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on behalf of  
Center for Military Readiness  
Telephone Survey of 1,000 Likely Voters  
TOPLINE DATA

Field Dates: July 14-18, 2010

Margin of Error: ±3.1%

A. Are you 18 years of age or older? If no, is there someone in the household I could speak with who is 18 or older?

100% YES

B. Are you registered to vote at your current address? If no, is there someone in the household I could speak with who is registered to vote?

100% YES

C. In November of this year there will be an election to select United States Senators and Members of Congress. At this time do you plan to...(READ CHOICES)

85% DEFINITELY VOTE

15% PROBABLY VOTE

D. Gender (RECORD BY OBSERVATION)

51% FEMALE

49% MALE

E. To ensure that we interview people from different backgrounds, may I ask your age? (OPEN-ENDED. PRE-CODED LIST.)

8% 18-24

14% 25-34

18% 35-44

20% 45-54

17% 55-64

21% 65+

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

F. And, which of the following best describes your ethnic or racial background? (READ AND ROTATED)

- 75% WHITE OR CAUCASIAN
- 11% AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK
- 9% HISPANIC OR LATINO
- 1% ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 1% NATIVE AMERICAN
- \* MIDDLE EASTERN
- 2% MULTI-RACIAL OR OTHER (DO NOT READ)
- 1% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

G. State (RECORDED FROM SAMPLE BY AREA CODE)

**18% NORTHEAST (NET)**

- 5% NEW ENGLAND (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
- 13% MID-ATLANTIC (NJ, NY, PA)

**24% MIDWEST (NET)**

- 16% EAST NORTH CENTRAL (IN, IL, MI, OH, WI)
- 8% WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)

**36% SOUTH (NET)**

- 20% SOUTH ATLANTIC (DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)
- 6% EAST SOUTH CENTRAL (AL, KY, MS, TN)
- 10% WEST SOUTH CENTRAL (AR, LA, OK, TX)

**22% WEST (NET)**

- 7% MOUNTAIN (AZ, CO, ID, NM, MT, UT, NV, WY)
- 15% PACIFIC (AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)

**READ: FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SURVEY, THE WORDS “HOMOSEXUAL” AND “GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER” ARE USED INTERCHANGEABLY.**

**Issues Prioritization & Generic Ballot**

1. Over the next six months, what should be the number one priority for Congress and the President? (READ AND ROTATED. ACCEPTED ONLY ONE.)

- 49% CREATING JOBS
- 23% REDUCING GOVERNMENT SPENDING/THE DEFICIT
- 11% PLUGGING THE OIL LEAK IN THE GULF/CLEANING UP THE OIL SPILL
- 7% WINNING THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN
- 1% CHANGING THE LAW TO ALLOW HOMOSEXUALS TO SERVE OPENLY IN THE MILITARY
  
- 6% OTHER (RECORD VERBATIM) (VOLUNTEERED)
- 2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- \* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Findings in the Current Law**

In 1993 Congress passed a law stating that homosexuals are not eligible to serve in the military.<sup>1</sup> Please tell me whether you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following findings that are in the current law. (PROBED EACH: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE?) (ROTATED 2-3)

2. One finding says, QUOTE “The primary purpose of the armed forces is to prepare for and to prevail in combat should the need arise.” END QUOTE<sup>2</sup>

**92% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

- 77% STRONGLY AGREE
- 15% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**6% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

- 3% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 3% STRONGLY DISAGREE
  
- 2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

3. One finding says, QUOTE “The military is a specialized society...that is characterized by its own laws, rules, customs, and traditions.” END QUOTE<sup>3</sup>

**65% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

38% STRONGLY AGREE  
27% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**29% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

14% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
15% STRONGLY DISAGREE

4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Political Pressures and Priorities**

4. In his 2008 campaign, Barack Obama promised that if he was elected President, he would seek to repeal, or overturn, the law regarding homosexuals in the military, often called “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Congress passed and President Bill Clinton signed the law in 1993. Do you believe he is assigning high priority to this issue (ROTATED) mostly out of principle or mostly for political reasons?

57% MOSTLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS  
31% MOSTLY OUT OF PRINCIPLE

2% BOTH (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED)  
9% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

5. I will now read to you the opinions of two people. Please tell me which comes closest to your own view: (ROTATED PERSON 1/PERSON 2)

**Person 1** In considering this issue, Congress should listen mostly to advocates who want to overturn the law and to require the armed forces to accept professed lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons in the military. <sup>4</sup>

**Person 2** In considering this issue, Congress should listen mostly to the four chiefs of staff of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, who have expressed concerns about overturning the current law.

(AND WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE WITH PERSON 1/PERSON2?)

**41% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 1 (NET)**

25% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 1  
16% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 1

**48% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 2 (NET)**

17% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 2  
31% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 2

2% IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
6% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Please tell me whether you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement on an issue likely to be raised if Congress votes to overturn the current law on homosexuals in the military.

6. The military should modify training programs to promote acceptance of openly lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons in all military colleges, training programs, and schools run by the U.S. Defense Department <sup>5</sup>

**40% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

23% STRONGLY AGREE  
17% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**55% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

13% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
42% STRONGLY DISAGREE

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
\* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Career Penalties to Enforce Acceptance:**

7. I will now read you the opinions of two people. Please tell me which comes closest to your own view: (ROTATED PERSON 1/PERSON 2)

**Person 1** If the current law is overturned, the military should attempt to change personal attitudes and feelings toward homosexuality and impose “zero tolerance” career penalties on anyone who disagrees for any reason, including religious convictions.<sup>6</sup>

**Person 2** Even if the current law is overturned, the military should not attempt to change personal attitudes and feelings toward human sexuality. Imposing career penalties on anyone who disagrees would discriminate against military personnel and chaplains who do not support homosexuality.

(AND WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 1/PERSON 2?)

**37% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 1**  
20% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 1  
17% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 1

**52% TOTAL AGREE PERSON 2 (NET)**  
20% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 2  
32% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 2  
  
3% IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
6% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Political Impact**

8. Would you prefer that your elected representatives in Washington, DC (ROTATED) vote to overturn the 1993 law and allow homosexual persons to serve openly in the military, OR vote to keep the law as it is?<sup>7</sup>

48% VOTE TO KEEP IT AS IT IS  
45% VOTE TO OVERTURN  
7% DO NOT KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

9. Assume for a moment that your elected representatives in Washington, DC voted to overturn the 1993 law. Would that make you (ROTATED) more likely or less likely to vote to re-elect them to Congress or the U.S. Senate or would it make no difference? (PROBED: And would that be MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT?)

**21% TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT (NET)**

12% MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT  
9% SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT

**30% TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT (NET)**

8% SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT  
22% MUCH LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT

**46% NO DIFFERENCE**

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Abortion Funding in Military Facilities**

10. Changing topics slightly...Congress is considering legislation that would authorize abortions in military medical facilities, both in the United States and overseas. Do you (ROTATED) support or oppose legislation to allow abortions in military medical facilities in the United States and overseas? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?)

**41% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)**

26% STRONGLY SUPPORT  
15% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

**49% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)**

7% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE  
42% STRONGLY OPPOSE  
  
5% IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

11. Would you be (ROTATED) more likely or less likely to vote for your United States Senator or Member of Congress if he or she voted for legislation that would allow abortions at any time in military medical facilities both in the United States and overseas? Or, would it make no difference? (PROBED: And would that be MUCH or SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT?)

**22% TOTAL MORE LIKELY (NET)**

14% MUCH MORE LIKELY  
8% SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY

**43% TOTAL LESS LIKELY (NET)**

9% SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY  
34% MUCH LESS LIKELY

**32% NO DIFFERENCE**

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Demographics**

Finally, I would like to ask you a few confidential statistical questions for classification purposes only.

12. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a ... (ROTATED) Republican, Independent or Democrat? (If Republican or Democrat, ask: "Are you a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?" (If "Independent" asked: "Which way do you lean, or usually vote, the Democratic or Republican party?")

**39% TOTAL REPUBLICAN (NET)**

21% STRONG REPUBLICAN  
7% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN  
11% INDEPENDENT LEANING REPUBLICAN

**18% INDEPENDENT**

**40% TOTAL DEMOCRAT (NET)**

10% INDEPENDENT LEANING DEMOCRAT  
7% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT  
23% STRONG DEMOCRAT

2% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

13. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be...? [IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASKED] And would you consider yourself to be VERY (conservative/liberal) or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

**45% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE (NET)**

22% VERY CONSERVATIVE  
23% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

**26% MODERATE**

**22% TOTAL LIBERAL (NET)**

12% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL  
10% VERY LIBERAL  
  
2% LIBERTARIAN  
4% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

14. Are you or is anyone in your household an active duty member of the military, reservist, or veteran?

**32% MILITARY HOUSEHOLD (NET)**

12% YES, I AM A VETERAN  
3% YES, I AM ACTIVE DUTY  
\* YES, I AM A RESERVIST  
11% YES, SOMEONE ELSE IS A VETERAN  
4% YES, SOMEONE ELSE IS ACTIVE DUTY  
2% YES, SOMEONE ELSE IS A RESERVIST

**66% NO ONE IS ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVIST, OR VETERAN**

\* DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

15. Are you...(ROTATED)

62% MARRIED  
15% SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED  
10% DIVORCED  
10% WIDOWED  
1% SEPARATED  
  
2% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

16. How many children under the age of 18 reside in this home?

**72% 0/NONE**

**25% TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN (NET)**

12% 1

8% 2

5% 3 OR MORE

2% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

17. Is there a member of your family or a close friend who is openly gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

46% YES

51% NO

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

18. Do you currently work with or have you ever worked with someone who is openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?

66% YES

29% NO

4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

19. On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself (ROTATED) pro-life or pro-choice?

48% PRO-LIFE

44% PRO-CHOICE

5% NEITHER/BOTH/IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

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<sup>1</sup> Section 654, Title 10, U.S. C. (a) Findings (13) through (15)

<sup>2</sup> Section 654, Title 10, U.S.C., (a) Finding (4)

<sup>3</sup> Section 654, Title 10, U.S.C. (a) Finding (8)(A) and (8)(B)

<sup>4</sup> In 2009 and 2010, President Barack Obama declared June to be “LGBT Equality” month, and invited to White House receptions the leaders of activist groups that promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) equality.

<sup>5</sup> Center for American Progress, “Implementing the Repeal of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ in the U.S. Armed Forces, March 2010, Recommendations and Findings: “Training: Mandate that the Department of Defense make sexual orientation part of existing servicewide nondiscrimination training programs,”p. 5.

<sup>6</sup> Michael D. Palm Center, “How to End ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ – A Roadmap of Political, Legal, Regulatory, and Organizational Steps to Equal Treatment,” May 2009, p. 6, “Second, military leaders must signal clearly that they expect all members of the armed forces to adhere to the new policy, regardless of their personal beliefs.” In the same report, the Palm Center recommends career “carrots and sticks” to facilitate implementation of the new policy in the military. (pp. 19-21)

<sup>7</sup> The words “homosexual,” “homosexual conduct” or “homosexuality” appear eleven times in the law, Section 654, Title 10, U.S.C., and the word “bisexual” appears twice, one of them being a definition. The law also states that “homosexual” means “gay and lesbian.” The word “transgender” was discussed only rarely in 1993, though some of the activist groups at the time were proponents of transgender rights.