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RANDOM PROBE QUESTION

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WITH SCIENTIFICALLY  
SELECTED RESPONDENT**

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## Random Probe Questions

Circle the question number and probe question referred to on your HEF label.  
Mark "RP" next to the question in the questionnaire as a reminder.  
"DON'T KNOW" responses asked the same question.

| Question | Probe Question              |
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| 1A       | I see, why do you say that? |
| 4A       | I see, why do you say that? |
| 8        | I see, why do you say that? |
| 11       | I see, why do you say that? |
| 20C      | I see, why do you say that? |

The first of these questions is . . .

- 1. A. How would you feel about a program that required all young men to give one year of service to the nation--either in the military or in non-military work such as in hospitals or with elderly people? Would you strongly favor it, probably favor it, probably oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

Strongly favor.....1\*            10/  
 Probably favor.....2\*  
 Probably oppose.....3  
 Strongly oppose.....4  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

- B. And how would you feel about such a program for all young women? Would you strongly favor it, probably favor it, probably oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

Strongly favor.....1\*            11/  
 Probably favor.....2\*  
 Probably oppose.....3  
 Strongly oppose.....4  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

- C. INTERVIEWER CHECK: IN Q. 1 DID RESPONDENT STRONGLY FAVOR (CODE 1) OR PROBABLY FAVOR (CODE 2) SERVICE FOR EITHER MEN OR WOMEN?

YES (GO TO Q.2).....1            12/  
 NO (SKIP TO Q.3).....2

- 2. And suppose that the costs of such a program made it necessary to increase your taxes by a small amount--for example, 5 percent. Would you strongly favor it, probably favor it, probably oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

Strongly favor.....1            13/  
 Probably favor.....2  
 Probably oppose.....3  
 Strongly oppose.....4  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

- 3. As you know, this country stopped the military draft in 1972. Since that time we have relied on volunteers. Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about our armed forces.

How would you rate the quality of the men and women now serving in the armed forces--Would you say the quality of personnel is excellent, good, not so good, or poor? (Just your own opinion based on what you've heard or read.)

Excellent.....1            14/  
 Good.....2  
 Not so good.....3  
 Poor.....4  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

4. A. At the present time, about 9 percent of the armed forces are women. All things considered, do you think there are too many women in the armed forces, about the right number, or should there be more women in the armed forces?

Too many women.....1 15/  
 About right number.....2  
 Should be more.....3  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

B. At the present time, about 4 percent of the armed forces are Hispanics. All things considered, do you think there are too many Hispanics in the armed forces, about the right number, or should there be more Hispanics in the armed forces?

Too many Hispanics.....1 16/  
 About right number.....2  
 Should be more.....3  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

C. At the present time, about 22 percent of the armed forces are Black. All things considered, do you think there are too many Blacks in the armed forces, about the right number, or should there be more Blacks in the armed forces?

Too many Blacks (ASK 1).....1 17/  
 About right number.....2  
 Should be more (ASK 1).....3  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

1) IF TOO MANY BLACKS OR SHOULD BE MORE:

Why do you feel there (are too many/should be more) Blacks in the armed forces? RECORD VERBATIM.

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 20-21/  
 22-23/

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5. All things considered, how well do you think relying on volunteers has worked for the armed forces--has it worked very well, fairly well, or not well?

Very well.....1 24/  
 Fairly well.....2  
 Not well.....3  
 Don't know.....8

6. A. Thinking about opportunities and equal treatment for minority groups, like Blacks and Hispanics. - Would you say that their treatment and opportunities are better in the military, better in civilian employment, or that there isn't any difference these days?

Better in the military.....1                   25/  
 Better in civilian employment.....2  
 No difference.....3  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

B. And what about women? Would you say that their treatment and opportunities are better in the military, better in civilian employment, or that there isn't any difference these days?

Better in the military.....1                   26/  
 Better in civilian employment.....2  
 No difference.....3  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

7. Do you think we should return to a military draft at this time, or should we continue to rely on volunteers?

Return to draft (ASK A).....1                   27/  
 Rely on volunteers (ASK B)....2  
 DON'T KNOW (ASK B).....8

A. IF RETURN TO DRAFT, ASK:

If we should return to a military draft at this time, should young women be drafted as well as young men, or not?

Should.....1                   28/  
 Should not.....2  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

GO TO Q. 8

B. IF RELY ON VOLUNTEERS OR DON'T KNOW, ASK:

If there were a national emergency, do you think we should return to a military draft or should we continue to rely on volunteers?

Return to draft (ASK C).....1                   29/  
 Volunteers (GO TO Q. 8).....2  
 DON'T KNOW (GO TO Q. 8).....8

C. IF DRAFT ON "B", ASK:

If we should return to a military draft in a national emergency, should young women be drafted as well as young men, or not?

Should.....1                   30/  
 Should not.....2  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

8. Even though they are no longer drafted for military service, young men are still required by law to register for the draft when they become 18 years old. If a young man refuses to register for the draft, do you think he should be punished in any way?

Yes (ASK A).....1 31/  
 No (GO TO Q. 9).....2  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

IF YES

A. If a young man refuses to register for the draft, would you approve or disapprove of sending him to jail?

Approve.....1 32/  
 Disapprove.....2  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

9. A. For most young men, do you think military service is definitely a good experience, probably a good experience, probably not a good experience, or definitely not a good experience for them?

Definitely good.....1 33/  
 Probably good.....2  
 Probably not good.....3  
 Definitely not good.....4  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

B. How about for most young women, do you think military service is definitely a good experience, probably a good experience, probably not a good experience, or definitely not a good experience for them?

Definitely good.....1 34/  
 Probably good.....2  
 Probably not good.....3  
 Definitely not good.....4  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

10. Many people who want to volunteer for service in the armed forces do not have the necessary basic skills like reading, writing and arithmetic. Do you think the armed forces should refuse to accept such volunteers, or should they accept them and give them the necessary education?

Refuse to accept them.....1 35/  
 Accept and educate them.....2  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

11. Most people in the Armed Forces are taught skills they can use in civilian jobs later. But some don't get such training. They are taught only combat skills. Do you think the Armed Forces have an obligation to train everybody in service for civilian jobs later, or is that not a responsibility of the Armed Forces?

Yes, an obligation.....1 36/  
 No, not an obligation.....2  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

12. Do you think it would be best for the future of this country if we take an active part in world affairs, or if we stay out of world affairs?

Active part.....1 37/  
 Stay out.....2  
 DON'T KNOW.....8

13. I'm going to read you some possible military situations the U.S. might face in the next ten years. (HAND CARD GG) Some people feel these situations are certain to happen (think of these as point 7 on the scale), others think these situations won't happen at all (think of these as point 1 on the scale). And of course some people have opinions somewhere in between. For each of these possible military situations, please give me your best guess as to how likely it is to happen.

For example, an all-out atomic war. Where would you put the likelihood of an all-out atomic war during the next ten years? (Would you say 7-it is certain to happen, 1-it won't happen at all, or something in between?) (CIRCLE ONE CODE FOR "A" AND REPEAT FOR B-F)

HAND  
 CARD  
 GG

|  | Won't<br>Happen |    |    |    |    |    |    |  | Certain to<br>Happen | DON'T<br>KNOW |        |
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|  | 01              | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |  | 98                   |               |        |
| A. An all-out atomic war?  | 01              | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |  | 98                   |               | 38-39/ |
| B. A conventional ground war involving thousands of troops?            | 01              | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |  | 98                   |               | 40-41/ |
| C. Peace but increasing arms build up by the U.S. and Russia?          | 01              | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |  | 98                   |               | 42-43/ |
| D. An agreement with the Russians to reduce atomic arms by both sides? | 01              | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |  | 98                   |               | 44-45/ |
| E. Elimination of atomic weapons by both U.S. and Russia?              | 01              | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |  | 98                   |               | 46-47/ |
| F. Repeated guerilla wars against left wing rebels?                    | 01              | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 |  | 98                   |               | 48-49/ |

14. Have you ever been on active duty for military training or service for two consecutive months or more?

Yes (ASK A & B).....1 50/  
No (GO TO Q. 15).....2

IF YES

A. What was your total time on active duty?

Less than 2 years.....1 51/  
2-4 years.....2  
More than 4 years.....3

B. In what branch of the service was that? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

Air Force Guard.....01 52-53/  
Air Force (including reserve).....02 54-55/  
Navy (including reserve).....03 56-57/  
Army (including reserve).....04 58-59/  
National Guard.....05 60-61/  
U.S. Marine Corps (including reserve)..06 62-63/  
Coast Guard (including reserve).....07 64-65/

15. Have any members of your immediate family--that is, your spouse, parents, children, brothers or sisters--ever served in the armed forces?

Yes (ASK A).....1 66/  
No.....2

IF YES

A. Are any other members of your immediate family serving in the Armed Forces now?

Yes.....1 67/  
No.....2

16. Are you or any members of your present household currently receiving any pay or benefits from either the military or the Veterans Administration?

Yes.....1  
No.....2 68/  
DON'T KNOW.....8

17. Have you ever worked for a company where a major part of their business was selling supplies or services to the armed forces?

Yes (ASK A).....1 69/  
No.....2

IF YES:

A. Do you work for such a company now?

Yes.....1 70/  
No.....2

18. Have you ever had a civilian job with the armed forces or the Defense Department?

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| Yes (ASK A).....1 | 71/ |
| No.....2          |     |

IF YES:

A. Do you have a job now with the armed forces or with the Defense Department?

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| Yes.....1 | 72/ |
| No.....2  |     |

19. Would you say the economy of (NAME METROPOLITAN AREA OR COUNTY) is very dependent on defense business, somewhat dependent, or not dependent at all on defense business?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Very dependent.....1      | 73/ |
| Somewhat dependent.....2  |     |
| Not dependent at all....3 |     |
| DON'T KNOW.....8          |     |

20. And one last question. We all know that American citizens have certain rights. For example, they have the right to free public education and to police protection, the right to attend religious services of their choice, and the right to elect public officials.

I'd like to ask now about certain obligations that some people feel American citizens owe their country. I just want your own opinion on these--whether you feel it is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country. (READ EACH STATEMENT AND CIRCLE ONE CODE FOR EACH.)

(REPEAT ANSWER CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY)

| Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not an Obligation | DON'T KNOW |
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| A. First, to vote in elections.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 07/ |
| B. How about volunteering some time to community services?              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 08/ |
| C. How about serving on a jury if called?                               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 09/ |
| D. Reporting a crime that he or she may have witnessed                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 10/ |
| E. How about being able to speak and understand English?                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 11/ |
| F. Keeping fully informed about news and public issues?                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 12/ |
| G. How about, for young men, serving in the military during peacetime?  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 13/ |
| H. For young men, serving in the military when the country is at war?   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 14/ |
| I. For young women, serving in the military during peacetime?           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 15/ |
| J. For young women, serving in the military when the country is at war? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 16/ |

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