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KEY:

Var Variable (corresponds to questions in the survey instrument and field names in the data file)

=> Logic rule applied to the questionnaire

Var1. Respondent #

Section 1 of 6: Duty status and deployments

Var2. What is your connection to the military?

- (1) Active duty member
- (2) Guard or Reserve member
- (3) Veteran (less than 20 years of service)
- (4) Medically retired veteran (less than 20 years of service)
- (5) Retired veteran (20 or more years of service)
- (6) Spouse or family member
- (7) Civilian employee
- (8) Private contractor
- (9) Lawmaker or political staff member
- (10) Other

Var3(a-j). In which combat theater of operations have you served? (Check all that apply)

- (1) World War II -- Europe (a)
- (2) World War II -- Pacific (b)
- (3) Korea (c)
- (4) Vietnam (d)
- (5) Gulf War I (e)
- (6) Operation Iraqi Freedom (f)
- (7) Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) (g)
- (8) At sea supporting OIF or OEF in the Middle East or Western Pacific (h)
- (9) Other (i)
- (10) No combat theater of operation (j)

IF NOT (Var3.A6 OR Var3.A7 OR Var3.A8 OR Var3.A9) ==> Var10.

Var4. In total, how long have you been deployed in support of the current wars in Afghanistan and/or Iraq?

- (1) Less than 2 months ==> Var5.
- (2) 3 to 6 months ==> Var5.
- (3) 7 to 12 months ==> Var5.
- (4) 13 to 18 months ==> Var5.
- (5) 19 to 24 months ==> Var5.
- (6) More than 24 months ==> Var5.
- (7) Have not deployed in support of OEF or OIF ==> Var10.

Var5. How many times have you been deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)?

- (1) Once ==> Var6.
- (2) Twice ==> Var6.
- (3) Three times ==> Var6.
- (4) More than three times ==> Var6.
- (5) Never ==> Var7.

Var6. Are you currently collecting any of the various forms of combat pay for service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var7. How many times have you been deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom?

- (1) Once ==> Var8.
- (2) Twice ==> Var8.
- (3) Three times ==> Var8.
- (4) More than three times ==> Var8.
- (5) Never ==> Var9.

Var8. Are you currently collecting any of the various forms of combat pay for service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var9. How much time at home did you have between your last two war-zone deployments?

- (1) Less than 6 months
- (2) 7 to 9 months
- (3) 10 to 12 months
- (4) 13 to 18 months
- (5) More than 18 months

(6) I have only deployed once

Var10. How would you rate your unit's level of training for its wartime mission?

- (1) Very well trained
- (2) Well trained
- (3) Adequately trained
- (4) Poorly trained
- (5) Very poorly trained
- (6) Not sure

Section 2 of 6: Health

Var11. Have you ever been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury (TBI)?

- (1) Yes ==> Var12.
- (2) No ==> Var15.
- (3) Don't know ==> Var15.
- (4) Decline to answer ==> Var15.

Var12. Have you sought treatment for the condition?

- (1) Yes ==> Var13.
- (2) No ==> Var14.

Var13. How long did it take for you to receive help?

- (1) Less than a month
- (2) 1-3 months
- (3) 4-6 months
- (4) 7-12 months
- (5) More than a year
- (6) Have not received help

NOT (Var2.A1 or Var2.A2) ==>Var15.

Var14. Do you feel that openly seeking care or treatment for traumatic brain injury (TBI) will negatively affect your career?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var15. Have you ever been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or any other mental health issue?

- (1) Yes ==> Var16.
- (2) No ==> Var19.
- (3) Don't know ==> Var19.
- (4) Decline to answer ==> Var19.

Var16. Have you sought treatment for the condition?

- (1) Yes ==> Var17.
- (2) No ==> Var18.

Var17. How long did it take for you to receive help?

- (1) Less than a month
- (2) 1-3 months
- (3) 4-6 months
- (4) 7-12 months
- (5) More than a year
- (6) Have not received help

NOT (Var2.A1 or Var2.A2) ==>Var19.

Var18. Do you feel that openly seeking care or treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or other mental health issues will negatively affect your career?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var19. Have you ever taken prescription medication for a mental health or combat stress problem?

- (1) Yes ==> Var20.
- (2) No ==> Var22.
- (3) Decline to answer ==> Var22.

Var20(a-i). Which of the following types of prescription medications have you taken for a mental health or combat stress problem? (Check all that apply)

- (1) Sleep medication (Ambien, Lunesta, Sonata, etc.) (a)
- (2) Anti-depressant (Paxil, Prozac, Zoloft, etc.) (b)
- (3) Narcotic painkiller (Codeine, OxyContin, Vicodin, Percocet, etc.) (c)
- (4) Stimulant (Adderall, Ritalin, etc.) (d)
- (5) Sedative (barbiturates, Phenobarbital, Seconal, etc.) (e)
- (6) Anti-convulsant (Depakote, Neurontin, Topamax, etc.) (f)
- (7) Anti-psychotic (Abilify, Risperdal, Seroquel, Zyprexa, etc.) (g)
- (8) Tranquilizer (Valium, Librium, Xanax, etc.) (h)
- (9) Other (i)

Var21. When did you begin taking the medication?

- (1) Before a deployment
- (2) During a deployment
- (3) After a deployment
- (4) Other

Var22. In the last year, have you ever engaged in binge drinking (consuming five or more drinks on one occasion), or used any illegal substances to get high?

- (1) Yes ==> Var23.

- (2) No ==> Var24.
- (3) Decline to answer ==> Var24.

Var23(a-p). How often have you used any of the following drugs during the last year (12 months)?

Scale:

- (1) Never
- (2) 1-2 times
- (3) 3-9 times
- (4) 10-19 times
- (5) 20-49 times
- (6) 50 or more times

Categories:

- Alcohol (a)
- Marijuana (b)
- Ecstasy ("XTC," MDMA) (c)
- Cocaine (d)
- Crack (rock, smoke cocaine) (e)
- Heroin (f)
- Amphetamines (stimulants, speed, etc.) (g)
- Methamphetamines (Crystal meth, ice, crank) (h)
- LSD (acid) (i)
- Other hallucinogen (mescaline, peyote, mushrooms or "shrooms", etc.) (j)
- PCP (k)
- Ketamine ("Special K") (l)
- Adrenochromes (spinners, Bovays) (m)
- GHB or GBH (n)
- Rohypnol (Roofies, ruffies, etc.) (o)
- "Sniff" something like glue or gasoline, etc. (p)

Section 3 of 6: Family life

Var24. What is your marital status?

- (1) Married
- (2) Widowed
- (3) Divorced
- (4) Separated
- (5) Never married

Var24.A1 ==>Var25.

Var3.A10 AND (Var24.A2 OR Var24.A3 OR Var24.A4 OR Var24.A5) ==>Var30.

NOT Var3.A10 AND (Var24.A2 OR Var24.A3 OR Var24.A4 OR Var24.A5)
==>Var28.

Var25. Does your spouse earn income?

- (1) Yes, part time

- (2) Yes, full time
- (3) No

Var26. Is your spouse in the military?

- (1) Yes, active duty
- (2) Yes, Guard or Reserve
- (3) Spouse is retired military
- (4) No

Var27. How satisfied are you with your marriage?

- (1) Somewhat satisfied
- (2) Somewhat dissatisfied
- (3) Very dissatisfied
- (4) No opinion

Var3.A10 ==>Var30.

Var28. How long did it take for you to re-establish an intimate emotional and physical relationship with your spouse or significant other after returning from your last deployment?

- (1) Less than a month
- (2) 1-3 months
- (3) 4-6 months
- (4) 7-12 months
- (5) More than a year
- (6) Never re-connected
- (7) Not applicable

Var29. To what extent, if any, did your last deployment create conflict between you and your spouse or significant other?

- (1) A great deal
- (2) Quite a lot
- (3) Not very much
- (4) None at all
- (5) Don't know
- (6) Not applicable

Var30. How many times have you been divorced?

- (1) None ==> Var32.
- (2) Once ==> Var31.
- (3) Twice ==> Var31.
- (4) Three Times ==> Var31.
- (5) Four or more ==> Var31.

Var31. When were you most recently divorced?

- (1) Less than 1 year ago

- (2) 1 to 2 years ago
- (3) 3 to 4 years ago
- (4) More than 4 years ago
- (5) Never divorced

Var32. How many children do you have?

- (1) None
- (2) 1
- (3) 2
- (4) 3
- (5) 4 or more

Var33. How satisfied are you with your family life?

- (1) Very satisfied
- (2) Somewhat satisfied
- (3) Somewhat dissatisfied
- (4) Very dissatisfied
- (5) No opinion

Var34. How satisfied are you with the amount of time you spend with your family?

- (1) Very satisfied
- (2) Somewhat satisfied
- (3) Somewhat dissatisfied
- (4) Very dissatisfied
- (5) No opinion

Var35. To what extent, if any, do you experience conflict between your work life and your personal life?

- (1) A great deal
- (2) Quite a lot
- (3) Not very much
- (4) None at all
- (5) Don't know

Var36. How worried are you about your family's finances?

- (1) Very worried
- (2) Somewhat worried
- (3) Not too worried
- (4) Not at all worried
- (5) No opinion

Section 4 of 6: Morale

Var37. Would you recommend a military career to others?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

(3) No opinion

Var38. If you had a son or daughter who was planning to enter the military, would you:

- (1) Support that step
- (2) Suggest different occupations
- (3) No opinion

Var39. While in the military, have you ever been the victim of racial discrimination?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var40. While in the military, have you ever been the victim of sexual harassment?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var41. While in the military, have you ever been the victim of a sexual assault?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var42. What is your religious denomination?

- (1) Catholic
- (2) Protestant
- (3) Evangelical Christian
- (4) Jewish
- (5) Mormon
- (6) Muslim
- (7) Other
- (8) Not religious

Var43. How often do you attend religious services?

- (1) At least once a week
- (2) About once a month
- (3) Almost never
- (4) Never

Var2.A1 or Var2.A2 ==>Var44.

NOT (Var2.A1 OR Var2.A2) ==>Var51.

Var44. During the past year, how often did official military gatherings that you attended, other than meals and chapel services, begin with a prayer?

- (1) Daily
- (2) Once a week
- (3) Monthly

- (4) Once a year
- (5) Never

Var45. During the past year, have you received unwelcome religious advice or counseling from a superior?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Decline to answer

Var46. How satisfied are you with your job?

- (1) Completely satisfied
- (2) Somewhat satisfied
- (3) Somewhat dissatisfied
- (4) Completely dissatisfied
- (5) No opinion

Var47. If you had to decide today, would you re-enlist or - if an officer - extend your commitment?

- (1) Yes ==> Var48.
- (2) No ==> Var49.
- (3) Undecided ==> Var50.

Var48(a-i). What are the three most important reasons why you would stay in the military? (Check only three)

- (1) Educational opportunities (a)
- (2) Patriotism (b)
- (3) Pay (c)
- (4) Pension (d)
- (5) Job security (e)
- (6) Travel, adventure (f)
- (7) Health care for my family and me (g)
- (8) Career satisfaction (h)
- (9) Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (i)

==> Var50.

Var49. What are the three most important reasons why you would NOT stay in the military? (Check only three)

- (1) Spouse job opportunity (a)
- (2) Health care for my family and me (b)
- (3) Working conditions (c)
- (4) Pay (d)
- (5) Poor leaders (e)
- (6) Better job opportunity (f)
- (7) Poor housing (g)
- (8) Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (h)

- (9) Frequent deployments (i)
- (10) Poor base facilities (j)

Var50(a-f). Please finish the following statements: (Check one for each statement)

Scale:

- (1) Excellent
- (2) Satisfactory
- (3) Poor
- (4) Very poor
- (5) No opinion

Category:

- I would rate my military housing as: (a)
- I would rate military pay and allowances as: (b)
- I would rate military health care as: (c)
- Overall, officers in the military are: (d)
- Overall, enlisted leaders in the military are: (e)
- Overall, my military quality of life is: (f)

Section 5 of 6: Politics

Var51. Should the U.S. have gone to war in Afghanistan?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var52. How likely is the U.S. to succeed in Afghanistan?

- (1) Very likely to succeed
- (2) Somewhat likely to succeed
- (3) Not very likely to succeed
- (4) Not at all likely to succeed
- (5) No opinion
- (6) Decline to answer

Var53. How soon do you think the Afghan military will be ready to replace large numbers of American and NATO troops?

- (1) Less than a year
- (2) 1 to 2 years
- (3) 3 to 5 years
- (4) 6 to 10 years
- (5) More than 10 years
- (6) No opinion
- (7) Decline to answer

Var54. How long do you think the U.S. will need to stay in Afghanistan to achieve its goals?

- (1) Less than a year
- (2) 1 to 2 years
- (3) 3 to 5 years
- (4) 6 to 10 years
- (5) More than 10 years
- (6) No opinion

Var55. We currently have about 71,000 troops in Afghanistan. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's decision to increase the number of troops there by more than 30,000?

- (1) Approve
- (2) Disapprove
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the situation in Afghanistan?

- (1) Approve
- (2) Disapprove
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var57. Should the U.S. have gone to war in Iraq?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var58. How long do you think the U.S. will need to stay in Iraq to achieve its goals?

- (1) Less than a year
- (2) 1 to 2 years
- (3) 3 to 5 years
- (4) 6 to 10 years
- (5) More than 10 years
- (6) No opinion

Var59. We currently have about 100,000 troops in Iraq but are scheduled to draw down to about 50,000 troops this year. How many troops do you think we should have there?

- (1) 0
- (2) 1 to 50,000
- (3) 50,001 to 150,000
- (4) 150,001 to 175,000
- (5) 175,001 to 200,000
- (6) More than 200,000
- (7) No opinion
- (8) Decline to answer

Var60. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the situation in Iraq?

- (1) Approve
- (2) Disapprove
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var61. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling his job as president?

- (1) Approve
- (2) Disapprove
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var62. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling his job as Commander-in-Chief?

- (1) Approve
- (2) Disapprove
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var63. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: In order to be respected as Commander-in-Chief, the president should have served in uniform.

- (1) Agree
- (2) Disagree
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var64. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Generally speaking, the president and senior civilians in government should defer military matters and wartime strategy to generals and admirals.

- (1) Agree
- (2) Disagree
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var65. How would you describe your political views?

- (1) Very conservative
- (2) Conservative
- (3) Moderate
- (4) Liberal
- (5) Very liberal
- (6) Decline to answer

Var66. In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

- (1) Democrat
- (2) Independent
- (3) Libertarian
- (4) Republican
- (5) Other
- (6) Decline to answer

Var67(a-c). How do you think each of these groups views the military? (Check one for each group)

Scale:

- (1) Very favorable
- (2) Somewhat favorable
- (3) Somewhat unfavorable
- (4) Very unfavorable

Category:

- Civilians (a)
- News media (b)
- Politicians (c)

Var68. Should the U.S. start drafting men into the military?

- (1) Yes, permanently
- (2) Yes, temporarily
- (3) No
- (4) No opinion

Var69. Should the U.S. start drafting women into the military?

- (1) Yes, permanently
- (2) Yes, temporarily
- (3) No
- (4) No opinion

Var70. Do you think openly homosexual people should be allowed to serve in the military?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) No opinion
- (4) Decline to answer

Var71. Where are racial and ethnic minorities treated more fairly?

- (1) In the military
- (2) In civilian life
- (3) About the same
- (4) No opinion

Var72(a-k). Please indicate your level of agreement regarding the following statements:
(Check one per statement)

Scale:

- (1) Strongly agree
- (2) Agree
- (3) Neutral
- (4) Disagree
- (5) Strongly disagree

Category:

Racial and ethnic minorities in the military are discriminated against when it comes to promotions and assignments. (a)

I am well trained for my military job. (b)

People in the military are supplied with the best possible weapons and equipment. (c)

The civilian leadership of the Department of Defense has my best interests at heart. (d)

President Obama has my best interests at heart. (e)

The senior military leadership has my best interests at heart. (f)

Congress has my best interests at heart. (g)

Today's service members are better than they have ever been. (h)

Today's military is stretched too thin to be effective. (i)

Religion plays a more important part in military life than it did when I first joined the service. (j)

I feel free to practice and express my religion in the military. (k)

Section 6 of 6: Demographics

Var73. In which branch do you serve or did you last serve?

- (1) Army
- (2) Navy
- (3) Air Force
- (4) Marine Corps
- (5) Coast Guard
- (6) Army Reserve
- (7) Navy Reserve
- (8) Air Force Reserve
- (9) Marine Corps Reserve
- (10) Coast Guard Reserve
- (11) Army National Guard
- (12) Air National Guard

Var2.A2 ==>Var74.

Var2.A3 OR Var2.A4 OR Var2.A5 ==>Var75.

Var2.A6 OR Var2.A7 OR Var2.A8 OR Var2.A9 OR Var2.A10 ==>Var79.

Var2.A1 ==>Var76.

Var74. What is your current status?

- (1) Title 10 -- activated for federal service
- (2) Title 32 -- activated for state service

- (3) Drilling reservist, not currently activated
- (4) IRR
- (5) Other

==> Q82.

Var75. What year did you leave military service?

- (1) 1940
- (2) 1941
- (3) 1942
- (4) 1943
- (5) 1944
- (6) 1945
- (7) 1946
- (8) 1947
- (9) 1948
- (10) 1949
- (11) 1950
- (12) 1951
- (13) 1952
- (14) 1953
- (15) 1954
- (16) 1955
- (17) 1956
- (18) 1957
- (19) 1958
- (20) 1959
- (21) 1960
- (22) 1961
- (23) 1962
- (24) 1963
- (25) 1964
- (26) 1965
- (27) 1966
- (28) 1967
- (29) 1968
- (30) 1969
- (31) 1970
- (32) 1971
- (33) 1972
- (34) 1973
- (35) 1974
- (36) 1975
- (37) 1976
- (38) 1977
- (39) 1978

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(60)	1999
(61)	2000
(62)	2001
(63)	2002
(64)	2003
(65)	2004
(66)	2005
(67)	2006
(68)	2007
(69)	2008
(70)	2009
(71)	2010

Var76. What is your paygrade or the highest paygrade you achieved?

- (1) E-1
- (2) E-2
- (3) E-3
- (4) E-4
- (5) E-5
- (6) E-6
- (7) E-7
- (8) E-8
- (9) E-9
- (10) W-1
- (11) W-2
- (12) W-3

- (13) W-4
- (14) W-5
- (15) O-1
- (16) O-2
- (17) O-3
- (18) O-4
- (19) O-5
- (20) O-6
- (21) O-7
- (22) O-8
- (23) O-9
- (24) O-10
- (25) Other

Var77. How many years have you served in the military?

- (1) 1
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11
- (12) 12
- (13) 13
- (14) 14
- (15) 15
- (16) 16
- (17) 17
- (18) 18
- (19) 19
- (20) 20
- (21) More than 20

Var78. In which type of unit do you serve or did you last serve?

- (1) Combat
- (2) Combat support
- (3) Combat service support
- (4) Not sure
- (5) Other

Var79. How old are you?

- (1) 17

(2)	18
(3)	19
(4)	20
(5)	21
(6)	22
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(78)	94
(79)	95
(80)	96
(81)	97
(82)	98
(83)	99
(84)	100 or older

Var80. What is your gender?

- (1) Male
- (2) Female

Var81. What is your race and ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

- (1) American Indian/Alaskan native (a)
- (2) Asian/Pacific Islander (b)
- (3) Black/African American (c)

- (4) White/Caucasian (d)
- (5) Hispanic/Latino (e)
- (6) Multiracial (f)
- (7) Decline to answer (g)
- (8) Other (h)

Var82. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- (1) High school or GED
- (2) Associate's degree
- (3) Bachelor's degree
- (4) Master's degree
- (5) Doctorate degree

Var83. Where do you live?

- (1) Barracks
- (2) Other on-base housing
- (3) Off-base civilian housing
- (4) Off-base military housing
- (5) None of the above