

**PEW SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS**  
**MILITARY VETERANS SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**JULY 28-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>1</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>1</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/ 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 non-combat 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 non-commissioned 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/lousy/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

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

## Q. 16 CONTINUED...

2	Futile
2	Hope
2	Satisfying
2	Humbling
2	Awesome
2	Amazing
70	Other
12	Don't know/refused

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>2</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	*

<sup>2</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.

## 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

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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pre-9/11</b>	<b>Post-9/11</b>
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

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

- b. Your health

	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>No impact</b>	<b>Mixed, both equally (VOL.)</b>	<b>Not applicable (VOL.)</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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

	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>No impact</b>	<b>Mixed, both equally (VOL.)</b>	<b>Not applicable (VOL.)</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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

**Q. 25 CONTINUED...**

b. To receive education benefits

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

c. To learn skills for civilian jobs

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

d. Because jobs were hard to find

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

e. To see more of the world

	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not important</b>	<b>Not applicable (VOL.)</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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

	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not important</b>	<b>Not applicable (VOL.)</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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

**Q. 27 CONTINUED...**

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?

	<b>Yes, served in combat or war zone</b>	<b>No did not serve</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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?

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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?

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

32/32a. Combo table

	-----WAS INJURED-----			<b>Was not injured</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
	<b>NET</b>	<b>Injured in combat</b>	<b>Injured, not in combat</b>		
Total	10	4	2	89	1
Pre-9/11	10	4	1	90	1
Post-9/11	16	6	4	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 re-adjustment 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?

	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



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

	EMPLOYOED			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 non-profit 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 non-profit 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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pre-9/11</b>	<b>Post-9/11</b>
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?

	<b>Comfortable</b>	<b>Uncomfortable</b>	<b>Neither/both (VOL.)</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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?

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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?

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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

e. An uncle or aunt

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

## Q. 51 CONTINUED...

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 (VOL.)	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
Total	12	88	*	*
Pre-9/11	11	89	0	*
Post-9/11	23	75	*	1

**BASED ON TOTAL**

	Yes	No	Not applicable (VOL.)	Don't know/refused (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 (VOL.)	Don't know/refused (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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pre-9/11</b>	<b>Post-9/11</b>
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

	<b>White non-Hispanic</b>	<b>Black non-Hispanic</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Don't know/refused (VOL.)</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pre-9/11</b>	<b>Post-9/11</b>
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-----						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		
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