



“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Survey
Nov. 11-Nov. 30, 2009

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) Active duty military member => Var4
- (2) Mobilized member of the Guard or Reserve => Var4
- (3) Non-mobilized member of the Guard or Reserve => Var4
- (4) Veteran (less than 20 years of service) => Var3
- (5) Retired veteran (20 or more years of service) => Var4
- (6) Spouse or family member => Var6
- (7) Civilian employee => Var6
- (8) Private contractor => Var6
- (9) Lawmaker or political staff member => Var6
- (10) Other => Var6

Var3. How long ago did you leave military service?

- (1) Less than a year ago
- (2) 1-2 years ago
- (3) 3-5 years ago
- (4) 6-10 years ago
- (5) More than 10 years ago

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) Naval 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

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(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)

Var12. Has a service member of the same gender ever made a romantic or sexual advance toward you?

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

IF (Var2(1) OR Var2(2) OR Var2(3)) AND (Var12(2) OR Var12(3) OR Var12(4)) => Var14.

IF NOT (Var2(1) OR Var2(2) OR Var2(3)) AND (Var12(2) OR Var12(3) OR Var12(4)) => Var20.

Var13. What was your reaction to that advance, or to most advances, if there have been multiple advances?

- (1) It was no big deal
- (2) It bothered me a little
- (3) It was very upsetting

IF NOT (Var2(1) OR Var2(2) OR Var2(3)) => Var20

Var14. Do you think there are gay men or women in your current unit? (By unit, we mean Air Force squadron, Army company or detachment, Marine company or battery, or Navy department.)

- (1) Yes => Var15
- (2) No => Var20
- (3) Unsure => Var20
- (4) Decline to answer => Var20

Var15. Why do you think so?

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

Var16. Did you report this service member's sexual orientation to your chain of command?

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

Var17(a-g). Why didn't you report it? => Var20

- (1) My chain of command already knew (a)
- (2) It's not my job to report it (b)
- (3) I didn't think my chain of command would do anything about it (c)
- (4) I don't agree with the law excluding gays from the military (d)
- (5) That person was already leaving the military (e)
- (6) My unit really needs the person and I didn't want him or her to be removed (f)
- (7) Other (g)

Var18. To your knowledge, did your chain of command take any action in response, such as initiate an investigation of that person's sexual orientation?

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

Var19. To your knowledge, was that person ever discharged or is that person currently being discharged because of his or her sexual orientation?

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

Var20. To your knowledge, did your chain of command ever find out that a service member was gay but decline to take any action?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Unsure
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) 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.

Var21. 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

Var22. Who do you think should be responsible for deciding whether the policy should be changed or kept in place?

- (1) Military leaders
- (2) Congress
- (3) The President
- (4) The Supreme Court
- (5) Other

Var23. Do you think that sexual orientation is an individual's choice, determined by his or her genes, or some combination of both?

- (1) An individual's choice
- (2) Determined by genes
- (3) A combination of both
- (4) Decline to answer

Var24(a-k). 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. Recruiting and retaining military personnel
- e. Reducing harassment against gay personnel
- f. Reducing violence and hate crimes against gay personnel
- g. Reducing fraternization among gay personnel
- h. Keeping gays from making romantic or sexual advances toward straights
- i. Reducing the risk of sexually-transmitted diseases
- j. Upholding moral values
- k. 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)) => 25

IF (Var4(4) OR Var 4(5) OR Var4(9) OR Var4(10) OR Var4(11) OR Var4(12)) => 26

Var25(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? => Var27.

- 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

Var26(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

Var27. If the policy were overturned, should married homosexual couples receive the same pay, benefits and entitlements as married heterosexual couples?

- (1) Yes => Var28
- (2) No => Var29
- (3) Undecided => Var29
- (4) Decline to answer => Var29

Var28. If the policy were overturned, should homosexual couples who would like to marry legally but cannot be allowed to register as domestic partners and receive the same pay, benefits and entitlements as married heterosexual couples?

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

Var29. If the policy were overturned, are there certain jobs or units that gay men and women should be barred from, like special operations, drill instructor or submariner?

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

Var30(a-o). 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) Recruiting and retaining military personnel (d)
- (5) Reducing harassment against openly gay personnel (e)
- (6) Reducing violence and hate crimes against gay personnel (f)
- (7) Reducing fraternization among gay personnel (g)
- (8) Keeping gays from making romantic or sexual advances toward straights (h)
- (9) Reducing the risk of sexually-transmitted diseases (i)
- (10) Upholding moral values (j)
- (11) Deciding how to assign people to shared living facilities (k)

- (12) Ensuring privacy in shared living facilities (l)
- (13) Ensuring equality in financial and health benefits (m)
- (14) Establishing a fair and reasonable job assignment policy (n)
- (15) Other (o)

Var31. E-mail or newsstand participant

- (1) E-mail
- (2) Newsstand