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 61                            | 5                                | 27                                      | 7             | *                         |

**NO QUESTION 41.**

42. How would you rate your own health in general these days? Would you say your health is excellent, good, only fair or poor?

|           | EXCELLENT/GOOD |           |      | ONLY FAIR/POOR |           |      | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|------|----------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|
|           | NET            | Excellent | Good | NET            | Only fair | Poor |                           |
| Total     | 70             | 21        | 48   | 30             | 23        | 8    | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 69             | 21        | 48   | 31             | 23        | 8    | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 72             | 26        | 46   | 27             | 23        | 4    | 1                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO SERVED AFTER 9/11[n = 712]**

43. Now I am going to read to you things that some veterans have experienced since they were discharged from the service and others have not. For each, tell me whether this is something you, personally, have experienced. Here's the first: (INSERT):

(READ FOR ITEMS f-i): And did you have any of these experiences since you were discharged, or not:

|   | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|---|-----|----|---------------------------|
| a. Appreciated life more  | 82  | 16 | 2                         |
| b. Felt proud that you had served in the military                       | 96  | 4  | 1                         |
| NO ITEM c.  |     |    |                           |
| d. Had people thank you for your service                                | 92  | 7  | 1                         |
| NO ITEM e.  |     |    |                           |
| f. Experienced strains in family relations                              | 48  | 51 | 1                         |
| g. Felt that you didn't care about anything                             | 32  | 66 | 2                         |
| NO ITEM h.  |     |    |                           |
| i. Experienced frequent incidents of irritability or outbursts of anger | 47  | 52 | 1                         |

44. Were there any specific experiences related to your military service that you found to be emotionally traumatic or distressing, or not?

|           | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Total     | 32  | 67 | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 30  | 68 | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 43  | 56 | 2                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO EXPERIENCED EMOTIONALLY TRAUMATIC EVENTS [n = 663; Pre-9/11 = 353; Post-9/11 = 309]**

45. Since those experiences, have you had flashbacks, repeated distressing memories or recurring dreams of those experiences?

|           | Yes | No | Had one / some but not others (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 56  | 41 | 3                                    | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 53  | 43 | 3                                    | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 72  | 27 | 1                                    | *                         |

## 44/45. Combo Table

|  | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|--|-------|----------|-----------|
| Specific experiences related to military service found to be emotionally traumatic/distressing     | 32    | 30       | 43        |
| Have had flashbacks/repeated distressing memories/recurring dreams of those experiences            | 18    | 16       | 31        |
| Have not had flashbacks/repeated distressing memories/recurring dreams of those experiences        | 13    | 13       | 11        |
| Had one/some but not others  | 1     | 1        | *         |
| Specific experiences related to military service not found to be emotionally traumatic/distressing | 67    | 68       | 56        |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.)  | 1     | 1        | 2         |

46. When you were in the military, did your superiors make you and others who served with you feel comfortable or uncomfortable about seeking help for emotional issues resulting from experiences on active duty?

|           | Comfortable | Uncomfortable | Neither/both (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 54          | 22            | 13                  | 12                        |
| Pre-9/11  | 51          | 22            | 14                  | 13                        |
| Post-9/11 | 69          | 23            | 5                   | 2                         |

**NO QUESTION 47.**

48. Did anyone you knew and served with in the military suffer from post-traumatic stress as a result of their experiences in the service, or not?

|           | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Total     | 37  | 58 | 4                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 35  | 60 | 5                         |
| Post-9/11 | 58  | 39 | 3                         |

**NO QUESTION 49.**

50. Regardless of whether you have been diagnosed, do you think you ever suffered from post-traumatic stress as a result of your experiences in the military, or not?

|           | Yes | No | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Total     | 19  | 79 | 2                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 16  | 82 | 2                         |
| Post-9/11 | 37  | 61 | 2                         |

51. Have any of the following members of your family served in the military?

a. A parent

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 50  | 49 | *                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 51  | 49 | 0                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 45  | 53 | 1                     | 1                         |

b. A sister or brother

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 43  | 56 | 1                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 44  | 55 | 1                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 33  | 64 | 2                     | 1                         |

c. A grandparent

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 37  | 56 | 1                     | 7                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 35  | 58 | *                     | 7                         |
| Post-9/11 | 57  | 38 | 2                     | 4                         |

d. A child

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 21  | 77 | 2                     | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 23  | 76 | 1                     | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 5   | 86 | 8                     | 1                         |

**Q.51 CONTINUED...**

e. An uncle or aunt

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable<br>(VOL.) | Don't know/refused<br>(VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total     | 70  | 27 | *                        | 3                            |
| Pre-9/11  | 73  | 24 | *                        | 3                            |
| Post-9/11 | 57  | 39 | 2                        | 2                            |

f. A niece or nephew

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable<br>(VOL.) | Don't know/refused<br>(VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total     | 40  | 58 | 1                        | 2                            |
| Pre-9/11  | 43  | 55 | *                        | 2                            |
| Post-9/11 | 14  | 82 | 3                        | 1                            |

g. A spouse or domestic partner

**BASED ON VETERANS WHO HAVE EVER BEEN MARRIED OR REFUSED MARITAL STATUS [n = 1701; Pre-9/11 = 1094; Post-9/11 = 602]**

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable<br>(VOL.) | Don't know/refused<br>(VOL.) |
|-----------|-----|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total     | 12  | 88 | *                        | *                            |
| Pre-9/11  | 11  | 89 | 0                        | *                            |
| Post-9/11 | 23  | 75 | *                        | 1                            |

**BASED ON TOTAL**

|           | Yes | No | Not applicable<br>(VOL.) | Don't know/refused<br>(VOL.) | Never married |
|-----------|-----|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Total     | 11  | 81 | *                        | *                            | 8             |
| Pre-9/11  | 10  | 85 | 0                        | *                            | 5             |
| Post-9/11 | 17  | 56 | *                        | 1                            | 26            |

28. Would you advise a young person close to you to join the military, or not?

|           | Yes, would advise joining | No, would not advise joining | Depends<br>(VOL.) | Don't know/refused<br>(VOL.) |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Total     | 75                        | 17                           | 8                 | 1                            |
| Pre-9/11  | 74                        | 17                           | 9                 | *                            |
| Post-9/11 | 82                        | 12                           | 5                 | 1                            |

SEX RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER (DO NOT ASK)

|           | Male | Female |
|-----------|------|--------|
| Total     | 91   | 9      |
| Pre-9/11  | 93   | 7      |
| Post-9/11 | 81   | 19     |

AGE What is your age?

|           | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----------------|
| Total     | 5     | 23    | 32    | 39  | *              |
| Pre-9/11  | 0     | 20    | 36    | 44  | *              |
| Post-9/11 | 45    | 47    | 7     | 1   | *              |

EDUC What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

|  | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|--|-------|----------|-----------|
| HS or less (NET)   | 38    | 39       | 29        |
| None, or grade 1-8   | 1     | 1        | *         |
| High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)                           | 3     | 3        | 1         |
| High school graduate (Grade 12 or GED certificate)             | 30    | 31       | 26        |
| Technical, trade, or vocational school AFTER high school       | 4     | 4        | 1         |
| Some college, associate degree, no 4-year degree               | 34    | 33       | 47        |
| College grad + (NET)   | 28    | 28       | 24        |
| College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)          | 15    | 14       | 15        |
| Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college | 13    | 14       | 9         |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.)                                      | *     | *        | 0         |

HISP4 Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?

RACE1 Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply.

[READ LIST. RECORD UP TO FOUR RESPONSES IN ORDER MENTIONED]

HISP4/ RACE1 Combo Table

|           | White non-Hispanic | Black non-Hispanic | Hispanic | Other | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|-------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 80                 | 10                 | 6        | 4     | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 82                 | 9                  | 5        | 3     | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 71                 | 13                 | 11       | 5     | 1                         |

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

|                                    | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Protestant                         | 47    | 49       | 37        |
| Roman Catholic                     | 22    | 23       | 15        |
| Mormon                             | 2     | 3        | 2         |
| Orthodox                           | *     | *        | *         |
| Jewish                             | 2     | 2        | 1         |
| Muslim                             | *     | *        | *         |
| Buddhist                           | 1     | *        | 1         |
| Hindu                              | 0     | 0        | 0         |
| Atheist (do not believe in God)    | 1     | 1        | 3         |
| Agnostic (not sure there is a God) | 3     | 2        | 4         |
| Something else                     | 2     | 2        | 2         |
| Nothing in particular              | 12    | 11       | 22        |
| Christian                          | 6     | 6        | 8         |
| Unitarian                          | *     | *        | *         |
| Don't know/refused                 | 1     | *        | 2         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ARE SOMETHING ELSE/DK/REF [n = 39; pre-9/11 = 19; post-9/11 = 20]**

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ARE CHRISTIAN OR THINK OF THEMSELVES AS CHRISTIAN; n = 1480; pre-9/11 = 943; post-9/11 = 532)**

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

|           | Yes, would | No, would not | Don't know/refused |
|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Total     | 37         | 61            | 2                  |
| Pre-9/11  | 37         | 61            | 2                  |
| Post-9/11 | 39         | 61            | 1                  |

RELIG combo table

| Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |                          |
|-------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 54    | 55       | 45        | Protestant               |
| 22    | 23       | 15        | Catholic                 |
| 16    | 15       | 30        | Unaffiliated             |
| 7     | 7        | 7         | Other                    |
| 1     | *        | 2         | Don't know/Refused (VOL) |

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

|           | -----NEVER----- |                       |             |                       |                    |        |       | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|
|           | NET             | More than once a week | Once a week | Once or twice a month | A few times a year | Seldom | Never |                           |
| Total     | 84              | 11                    | 26          | 12                    | 18                 | 17     | 15    | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 85              | 12                    | 27          | 12                    | 18                 | 17     | 14    | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 76              | 9                     | 20          | 12                    | 15                 | 20     | 23    | 2                         |

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

|           | Yes, registered | No, not registered | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 88              | 12                 | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 89              | 10                 | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 80              | 20                 | *                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE [n = 1677;**

**Post-9/11 = 1058; Pre-9/11 = 613]**

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

|           | Absolutely certain | Chance registration has lapsed | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 97                 | 3                              | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 98                 | 2                              | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 90                 | 9                              | 1                         |

REGIST/REGICERT Combo Table

|           | REGISTERED----- |                    |                                | Not registered | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET             | Absolutely certain | Chance registration has lapsed |                |                           |
| Total     | 88              | 85                 | 2                              | 12             | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 89              | 87                 | 2                              | 10             | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 80              | 72                 | 7                              | 20             | *                         |

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

|           | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference (VOL.) | Other party (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 31         | 25       | 36          | 5                    | 1                  | 2                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 30         | 26       | 36          | 5                    | 1                  | 2                         |
| Post-9/11 | 36         | 21       | 35          | 4                    | 1                  | 4                         |

**ASKED OF TOTAL VETERANS WHO ARE INDEPENDENT, NO PREFERENCE, OTHER**

**PARTY, DK/REF [n = 814; Pre-9/11 = 505; Post-9/11 = 307]**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|           | Republican | Democratic | Neither (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 35         | 33         | 28             | 4                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 35         | 33         | 29             | 3                         |
| Post-9/11 | 35         | 33         | 23             | 10                        |

PARTY/PARTYLN Combo Table

|           | Leaned/Republican | Leaned/Democratic | Independent | No preference (VOL.) | Other party (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 46                | 40                | 10          | 2                    | *                  | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 46                | 40                | 10          | 2                    | *                  | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 51                | 35                | 9           | 2                    | *                  | 3                         |

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... [READ]

|           | CONSERVATIVE |                   |              | Moderate | LIBERAL |         |              | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------|---------------------------|
|           | NET          | Very conservative | Conservative |          | NET     | Liberal | Very liberal |                           |
| Total     | 48           | 12                | 36           | 35       | 14      | 12      | 3            | 3                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 49           | 12                | 37           | 34       | 15      | 12      | 3            | 3                         |
| Post-9/11 | 40           | 8                 | 31           | 43       | 12      | 9       | 3            | 6                         |

USBORN1A Were you born in the United States or in another country?

|           | Yes, born in the U.S. | No, some other country | Puerto Rico (VOL.) | Other U.S. territories (VOL.) | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total     | 96                    | 3                      | *                  | *                             | *                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 97                    | 2                      | 1                  | *                             | *                         |
| Post-9/11 | 94                    | 6                      | 0                  | *                             | *                         |

USBORN2 Were both of your parents born in the United States, or not?

**INTERVIEWER NOTE:** Born in U.S. includes born in Puerto Rico, other U.S. territories

|           | Yes, both parents born in U.S. | No, one or both parents born in another country | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Total     | 87                             | 13  | 1                         |
| Pre-9/11  | 87                             | 12  | 1                         |
| Post-9/11 | 83                             | 16  | 1                         |

INCOME Last year, that is in 2010, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [

|                           | Total | Pre-9/11 | Post-9/11 |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Less than \$10,000        | 4     | 4        | 4         |
| 10 to under \$20,000      | 9     | 10       | 9         |
| 20 to under \$30,000      | 12    | 11       | 15        |
| 30 to under \$40,000      | 12    | 12       | 14        |
| 40 to under \$50,000      | 10    | 10       | 9         |
| 50 to under \$75,000      | 19    | 19       | 19        |
| 75 to under \$100,000     | 12    | 11       | 14        |
| 100 to under \$150,000    | 9     | 10       | 9         |
| \$150,000 or more         | 4     | 4        | 4         |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.) | 9     | 10       | 3         |

**PEW SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2011 GP SURVEY ON VETERANS**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 1-15, 2011**  
**TOTAL N=2,003**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN 0.5 % ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL TRENDS REFERENCE SURVEYS FROM SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS. PERCENTAGES FOR SUB-GROUPS ARE NOT REPORTED WHEN N IS LESS THAN 100.**

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

Q.20 Generally speaking, do you think people get ahead in THEIR JOB OR CAREER based on their hard work and ability, or do you think that hard work and ability are no guarantee of success in a job or career? *{Veterans survey, Q5c modified}*  
**[IF NECESSARY:** Which comes closer to the way you feel?]

- 48 People get ahead based on hard work and ability
- 48 Hard work and ability are no guarantee
- 4 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

**ASK ALL:**

E3 **(IF E1=1,2 & E2=3,9 :** Some people who have retired do some type of work for pay.../**IF E2=1,2 & E1=3,9:** Some students also do some type of work for pay//**IF E1=4:** Some people who are disabled do some type of work for pay...) Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed? *{Veterans survey, E3 modified}*

- 60 Employed (**NET**)
- 44 Full-time
- 16 Part-time
- 39 Not employed
- 1 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

**ASK IF EMPLOYED [n=1,168]:**

E3a Are you now employed by a private company or business, a private non-profit organization; the federal, state, or local government, or are you self-employed in your own business or professional practice? *{Veterans survey, Q40}*

- 56 A private company or business
- 8 A private nonprofit organization
- 17 The federal, state, or local government
- 17 Self-employed
- 3 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

**ASK ALL:**

Now, on a different subject...

Q.26 Do you think you are more patriotic, less patriotic, or about as patriotic as most other people in this country?  
 {*Veterans survey, Q5a*}

|          | More<br><u>patriotic</u> | Less<br><u>patriotic</u> | About as<br><u>patriotic</u> | DK/Ref<br><u>(VOL.)</u> |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sep 2011 | 37                       | 10                       | 49                           | 4                       |
| Mar 2010 | 33                       | 6                        | 59                           | 2                       |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his duties as commander-in-chief of the military?  
 {*Veterans survey, Q3*}

**[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF RESPONDENT SAYS “DEPENDS” PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as commander-in-chief of the military? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

53      Approve  
 39      Disapprove  
 8       Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO Q.28-29****ASK ALL:**

Q.30 Overall, do you think that the U.S. military operates efficiently or inefficiently? {*Veterans survey, Q5b*}

58      Efficiently  
 32      Inefficiently  
 1       Both equally **(VOL.)**  
 \*       Neither **(VOL.)**  
 7       Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL, ROTATE Q.31 AND Q.32:**

Q.31 All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in IRAQ has been worth fighting, or not? {*Veterans survey, Q6*}

36      Worth fighting  
 57      Not worth fighting  
 7       Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

Q.32 All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in AFGHANISTAN has been worth fighting, or not? {*Veterans survey, Q7*}

41      Worth fighting  
 52      Not worth fighting  
 8       Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 In Afghanistan and Iraq, the military has been asked to engage in noncombat missions like reconstruction and operations designed to strengthen the country's social, political and economic institutions, sometimes called "nation-building." Do you think these are appropriate roles or inappropriate roles for the military? {*Veterans survey, Q8*}

- 45 Appropriate
- 48 Inappropriate
- 8 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 As you may know, the United States military has made increasing use of unmanned aircraft called "drones" to launch aerial attacks in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. Do you think the increased use of drones by the military is a good thing, or a bad thing? {*Veterans survey, Q9*}

- 68 Good thing
- 19 Bad thing
- \* Doesn't make a difference (**VOL.**)
- 2 Neither/equally good and bad (**VOL.**)
- 11 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.35 Do you think the United States should return to the military draft at this time, or not? {*Veterans survey, Q10*}

|                               | Yes, return to<br><u>draft</u> | No, don't return<br><u>to draft</u> | DK/Ref<br><u>(VOL.)</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sep 2011                      | 20                             | 74                                  | 6                       |
| Gallup Aug 2007               | 18                             | 80                                  | 2                       |
| Gallup Oct 2004               | 14                             | 85                                  | 1                       |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today Oct 2003 | 17                             | 81                                  | 2                       |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today Jan 2003 | 27                             | 69                                  | 4                       |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today Jun 1998 | 16                             | 81                                  | 3                       |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 Generally speaking, how well do you think the American people understand: (**INSERT, Randomize**): very well, fairly well, not too well or not well at all? {*Veterans survey, Q29*}

- a. The benefits and rewards of military service

- 44 Very/fairly well (**NET**)
- 12 Very well
- 32 Fairly well
- 54 Not too well/not well at all (**NET**)
- 36 Not too well
- 18 Not well at all
- 2 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

## Q.36 CONTINUED...

b. The problems that those in the military face

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 27 | Very/fairly well ( <b>NET</b> )             |
| 8  | Very well                                   |
| 19 | Fairly well                                 |
| 71 | Not too well/not well at all ( <b>NET</b> ) |
| 43 | Not too well                                |
| 28 | Not well at all                             |
| 2  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )          |

## NO Q.37

## ASK ALL:

Q.38 Now I am going to read a list of things some people have done or felt since the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq began. For each one, please tell me if this is something you have personally done or felt, or not. (First,) have you personally [INSERT, RANDOMIZE] [read AFTER items a, b, and e: since the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq began], or not?

a. Thanked someone in the military for their service

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 76 | Yes                                |
| 23 | No                                 |
| 1  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

b. Felt proud of the soldiers who are serving in the military

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 91 | Yes                                |
| 7  | No                                 |
| 1  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

c. Felt ashamed about something the military had done in Afghanistan or Iraq

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 34 | Yes                                |
| 62 | No                                 |
| 3  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

d. Felt the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan made little difference in your life

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 50 | Yes                                |
| 47 | No                                 |
| 3  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

e. Done something to help someone in the military or a military family

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 58 | Yes                                |
| 41 | No                                 |
| 1  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

## NO Q.39

**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, do you think that people who serve in the military and their families have had to make a lot of sacrifices, some sacrifices, hardly any or none at all?

|    |                                       |
|----|---------------------------------------|
| 97 | A lot/some ( <b>NET</b> )             |
| 83 | A lot                                 |
| 14 | Some                                  |
| 2  | Hardly any/none at all ( <b>NET</b> ) |
| 1  | Hardly any                            |
| 1  | None at all                           |
| 1  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL</b> .)    |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.41 And since 9/11, do you think that the American PEOPLE have had to make a lot of sacrifices, some sacrifices, hardly any or none at all?

|    |                                       |
|----|---------------------------------------|
| 81 | A lot/some ( <b>NET</b> )             |
| 43 | A lot                                 |
| 39 | Some                                  |
| 18 | Hardly any/none at all ( <b>NET</b> ) |
| 15 | Hardly any                            |
| 3  | None at all                           |
| 1  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL</b> .)    |

**ASK Q.42 IF Q.41> Q.40 & Q41 ≠ 9 (e.g., Q41=2, Q40=1): [n=1,031]**

Q.42 Do you think it is unfair that those in the military and their families have made more sacrifices during this time, or is it just part of being in the military?

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 26 | Unfair                             |
| 70 | Part of being in the military      |
| 1  | Both ( <b>VOL</b> .)               |
| *  | Neither ( <b>VOL</b> .)            |
| 3  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL</b> .) |

**ASK ALL:**

VET1a Have you ever served in the U.S. military or the military reserves? (**If yes:** Are you presently on active duty, or did you serve on active duty in the past?) **[DO NOT READ]**

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 15 | Yes ( <b>NET</b> )   |
| 2  | Presently on active duty   |
| 11 | Served on active duty in the past                                      |
| 2  | Never on active duty except for initial/basic training ( <b>VOL</b> .) |
| 85 | No   |
| *  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL</b> .)                                     |
| 13 | Veterans ( <b>NET</b> )  |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 Have any of the following members of your family served in the military, or not? How about (**INSERT AND RANDOMIZE**)? **READ IF NECESSARY:** Have they served in the military, or not? {*Veterans survey, Q51*}

a. A parent

41 Yes  
 58 No  
 \* Not applicable (**VOL.**)  
 1 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

b. A sister or brother

27 Yes  
 72 No  
 \* Not applicable (**VOL.**)  
 \* Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

c. A grandparent

51 Yes  
 44 No  
 \* Not applicable (**VOL.**)  
 5 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

d. A child

9 Yes  
 88 No  
 2 Not applicable (**VOL.**)  
 1 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

e. An uncle or aunt

62 Yes  
 35 No  
 \* Not applicable (**VOL.**)  
 2 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

f. A niece or nephew

31 Yes  
 67 No  
 1 Not applicable (**VOL.**)  
 1 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

## Q.43 CONTINUED...

**ASK g ONLY IF MARITAL=1-5, or 9 [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS, SPOUSE OR PARTNER REFERS TO ANY SPOUSE OR PARTNER THEY HAD IN THE PAST OR AT THE PRESENT]: [n=1,609]**

g. A spouse or domestic partner

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 18 | Yes                                |
| 82 | No                                 |
| *  | Not applicable ( <b>VOL.</b> )     |
| *  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

## ASK ALL:

Q.44 Thinking about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, did you serve, or do you have a close personal friend or family member in the military who has served in either of these wars, or not?

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 59 | Yes ( <b>NET</b> )  |
| 3  | Yes, respondent served  |
| 56 | Yes, close friend or family member served                       |
| 1  | Both respondent and friend/family member served ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |
| 40 | No, neither   |
| 1  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )                              |

## ASK ALL:

Q.45 Would you advise a young person close to you to join the military, or not? {*Veterans survey, Q28*}

|   | Yes, would advise<br><u>joining</u> | No, wouldn't<br><u>advise joining</u> | Depends<br>( <b>VOL.</b> ) | DK/Ref<br>( <b>VOL.</b> ) |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sep 2011                                  | 48                                  | 41                                    | 7                          | 4                         |
| <i>ABC News/Wash. Post</i> Jun 2005       | 41                                  | 52                                    | 6                          | 1                         |
| <i>Wash. Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i> Jun 1999 | 58                                  | 32                                    | 8                          | 2                         |

## ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 23 | Republican                         |
| 34 | Democrat                           |
| 35 | Independent                        |
| 4  | No preference ( <b>VOL.</b> )      |
| *  | Other party ( <b>VOL.</b> )        |
| 4  | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |