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## Substantial Majority of Americans Supports Transgender Military Service

Polls consistently show that a substantial majority of Americans favors allowing transgender military service, with support cutting across demographic groups. Young adults, who are members of the target population for recruitment, are even more likely to endorse inclusion.

- **U.S. Population:** As the following chart shows, every national poll conducted this year indicates that between 59% and 71% of Americans support transgender military service. **Taking an average across all 2019 national polls, 67% of Americans support inclusive policy for transgender service members.**

### 2019 National Polls

<u>Pollster</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sample size</u>	<u>Support for inclusive policy</u>
<a href="#">Gallup</a>	May 2019	1,017	71%
<a href="#">Harvard/Harris</a>	May 2019	1,295	68%
<a href="#">PPRI</a>	April 2019	1,100	63%
<a href="#">Reuters/Ipsos</a>	Jan./Feb. 2019	8,823	59%
<a href="#">Dalia Research</a>	January 2019	1,043	70%
<a href="#">Quinnipiac</a>	January 2019	1,004	70%

2019 polling average support for inclusive policy: 67%

- **Young Adults:** [Gallup](#) found that **84% of respondents aged 18-29 (the prime age for military service) support transgender service.** [Quinnipiac](#) found that 86% of young adults support transgender service and the [Harvard/Harris poll](#) found 68% in favor.
- **Military Community:** Polls of the military community produce differing results depending on sampling strategies, but the most methodologically sound polls find solid support for inclusion. [Gallup](#) found in May 2019 that **56% of veterans support transgender service** and a 2017 [Military Family Advisory Network survey](#) of 5,650 active duty troops, veterans, and their families found that **the military community supports transgender service by a two-to-one margin, 62% to 31%.** A 2018 *Stars & Stripes* [subscriber poll](#) found that 61% of 1,031 respondents oppose transgender service. Consistent with other polls, *Stars and Stripes* found majority support for transgender service among young adults. Its opt-in sample, however, included very few young respondents.
- **Republicans:** [Gallup](#) found that 43% of Republicans support inclusive service and [Harvard/Harris](#) found 49% in favor. The [PPRI poll found](#) that **Republicans exhibited the most dramatic increase in support** of any cohort across the last two years, with 47% supportive now vs. 37% in 2017. The [Quinnipiac poll found a similar shift](#) by Republicans.