



“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Pilot Surveys  
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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

**Section 1 of 3: Demographics**

**First, we’d like to ask some questions about you.**

Var1. Respondent #

Var2. What is your connection to the military?

- (1) Military member/veteran => Var3
- (2) Spouse/family member => End
- (3) Civilian employee/private contractor => End
- (4) Lawmaker/political staff member => End
- (5) Other => End

Var3. What is your duty status?

- (1) Active duty
- (2) Mobilized Reserve/Guard
- (3) Non-mobilized Reserve/Guard
- (4) Veteran (less than 20 years of service)
- (5) Retired veteran (20 or more years of service)

Var4. In which branch do you serve or did you most recently serve?

- (1) Army
- (2) Army Reserve
- (3) Army National Guard
- (4) Navy
- (5) Navy Reserve
- (6) Air Force
- (7) Air Force Reserve
- (8) Air National Guard

- (9) Marine Corps
- (10) Marine Corps Reserve
- (11) Coast Guard
- (12) Coast Guard Reserve

Var5. 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

Var6. How old are you?

- (1) 18
- (2) 19
- (3) 20
- (4) 21
- (5) 22
- (6) 23
- (7) 24
- (8) 25
- (9) 26
- (10) 27
- (11) 28
- (12) 29
- (13) 30
- (14) 31

(15)	32
(16)	33
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(31)	48
(32)	49
(33)	50
(34)	51
(35)	52
(36)	53
(37)	54
(38)	55
(39)	56
(40)	57
(41)	58
(42)	59
(43)	60
(44)	61
(45)	62
(46)	63 or older

Var7. What is your race?

- (1) White/Caucasian
- (2) Black/African-American
- (3) Asian/Pacific Islander
- (4) American Indian/Alaskan native
- (5) Multiracial
- (6) Decline to answer
- (7) Other

Var8. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

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

Var9. What is your gender?

- (1) Male
- (2) Female

Var10. What is your sexual orientation?

- (1) Straight/Heterosexual
- (2) Gay/Homosexual
- (3) Bisexual
- (4) Not sure
- (5) Decline to answer
- (6) Other

### **Section 2 of 3: Personal experience**

**Now, we'd like to ask you some questions about your military experiences.**

Var11. Since Sept. 11, 2001, in total, how long were you deployed in support of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq?

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

IF (Var3(4) or Var3(5)) => Var12

IF NOT (Var3(4) or Var3(5)) => Var14

Var12. Did you think there were gay men or women in your last unit?

- (1) Yes => Var13
- (2) No => Var16
- (3) Unsure => Var16
- (4) Decline to answer => Var16

Var13. Why did you think so? => Var16

- (1) The individual told me
- (2) Somebody else told me
- (3) I could tell by the person's speech, behavior or appearance
- (4) I observed the person being romantic with someone of the same sex
- (5) I observed the person attending a gay club, bar, parade or political activity
- (6) Other

Var14. Do you think there are gay men or women in your unit?

- (1) Yes => Var15
- (2) No => Var16

- (3) Unsure => Var16
- (4) Decline to answer => Var16

Var15. Why do you think so?

- (1) The individual told me
- (2) Somebody else told me
- (3) I could tell by the person's speech, behavior or appearance
- (4) I observed the person being romantic with someone of the same sex
- (5) I observed the person attending a gay club, bar, parade or political activity
- (6) Other

Var16. Have you ever reported a service member's sexual orientation to your chain of command?

- (1) Yes => Var17
- (2) No => Var18
- (3) Decline to answer => Var18

Var17. To your knowledge, did your chain of command initiate discharge proceedings against that individual? => Var19

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

Var18. To your knowledge, did your chain of command ever initiate discharge proceedings against a service member because of his or her sexual orientation?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Unsure
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) Decline to answer

Var19. Has a service member of the same gender ever made a romantic or sexual advance toward you?

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

**Section 3 of 3: Personal opinions The final set of questions asks for your opinions on the 1993 laws and regulations commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." This policy bars gay men and women from serving openly in the military.**

Var20. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?

- (1) Strongly favor

- (2) Favor
- (3) Neutral
- (4) Oppose
- (5) Strongly oppose
- (6) Decline to answer

Var21. Do you think the law should be changed to allow gay men and women to serve openly in the military?

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

Var22(a-i). How effective is the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy at the following:

- a. Maintaining order and discipline
  - b. Maintaining unit cohesion and morale
  - c. Maintaining force readiness
  - d. Reducing harassment
  - e. Reducing violence and hate crimes
  - f. Reducing fraternization
  - g. Reducing the risk of sexually-transmitted diseases
  - h. Upholding moral values
  - i. Ensuring privacy in shared living facilities
- (1) Very effective
  - (2) Effective
  - (3) Neutral
  - (4) Ineffective
  - (5) Very ineffective
  - (6) Don’t know/Decline to answer

IF (Var4(1) OR Var4(2) OR Var4(3) OR Var4(6) OR Var4(7) OR Var4(8)) => 23

IF (Var4(4) OR Var 4(5) OR Var4(9) OR Var4(10) OR Var4(11) OR Var4(12)) => 24

Var23(a-i). If the policy were overturned, how comfortable would you be sharing the following living facilities with an openly gay service member of the same gender? => Var25.

- a. The bunk above or below yours
  - b. Barracks room
  - c. Barracks building
  - d. On-post family housing area
  - e. Gym, swimming pool or recreational facility
  - f. Shower
  - g. Toilet
  - h. Containerized Housing Unit (CHU) or large tent
  - i. Small tent or combat outpost
- (1) Very comfortable

- (2) Comfortable
- (3) Neutral
- (4) Uncomfortable
- (5) Very uncomfortable
- (6) Don't know/Decline to answer

Var24(a-j). If the policy were overturned, how comfortable would you be sharing the following living facilities with an openly gay service member of the same gender?

- a. The rack above or below yours
  - b. Berthing space
  - c. Elsewhere on a ship
  - d. Barracks ashore
  - e. On-post family housing area
  - f. Gym, swimming pool or recreational facility
  - g. Shower
  - h. Toilet
  - i. Containerized housing unit (CHU) or large tent
  - j. Small tent or combat outpost
- (1) Very comfortable
  - (2) Comfortable
  - (3) Neutral
  - (4) Uncomfortable
  - (5) Very uncomfortable
  - (6) Don't know/Decline to answer

Var25. If the law were overturned, should the military recognize same-sex marriage?

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

Var26. If the law were overturned, should the military provide housing for same-sex couples?

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

Var27. If the law were overturned, should gay men and women still be barred from some jobs (drill instructor, submariner, missile silo technician, for example)?

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

Var28(a-1). Finally, if the policy were overturned, what would be the three most challenging issues facing the military? (Select three)

- (1) Maintaining order and discipline (a)
- (2) Maintaining unit cohesion and morale (b)
- (3) Maintaining force readiness (c)
- (4) Reducing harassment (d)
- (5) Reducing violence and hate crimes (e)
- (6) Reducing fraternization (f)
- (7) Reducing the risk of sexually-transmitted diseases (g)
- (8) Protecting moral values (h)
- (9) Ensuring privacy in shared living facilities (i)
- (10) Ensuring equality in financial and health benefits (j)
- (11) Establishing a fair and reasonable job assignment policy (k)
- (12) Other (l)

Var29. Pilot No.

- (1) Subscribers with e-mail-only contact
- (2) Subscribers with telephone-only contact
- (3) Subscribers with e-mail and telephone contact