

Vet Voice Foundation
National Survey of 510 Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans
February 8-23, 2010

	<i>Total</i> <i>(n=510)</i>	<i>>35</i> <i>(n=134)</i>	<i>35 & over</i> <i>(n=375)</i>
Gender of respondent			
Men.....	86	81	88
Women.....	14	19	12

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey among veterans across the country. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

1. [T] First, are you a veteran of either the Iraq War or the Afghanistan War?

Yes, IRAQ.....	65	70	63
Yes, AFGHANISTAN.....	9	7	9
Yes, both	26	23	28
TERMINATE ALL OTHER	0	0	0

2. [T] Are you currently on active duty, a drilling Reservist or National Guardsmen, in the I.R.R., or have you completed all military service?

Active Duty.....	31	35	30
National Guard or Reserves	15	15	15
IRR	4	6	3
Completed service.....	49	44	51
(Refused).....	1	1	1

3. [T] In which branch of the military did you serve while deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan?

Active Duty Army	32	34	31
Army Reserves	9	7	9
Army National Guard	9	8	9
Active Duty Marine	8	12	6
Marine Reserves	4	3	4
Navy	17	18	17
Naval Reserve	1	0	1
Air Force	20	19	20
Air National Guard	1	0	1
Air Force Reserve.....	1	0	2
(Refused).....	0	0	0

4. In what year or YEARS did you serve in Iraq or Afghanistan? **ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES**

2001.....	17	10	20
2002.....	18	16	20
2003.....	37	36	37
2004.....	32	35	32
2005.....	32	33	32
2006.....	25	30	22
2007.....	22	27	20
2008.....	19	23	16
2009.....	14	14	14
2010.....	4	4	4
(Refused).....	8	1	11

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5. And when did you FIRST serve in Iraq or Afghanistan?			
2001.....	16	9	20
2002.....	10	10	9
2003.....	22	25	21
2004.....	13	13	13
2005.....	10	13	8
2006.....	8	12	6
2007.....	4	8	2
2008.....	3	4	2
2009.....	2	1	2
2010.....	0	0	0
(Refused).....	12	4	16
6. Do you qualify for either the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal?			
Yes	87	89	86
No	10	9	11
(Refused/don't know)	3	2	3

INTERVIEWER ALWAYS READ: We appreciate that information. We want to talk to you about your experiences serving in the military and your time in the Iraq or Afghanistan Wars. As a veteran we know you take pride in your service and your patriotism and at no time will we ask you to criticize the military, the war, your military leadership, or your civilian leadership. We only want to know about your feelings toward your PERSONAL experience.

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Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
IF ANSWER: Do you strongly [agree/disagree] or not so strongly [agree/disagree]?

RANDOMIZE

7. **SSA:** Gender has little bearing on a service member’s ability to perform their duties

Strong agree.....	50	54	48
Not strong agree.....	17	16	17
Not strong disagree.....	12	6	14
Strong disagree.....	12	17	9
(Don’t know).....	5	5	5
(Neither).....	4	1	6
Agree	67	71	65
Disagree	23	23	24

8. **SSB:** Race or ethnicity has little bearing on a service member’s ability to perform their duties

Strong agree.....	74	73	75
Not strong agree.....	8	15	5
Not strong disagree.....	3	3	2
Strong disagree.....	13	7	16
(Don’t know).....	1	2	1
(Neither).....	1	0	2
Agree	82	88	79
Disagree	15	10	18

9. Being gay or lesbian has little bearing on a service member’s ability to perform their duties

Strong agree.....	42	47	40
Not strong agree.....	18	19	17
Not strong disagree.....	8	5	10
Strong disagree.....	21	21	20
(Don’t know).....	7	5	8
(Neither).....	4	3	4
Agree	60	66	57
Disagree	29	26	30

[END RANDOMIZATION]

Now for something different....

10. Personally, how comfortable are you in the presence of gays and lesbians? Are you:

Very comfortable.....	37	41	35
Somewhat comfortable.....	35	38	34
Somewhat uncomfortable.....	17	14	18
Very uncomfortable.....	7	6	7
(Don’t know).....	4	0	6
Comfortable	73	80	69
Uncomfortable	23	20	25

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11. Do you favor or oppose allowing openly gay men and lesbian women to serve in the military, or aren't you sure?

[IF YES/NO] Do you feel that way strongly or not-so-strongly?

Favor – strongly.....	24	28	22
Favor – not so strongly.....	10	13	9
Oppose – not so strongly.....	6	11	4
Oppose – strongly	29	24	32
Aren't sure	28	23	31
(Don't know)	2	1	2
Favor.....	34	41	31
Oppose	36	35	36

12. Generally speaking, what would best describe your personal opinion if gay and lesbian people were allowed to serve openly in the military? **[READ RESPONSES]**

It would be acceptable to you	42	47	39
You would not like it, but it would be acceptable	31	30	31
You would not like it, and it would be unacceptable	25	22	26
(Don't know)	3	1	4

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Thank you. The few remaining questions are for classification purposes only.

13. [TS] Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:] Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Republican	20	17	22
Not so strong Republican	17	18	16
Indep. leans Republican	8	10	7
Republican	45	45	45
Independent	25	26	24
Democratic	20	17	22
Indep. leans Democratic.....	5	5	5
Not so strong Democrat	6	7	6
Strong Democrat	9	5	11
dk/na/other	10	13	9

14. [TS] What is your age? I am going to read you some age categories. Stop me when we get to your category:

18-24 years.....	1	3	0
25-29	19	58	0
30-34	13	39	0
35-39	19	0	28
40-44	27	0	40
45-49	11	0	17
50-54	6	0	9
55-59	2	0	4
60-64	1	0	1
65-69	0	0	0
70-74	0	0	0
75 and older.....	1	0	1
(Refused/don't know).....	0	0	0

15. [TS] What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

[CIRCLE ONE - DO NOT READ]			
1 - 11th grade	0	1	0
High school graduate.....	19	30	14
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech)	2	3	1
Some college (jr. college)	35	37	34
College graduate	32	22	36
Post-graduate school.....	12	7	14
(Don't know)	0	0	0

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16. [TS] Are you married, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married	79	66	85
Single.....	13	26	6
Separated/divorced	7	7	7
Widowed.....	1	0	1
(Don't know)	1	0	1

17. Do you think of yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Born-again/evangelical Christian.....	36	35	36
Not born-again/evangelical.....	57	57	57
(Don't know)	7	8	7

18. [TS] Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	69	70	68
Black / African American	16	17	16
Spanish speaking/Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.).....	8	9	7
Asian.....	2	1	2
Native American	2	2	2
(Other)	2	0	2
(Don't know/refused)	2	0	2

These are my last questions.....

19. In your most RECENT unit, were there people you think are gay or lesbian but don't know for sure?

Yes	58	59	58
No	22	24	21
(Don't know)	19	17	21

And finally, strictly for verification purposes, can I have just your first name?

And your phone number to make sure it is correctly marked off of our list?

That completes our public opinion survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant (day/evening).