

2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

Prompt once if refused

SERVEDACS [S]

Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

- 1 Never served in the military **[END INTERVIEW]**
- 2 Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard (never mobilized or deployed) **[END INTERVIEW]**
- 3 Now on active duty **[END INTERVIEW]**
- 4 On active duty in the past, but not now

[TERM if xvet=2 and SERVEDACS=1,2,3,refused]

Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

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 Now on active duty
 On active duty in the past, but not now

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¹ Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists

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Show standard instructions Select all that apply on this screen for both KP and ATP

Prompt once if refused

ERAACS [M]

When did you serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Please choose EACH period in which you served, even if just for part of the period.

- 1 September 2001 or later
- 2 August 1990 to August 2001 (including Persian Gulf War)
- 3 May 1975 to July 1990
- 4 Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)
- 5 February 1955 to July 1964
- 6 Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)
- 7 January 1947 to June 1950
- 8 World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)
- 9 November 1941 or earlier

[TERM if xvet=2 and ERAACS_1=0/not selected (KP Veteran and September 2001 or later not selected)]

When did you serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Please choose EACH period in which you served, even if just for part of the period. *Select all answers that apply*

- September 2001 or later
- August 1990 to August 2001 (including Persian Gulf War)
- May 1975 to July 1990
- Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)
- February 1955 to July 1964
- Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)
- January 1947 to June 1950
- World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)
- November 1941 or earlier

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If response 97 is selected and nothing entered in text box, show prompt "You did not provide a response in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next."

BRANCH [M]

In which branch or branches did you serve on active duty?

Please choose EACH branch in which you served.

- 1 Army
- 2 Navy
- 3 Air Force
- 4 Marines
- 5 Coast Guard
- 6 Army National Guard
- 7 Army Reserves
- 8 Navy Reserves
- 9 Air Force Reserves
- 10 Marine Reserves
- 11 Coast Guard Reserves
- 12 Air National Guard
- 97 Other, specify: **[T]**

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Army
 Navy
 Air Force
 Marines
 Coast Guard
 Army National Guard
 Army Reserves
 Navy Reserves
 Air Force Reserves
 Marine Reserves
 Coast Guard Reserves
 Air National Guard
 Other, specify:

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BASE: ASK IF SERVED IN NATIONAL GUARD ONLY ((BRANCH=6 OR BRANCH=12) AND (BRANCH NE 1-5, 7-11, 97))

Prompt once if refused

ACTIVATED [S]

Were you activated by the governor of your state to deal with a local emergency, by your branch of service, or by the federal government to serve on active duty in the military?

- 1 Activated by governor only (Title 32 status) **[END INTERVIEW]**
- 2 Activated by federal government only (Title 10 status)
- 3 Activated by both
- 4 Activated by branch of service

[TERM if xvet=2 and ACTIVATED=1,refused]

Were you activated by the governor of your state to deal with a local emergency, by your branch of service, or by the federal government to serve on active duty in the military?

Activated by governor only (Title 32 status)
 Activated by federal government only (Title 10 status)
 Activated by both
 Activated by branch of service

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BASE: IF xvet=3 and ACTIVATED=1,refused

ATP_TERM [Display]

Those are all the questions we have. Thank you for your participation in this American Trends Panel survey.

[IF XVET=3 and ACTIVATED=1,refused, close them out of the survey after seeing this screen. Consider them a qualified complete so they will receive incentives, but do not allow them to continue the survey past this point]

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E2MOD [S]

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

- 1 Yes, full-time student
- 2 Yes, part-time
- 3 No

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

- Yes, full-time student
- Yes, part-time
- No

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E3MOD [S]

[IF E2MOD=1,2: Some students also do some type of work for pay.] Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time
- 3 Not employed

Some students also do some type of work for pay. Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Not employed

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Randomize items a-c, record order. Randomize items d and e and record order. Always show d and e last

Randomize response in order 1-4 or 4-1. Show question text in same order

SATLIFE [S]

Please tell us whether you are [**show in same order as response:** satisfied or dissatisfied] with the following aspects of your life. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C; RANDOMIZE ITEMS D-E ALWAYS AT END; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM]**

a. Your family life

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

b. Your personal financial situation

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3MOD=1,2):

c. Your current job or career

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

d. Your physical health

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

e. Your mental health

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

Please tell us whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the following aspects of your life.

Your personal financial situation

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Your current job or career

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Your family life

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Your mental health

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Your physical health

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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Your current job or career

Very satisfied
 Somewhat satisfied
 Somewhat dissatisfied
 Very dissatisfied

Your family life

Very satisfied
 Somewhat satisfied
 Somewhat dissatisfied
 Very dissatisfied

Your personal financial situation

Very satisfied
 Somewhat satisfied
 Somewhat dissatisfied
 Very dissatisfied

Your mental health

Very satisfied
 Somewhat satisfied
 Somewhat dissatisfied
 Very dissatisfied

Your physical health

Very satisfied
 Somewhat satisfied
 Somewhat dissatisfied
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BASE: ASK ALL**TRUMPCMD [S]**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his duties as commander-in-chief of the military?

- 1 Approve
2 Disapprove

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his duties as commander-in-chief of the military?

Approve
 Disapprove

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BASE: ASK IF NOT REFUSED (TRUMPCMD=1,2):**TRUMPCMD2 [S]**

Do you [**IF TRUMPCMD=1:** approve; **IF TRUMPCMD=2:** disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his duties as commander-in-chief of the military...

- 1 Very strongly
2 Not so strongly

Do you disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his duties as commander-in-chief of the military...

Very strongly
 Not so strongly

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BASE: ASK ALL**TRUMPVET [S]**

How much, if at all, do you think Donald Trump respects this country's military veterans?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

How much, if at all, do you think Donald Trump respects this country's military veterans?

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- Not at all

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Randomize response 1,2 and record order

MILBUDGET [S]

Given all the competing demands on the federal budget, do you think spending on the military should...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Be increased
- 2 Be decreased
- 3 Stay about the same **[anchor]**

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Randomize response 1,2 and record order

TRUMPMIL [S]

So far, do you think the policies of the Trump administration have made the U.S. military...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Stronger
- 2 Weaker
- 3 Not made much of a difference

So far, do you think the policies of the Trump administration have made the U.S. military...

- Stronger
- Weaker
- Not made much of a difference

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BASE: ASK ALL

Randomize items a-b and record order

TRUMPTRST [S]

In general, how much, if at all, do you trust Donald Trump to make the right decisions about...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

a. The use of military force

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

b. The use of nuclear weapons

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

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Randomize response 1,2 and record order

TRUMPRELY [S]

In making important national security decisions, do you think that Donald Trump relies on military leaders... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 Too much
- 2 Too little
- 3 About the right amount

In making important national security decisions, do you think that Donald Trump relies on military leaders...

- Too much
- Too little
- About the right amount

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BASE: ASK ALL

Randomize items a-c and record order

TRUMPAPPROV [S]

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is dealing with... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Russia

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove

b. North Korea

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove

c. Our NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is dealing with...

Our NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove

North Korea

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove

Russia

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove

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 Strongly disapprove

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[RANDOMIZE IRAQWRTH, AFGHANWRTH AND SYRIAWRTH ON SEPARATE SCREENS, RECORD ORDER]

BASE: ASK ALL

IRAQWRTH [S]

All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Iraq was...

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Worth fighting |
| 2 | Not worth fighting |

All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in IRAQ was...

- Worth fighting
- Not worth fighting

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AFGHANWRTH [S]

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...

- 1 Worth fighting
- 2 Not worth fighting

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
- Not worth fighting

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SYRIAWRTH [S]

All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the U.S. military campaign in SYRIA has been...

- 1 Worth it
- 2 Not worth it

All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the U.S. military campaign in SYRIA has been...

- Worth it
- Not worth it

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Randomize items a-i and record order

Randomize response 1,2 and record order. Show question text in same order as response

Split across 3 screens (3 items per page)

MILCIV [S]

Do you think each of the following words and phrases [**show in same order as response**: better describe those who have served in the military, or better describe those who have NOT served in the military]? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW ON THREE PAGES WITH THREE ITEMS PER PAGE; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

a. Disciplined

- 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
- 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
- 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**

b. Hard-working

- 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
- 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
- 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**

c. Patriotic

- 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
- 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
- 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**

d. Prone to violence

- 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
- 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
- 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**

- e. Rigid and inflexible
 - 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
 - 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
 - 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**
- f. Emotionally unstable
 - 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
 - 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
 - 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**
- g. Loyal
 - 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
 - 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
 - 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**
- h. Tolerant and open to all groups of people
 - 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
 - 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
 - 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**
- i. Independent thinker
 - 1 Better describes those who have served in the military
 - 2 Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
 - 3 Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this **[anchor]**

Do you think each of the following words and phrases better describe those who have NOT served in the military, or better describe those who have served in the military?

Independent thinker

- Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
- Better describes those who have served in the military
- Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this

Rigid and inflexible

- Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
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Disciplined

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Tolerant and open to all groups of people

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Hard-working

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Loyal

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- Serving in the military doesn't have much to do with this

Patriotic

- Better describes those who have NOT served in the military
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BASE: ASK ALL

Randomize items a-d and record order

MILPOLICY [S]

Do you approve or disapprove of each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Banning transgender people from serving in the military

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove

- b. Creating a new branch of the military called the Space Force
- 1 Strongly approve
2 Somewhat approve
3 Somewhat disapprove
4 Strongly disapprove
- c. Withdrawing the United States from the Iran nuclear weapons agreement
- 1 Strongly approve
2 Somewhat approve
3 Somewhat disapprove
4 Strongly disapprove
- d. Sending troops to the U.S.-Mexican border to deal with migrants coming to the U.S.
- 1 Strongly approve
2 Somewhat approve
3 Somewhat disapprove
4 Strongly disapprove

Do you approve or disapprove of each of the following?

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Strongly approve
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 Somewhat approve
 Somewhat disapprove
 Strongly disapprove

Creating a new branch of the military called the Space Force

Strongly approve
 Somewhat approve
 Somewhat disapprove
 Strongly disapprove

Sending troops to the U.S.-Mexican border to deal with migrants coming to the U.S.

Strongly approve
 Somewhat approve
 Somewhat disapprove
 Strongly disapprove

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Do you approve or disapprove of each of the following?

Creating a new branch of the military called the Space Force

Strongly approve
 Somewhat approve
 Somewhat disapprove
 Disapprove
 Strongly disapprove

Banning transgender people from serving in the military

Strongly approve
 Somewhat approve
 Somewhat disapprove
 Disapprove
 Strongly disapprove

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 Somewhat approve
 Somewhat disapprove
 Disapprove
 Strongly disapprove

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JOIN [S]

Would you advise a young person close to you to join the military?

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | Yes, would advise joining |
| 2 | No, would not advise joining |

Would you advise a young person close to you to join the military?

- Yes, would advise joining
- No, would not advise joining

[Previous](#)[Next](#)**BASE:** All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)**[DISPLAY]**

The remainder of this survey is going to ask about your experiences in the military and in transitioning to civilian life. You're always free to skip a question if you're not comfortable answering it, and you can exit the survey at any time.

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Altogether, how many years did you serve on active duty?

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | 2 years or less |
| 2 | 3-4 years |
| 3 | 5-9 years |
| 4 | 10-19 years |
| 5 | 20 years or more |

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

RANK [S]

At the time of your [**IF MORE THAN ONE ITEM SELECTED IN BRANCH:** most recent] discharge or retirement, were you a...

- 1 Commissioned officer
- 2 Non-commissioned officer
- 3 A warrant officer
- 4 An enlisted person
- 5 Not discharged—In National Guard/Reserves

At the time of your discharge or retirement, were you a...

- Commissioned officer
- Non-commissioned officer
- A warrant officer
- An enlisted person
- Not discharged—In National Guard/Reserves

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BASE: ASK IF SERVED AFTER 9/11 OR REFUSED (ERAACS=1,refused):**SERVIRAQ [S]**

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

- 1 Yes, have done at least one of these
- 2 No, have not done any of these

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- Yes, have done at least one of these
- No, have not done any of these

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

- 1 Yes, have done at least one of these
- 2 No, have not done any of these

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

- Yes, have done at least one of these
- No, have not done any of these

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

MARRACTIV [S]

Were you married at any point when you were on active duty?

- 1 Yes, married at some point while on active duty
2 No, never married while on active duty

Were you married at any point when you were on active duty?

- Yes, married at some point while on active duty
 No, never married while on active duty

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

PARACTIV [S]

Were you the parent of a child younger than 18 when you were on active duty?

- 1 Yes, parent of a child younger than 18 while on active duty
2 No, not a parent of a child younger than 18 while on active duty

Were you the parent of a child younger than 18 when you were on active duty?

- Yes, parent of a child younger than 18 while on active duty
 No, not a parent of a child younger than 18 while on active duty

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BASE: ASK IF MARRIED OR PARENT WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY (MARRACTIV=1 OR PARACTIV=1):

FAMNEEDS [S]

Thinking 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?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor

Thinking back to the time when you were on active duty...

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

DEPLOY [S]

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

- 1 None
- 2 1-2 times
- 3 3-7 times
- 4 8 times or more

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

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BASE: ASK IF EVER DEPLOYED ((DEPLOY=2-4):

Randomize items a-d and record order

Randomize response 1,2 and record order. Show question text in same order as response

IMPCTDEPLOY [S]

Overall, did your **[IF (DEPLOY=2): deployment; IF (DEPLOY=3-4): deployments]** have a **[show in same order as response: positive impact, a negative impact)]** or no impact on each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

a. Your financial situation

- 1 Positive impact
- 2 Negative impact
- 3 No impact **[anchor]**

b. Your chances for promotion and advancement within the military

- 1 Positive impact
- 2 Negative impact
- 3 No impact **[anchor]**

c. Your physical health

- 1 Positive impact
- 2 Negative impact
- 3 No impact **[anchor]**

d. Your mental health

- 1 Positive impact
- 2 Negative impact
- 3 No impact **[anchor]**

Overall, did your deployments have a negative impact, a positive impact or no impact on each of the following?

Your financial situation

- Negative impact
- Positive impact
- No impact

Your physical health

- Negative impact
- Positive impact
- No impact

Your mental health

- Negative impact
- Positive impact
- No impact

Your chances for promotion and advancement within the military

- Negative impact
- Positive impact
- No impact

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Overall, did your deployment have a positive impact, a negative impact or no impact on each of the following?

Your chances for promotion and advancement within the military

Positive impact
 Negative impact
 No impact

Your financial situation

Positive impact
 Negative impact
 No impact

Your physical health

Positive impact
 Negative impact
 No impact

Your mental health

Positive impact
 Negative impact
 No impact

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

COMBAT [S]

Did you ever serve in a combat or war zone?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Yes, served in combat or war zone |
| 2 | No, did not serve in combat or war zone |

Did you ever serve in a combat or war zone?

- Yes, served in combat or war zone
- No, did not serve in combat or war zone

[Previous](#)[Next](#)**BASE: ASK IF EVER SERVED IN COMBAT ZONE (COMBAT=1):**

Randomize items a-d and record order

COMBATEXP [S]

The next questions ask about some things you may or may not have experienced while serving in a combat or war zone. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Did you ever go on combat patrols or missions?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

b. Were you ever exposed to hostile fire or did you ever come under attack?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

c. Did you ever fire your weapon at the enemy?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

d. Did you ever personally witness someone from your unit or an ally unit being seriously wounded or killed?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

The next questions ask about some things you may or may not have experienced while serving in a combat or war zone.

Were you ever exposed to hostile fire or did you ever come under attack?

- Yes
- No

Did you ever fire your weapon at the enemy?

- Yes
- No

Did you ever go on combat patrols or missions?

- Yes
- No

Did you ever personally witness someone from your unit or an ally unit being seriously wounded or killed?

- Yes
- No

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Did you ever go on combat patrols or missions?

Yes

No

Did you ever fire your weapon at the enemy?

Yes

No

Did you ever personally witness someone from your unit or an ally unit being seriously wounded or killed?

Yes

No

Were you ever exposed to hostile fire or did you ever come under attack?

Yes

No

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BASE: ASK IF SAID YES TO ANY COMBAT EXPERIENCE (ANSWERS 1 TO ANY COMBATEXPa-d):

Randomize items a-d and record order

Randomize response 1,2 and record order

COMBATRSLT [S]

Overall, would you say your experiences in combat... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- a. 1 Changed your priorities about what is important in your life
- 2 Didn't change your priorities about what is important in your life
- 3 Didn't make much difference **[anchor]**

- b. 1 Made you feel closer to those who were in combat with you
 2 Made you feel more distant from those who were in combat with you
 3 Didn't make much difference **[anchor]**
- c. 1 Showed you that you were stronger than you thought you were
 2 Showed you that you were not as strong as you thought you were
 3 Didn't make much difference **[anchor]**
- d. 1 Strengthened your religious faith
 2 Weakened your religious faith
 3 Didn't make much difference **[anchor]**

Overall, would you say your experiences in combat... *Please select one choice from each group.*

- Showed you that you were stronger than you thought you were
 - Showed you that you were not as strong as you thought you were
 - Didn't make much difference
-
- Strengthened your religious faith
 - Weakened your religious faith
 - Didn't make much difference
-
- Made you feel closer to those who were in combat with you
 - Made you feel more distant from those who were in combat with you
 - Didn't make much difference
-
- Didn't change your priorities about what is important in your life
 - Changed your priorities about what is important in your life
 - Didn't make much difference

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Overall, would you say your experiences in combat... *Please select one choice from each group.*

Made you feel more distant from those who were in combat with you

Made you feel closer to those who were in combat with you

Didn't make much difference

Showed you that you were not as strong as you thought you were

Showed you that you were stronger than you thought you were

Didn't make much difference

Strengthened your religious faith

Weakened your religious faith

Didn't make much difference

Didn't change your priorities about what is important in your life

Changed your priorities about what is important in your life

Didn't make much difference

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

INJURED [S]

Were you ever seriously injured while performing your duties in the military?

- 1 Yes, in combat
- 2 Yes, but NOT in combat
- 3 Yes, both in combat and not in combat
- 4 No

Were you ever seriously injured while performing your duties in the military?

- Yes, in combat
- Yes, but NOT in combat
- Yes, both in combat and not in combat
- No

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Was anyone you knew and served with seriously injured while performing their duties in the military?

- 1 Yes, some or all in combat
- 2 Yes, but NONE in combat
- 3 No

Was anyone you knew and served with seriously injured while performing their duties in the military?

- Yes, some or all in combat
- Yes, but NONE in combat
- No

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Was anyone you knew and served with killed while performing their duties in the military?

- 1 Yes, some or all in combat
- 2 Yes, but NONE in combat
- 3 No

Was anyone you knew and served with killed while performing their duties in the military?

- Yes, some or all in combat
- Yes, but NONE in combat
- No

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

MILTRAIN [S]

Thinking back to when you first entered the military, how well did the training you received prepare you for life in the military?

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Very well |
| 2 | Somewhat well |
| 3 | Not too well |
| 4 | Not well at all |

Thinking back to when you first entered the military, how well did the training you received prepare you for life in the military?

- Very well
- Somewhat well
- Not too well
- Not well at all

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

MILTOCIV [S]

How well did the military prepare you for the transition to CIVILIAN life?

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not well at all

How well did the military prepare you for the transition to CIVILIAN life?

- Very well
- Somewhat well
- Not too well
- Not well at all

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

Randomize response in order 1-4 or 4-1 and record order shown

CIVADJ [S]

After your military service, would you say your re-adjustment to civilian life was... **[REVERSE RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Somewhat difficult
- 4 Very difficult

After your military service, would you say your re-adjustment to civilian life was...

- Very easy
- Somewhat easy
- Somewhat difficult
- Very difficult

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

VAJOB [S]

How would you rate the job the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is doing today to meet the needs of military veterans?

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 1 | Excellent |
| 2 | Good |
| 3 | Only fair |
| 4 | Poor |

How would you rate the job the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is doing today to meet the needs of military veterans?

- Excellent
- Good
- Only fair
- Poor

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

VABENEFITS [S]

Have you received any benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)? These would include educational or medical benefits, job training, a home loan, pension or other kinds of benefits.

- | | |
|---|-----|
| 1 | Yes |
| 2 | No |

Have you received any benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)? These would include educational or medical benefits, job training, a home loan, pension or other kinds of benefits.

- Yes
- No

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

Randomize response 1,2 and record order

GOVHELP [S]

Overall, thinking about the help the government has given you as a veteran, do you think the government has given you... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 More help than it should have
- 2 Less help than it should have
- 3 About as much help as it should have **[anchor]**

Overall, thinking about the help the government has given you as a veteran, do you think the government has given you...

- Less help than it should have
- More help than it should have
- About as much help as it should have

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

Randomize items a-d and record order. Always show e last

CIVADJPROB [S]

In the first few years after you left the military, did you ever... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

- a. Have trouble paying bills
 - 1 Yes, I have
 - 2 No, I haven't
- b. Receive food benefits (such as WIC or SNAP) from the government
 - 1 Yes, I have
 - 2 No, I haven't
- c. Have trouble getting medical care when you or your family needed it
 - 1 Yes, I have
 - 2 No, I haven't
- d. Receive unemployment compensation
 - 1 Yes, I have
 - 2 No, I haven't

e. Struggle with alcohol or substance abuse [anchor last]

- 1 Yes, I have
2 No, I haven't

In the first few years after you left the military, did you ever...

Receive unemployment compensation

- Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Have trouble paying bills

- Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Have trouble getting medical care when you or your family needed it

- Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Receive food benefits (such as WIC or SNAP) from the government

- Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Struggle with alcohol or substance abuse

- Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

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In the first few years after you left the military, did you ever...

Receive unemployment compensation

Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Have trouble paying bills

Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Have trouble getting medical care when you or your family needed it

Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Receive food benefits (such as WIC or SNAP) from the government

Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

Struggle with alcohol or substance abuse

Yes, I have
 No, I haven't

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

Randomize items a-e and record order

CIVADJISS [S]

In the first few years after you left the military, how often, if ever, did you... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Feel disconnected from family or friends

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Frequently |
| 2 | Sometimes |
| 3 | Seldom |
| 4 | Never |

b. Feel you did not get the respect you deserved as a military veteran

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Never

c. Feel optimistic about your future

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Never

d. Feel proud of your military service

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Never

e. Have difficulty dealing with the lack of structure in civilian life

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Never

In the first few years after you left the military, how often, if ever, did you...

Feel proud of your military service

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Feel disconnected from family or friends

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Feel you did not get the respect you deserved as a military veteran

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Feel optimistic about your future

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Have difficulty dealing with the lack of structure in civilian life

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In the first few years after you left the military, how often, if ever, did you...

Feel disconnected from family or friends

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Feel you did not get the respect you deserved as a military veteran

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Feel optimistic about your future

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Have difficulty dealing with the lack of structure in civilian life

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

Feel proud of your military service

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

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BASE: ASK ALL

Randomize response 1,2 and record order

UPDOWN [S]

In general, do you think that most Americans... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 Look UP to people who served in the military
- 2 Look DOWN on people who served in the military
- 3 Neither **[anchor]**

In general, do you think that most Americans...

- Look UP to people who served in the military
- Look DOWN on people who served in the military
- Neither

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BASE: ASK IF VETERAN SAMPLE AND EMPLOYED (xvet=2,3 AND E3MOD=1,2):

Randomize response 1,2 and record order

WORKUPDOWN [S]

Thinking about the people you interact with at work, do you think that people who know about your military service generally... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS UPDOWN, WITH OPTIONS 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 Look UP to you because you served in the military
 - 2 Look DOWN on you because you served in the military
 - 3 Neither **[anchor]**
- [SPACE]**
- 3 The people I interact with at work mostly don't know about my military service
[anchor]

Thinking about the people you interact with at work, do you think that people who know about your military service generally...

- Look UP to you because you served in the military
- Look DOWN on you because you served in the military
- Neither

- The people I interact with at work mostly don't know about my military service

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

HADJOB [S]

When you left the military, did you have a civilian job lined up?

- 1 Yes, had a job lined up
2 No, did not have a job lined up

When you left the military, did you have a civilian job lined up?

- Yes, had a job lined up
 No, did not have a job lined up

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BASE: ASK IF DID NOT HAVE JOB LINED UP AFTER LEAVING MILITARY (HADJOB=2):

LOOKJOB [S]

After you left the military, did you look for a civilian job?

- 1 Yes, right away
2 Yes, but not right away
3 No, did not look for a job/retired from working

After you left the military, did you look for a civilian job?

- Yes, right away
 Yes, but not right away
 No, did not look for a job/retired from working

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

SCHOOL [S]

After you left the military, did you enroll in school?

- 1 Yes, full-time
- 2 Yes, part-time
- 3 No, did not enroll in school

After you left the military, did you enroll in school?

- Yes, full-time
- Yes, part-time
- No, did not enroll in school

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BASE: ASK IF ALREADY HAD JOB OR LOOKED FOR JOB WHEN LEFT MILITARY
(HADJOB=1 OR LOOKJOB=1,2):

MILJOBSKILLS [S]

How useful was your military service in giving you the skills and training you needed for a job outside the military?

- 1 Very useful
- 2 Fairly useful
- 3 Not too useful
- 4 Not at all useful

How useful was your military service in giving you the skills and training you needed for a job outside the military?

- Very useful
- Fairly useful
- Not too useful
- Not at all useful

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BASE: ASK IF SERVED AFTER 9/11 AND LOOKED FOR JOB AFTER LEAVING MILITARY
(ERAACS=1 AND LOOKJOB=1,2):

FINDJOB [S]

How long did it take you to find a job when you started looking for a job after leaving the military?

- 1 Less than six months
- 2 Six months to a year
- 3 More than a year
- [SPACE]**
- 4 I didn't find one

How long did it take you to find a job when you started looking for a job after leaving the military?

- Less than six months
- Six months to a year
- More than a year
- I didn't find one

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BASE: ASK IF SERVED AFTER 9/11 AND ALREADY HAD OR GOT A JOB AFTER LEAVING MILITARY (ERAACS=1 AND (HADJOB=1 OR FINDJOB=1-3)):

Randomize response 1,2 and record order

JOBQUAL [S]

Thinking about your first job after you left the military...

Based on your experience, skills and training, did you feel you were... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 Overqualified for the job
- 2 Underqualified for the job
- 3 About right for the job **[anchor]**

Thinking about your first job after you left the military...

Based on your experience, skills and training, did you feel you were...

- Overqualified for the job
- Underqualified for the job
- About right for the job

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BASE: ASK IF SERVED AFTER 9/11 AND ALREADY HAD OR GOT A JOB AFTER LEAVING MILITARY (ERAACS=1 AND (HADJOB=1 OR FINDJOB=1-3)):

FIRSTJOB [S]

How long did you stay at the first job you got after leaving the military?

- 1 Less than six months
- 2 Six months to a year
- 3 More than a year

How long did you stay at the first job you got after leaving the military?

- Less than six months
- Six months to a year
- More than a year

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BASE: ASK IF SERVED AFTER 9/11 AND ALREADY HAD OR GOT A JOB AFTER LEAVING MILITARY (ERAACS=1 AND (HADJOB=1 OR FINDJOB=1-3)):

Randomize response in order 1-4 or 4-1 and record order shown

MILHELPJOB [S]

As far as you know, did the fact that you served in the military [**show in same order as response:help or hurt**] your ability to get your first job after you left the military? [**REVERSE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST, ROTATE STEM TO MATCH RESPONSE ORDER**]

- 1 Helped a lot
- 2 Helped a little
- 3 Hurt a little
- 4 Hurt a lot
- 5 Neither helped nor hurt [**anchor**]

As far as you know, did the fact that you served in the military help or hurt your ability to get your first job after you left the military?

- Helped a lot
- Helped a little
- Hurt a little
- Hurt a lot
- Neither helped nor hurt

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

TRAUMA1 [S]

Were there any specific experiences related to your military service that you found to be emotionally traumatic or distressing?

- 1 Yes, have experienced this
- 2 No, have not experienced this

Were there any specific experiences related to your military service that you found to be emotionally traumatic or distressing?

- Yes, have experienced this
- No, have not experienced this

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

TRAUMA2 [S]

Have you ever sought help from a doctor, counselor or other health care professional for emotional issues resulting from your experiences in the military?

- 1 Yes, have done this
- 2 No, have not done this

Have you ever sought help from a doctor, counselor or other health care professional for emotional issues resulting from your experiences in the military?

- Yes, have done this
- No, have not done this

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BASE: All veterans (xvet=2 or 3)

TRAUMA3 [S]

Regardless of whether you have sought help, do you think you ever suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress as a result of your experiences in the military?

- 1 Yes, have experienced this
- 2 No, have not experienced this

Regardless of whether you have sought help, do you think you ever suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress as a result of your experiences in the military?

- Yes, have experienced this
- No, have not experienced this

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