

POST-WAR PLANS OF NEGRO TROOPS

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1. PURPOSE

To determine what Negro troops within the continental limits of the United States were thinking with respect to their post-war plans. The areas covered included: jobs, education, business, migration, Army career, and racial tensions. The study was so designed as to be able to compare the post-war plans of Negro troops with those of white troops (S-106E).

This study was carefully piloted at Indiantown Gap to determine at what educational level it would be necessary to do interviewing, and how meaningful the questions were to Negro troops of different backgrounds.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

August, 1944.

3. SAMPLE

The total sample contains 4,679 Negro enlisted men from 2 AIF and 9 AIF & AIF installations. The installations were selected with an idea of determining the extent to which post-war plans may have been influenced by geographic locations and type of Army experience.

The total sample is representative of all Negroes in the Army in each of the three forces. There is an over-representation of Northern and better educated Negroes.

However, there is a cross section sub-sample which has been adequately weighted by origin and education to make it comparable to the white cross section sample in S-106E. This sample contains 3,111 cases and can be identified by a "Reject" (or no punch) in Col. 80.

The study was administered in the field by Negro officers and enlisted personnel. Men AGCT scores in class IV or V with 5 years of grade school or less were interviewed.

4. QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

- a) Farm group gang punched in lower half of Col. 76.
- b) Desire for post-war schooling (qs. 31, 41, 42, 43) punched in Col. 73.
- c) Return to old job (qs. 24, 31, 32, 33) punched in Col. 74.
- d) Own business gang punched in Col. 75.
- e) Attitude toward staying in Army (qs. 44, 45, 46, 51) punched in Col. 76.
- f) Job satisfaction (qs. 15, 16, 17, 20) punched in Col. 77.
- g) Cross section identification is "Reject" or no punch in Col. 80.

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## 5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- a) Field notes
- b) 4,679 questionnaires
- c) One set of IBM punch cards labeled Post-War Plans of Ex-army Soldiers, B-144, containing:
  - 1) Camp, outfit, force, and class room vs. interview identification (Cols. 1-5)
  - 2) Questions 1-64 (Cols. 6-72)
  - 3) Gang punch scores (Cols. 28, 73-77, 80).
- d) A numbering scheme showing how to separate the cards into individuals forces, camps, outfits, and interview vs. class room administration.
- e) Editing instructions.
- f) A copy of the questionnaire with separate marginals for the cross section and the total sample and with the card column numbers indicated.
- g) Gang punch schemes for each of the scores.
- h) Photostat copies of the scale pictures.
- i) An explanation of how the cross section sub-sample was drawn.

## 6. STUDY ANALYSTS

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## 7. REPORTS

B-131 Soldiers' Plans for Farming After They Leave the Army.

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## VALIDATION NOTES

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AMS0144.CLEAN (AMS0144.CDBK):

There are a total number of 4678 cases in the study. Marginals are available in the documentation dataset (AMS0144.CDBK). There are no codes for questions 39b, 50, 68b, and the variable that indicates the serial number identification for each respondent. Codes are available for the camp and outfit identification of each respondent, and for the scales and scores (Attitude toward staying in the Army and Job satisfaction). There appears to be no other significant problems with the data.

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