

Congressional Survey of Accountability, Truth, and Freedom From Service Members Facing the DoD's Vaccine Mandate

These stories and demographics were collected through a grassroots effort of nearly 600 service members across the entire Department of Defense from 3-12 June 2022. The service members provided their responses to Congress and the American people about how this mandate is affecting our Force, their families, and themselves. These stories demonstrate how the policy of mandating this product is failing our troops and failing our Country.¹ No person should have to choose between their faith, beliefs, medical autonomy, or their livelihood.² This is the largest uncontrolled human experiment ever conducted and violates the very core principles of basic human rights and the Constitution of the United States.

This past week, reports of a “Comirnaty-labeled” product for those who were awaiting a “FDA-approved” vaccine finally appeared in treatment facilities. This is an admission by the DoD that they have been unlawfully enforcing this mandate by claiming to have FDA licensed vaccines available to service members when, in fact, none existed until now. This does not negate the threat to National Security that already exists from the separation of almost 5,000 service members, the blatant discrimination of the “unvaxxed”, the trampling of religious and medical freedoms, and the fact that these are not vaccines by the traditional definition.³ This is supported by the NIH, CDC, FDA and multiple military separations boards which found no wrongdoing on the part of service members who have been punished for remaining unvaccinated.^{4,5}

There is now a severe recruiting and retention (R&R) problem that has manifested itself across the entire DoD. The Marine Corps Commandant's White Letter 1-22, signed 1 June 2022, outlines this crisis and calls upon every Marine to assist, as we are the “proof source” for recruiting. General Berger states “Personal, unit, and family stories are often the most compelling. All Marines are encouraged to tell the Marine Corps story.” We agree that these personal stories are compelling and need to be heard by the American People and Members of Congress who we have elected to protect our God-given and inalienable rights that we have sworn to uphold and defend under the Constitution of the United States.

To discriminatorily deny our religious, moral, and medical freedoms is wrong.

To coerce anyone into receiving this product is appalling.

Failing to make the connection of this unlawful coercion to the R&R crisis is absurd.

We are asking you to be our advocate and voice our stories to the American People to bring accountability to our leaders who are not only discriminating against our service members' freedoms but also ignoring the laws of informed consent for Emergency Use Authorization products.^{6,7} These egregious crimes of discrimination and coercion need to stop, and our leaders need to be held accountable now. The courts may be too late once they finally rule. We need your help with Congressional action to end this. These service members testify to the truth of these atrocities and shameful treatment by our DoD. These Congressional Survey results and comments are *absolutely* compelling and warrant Congressional attention and action, and they make up just a small fraction of the true scope of this crisis.

¹ See enclosures with Service members' “Brief Description of Service Members' Experiences” and “Adverse Action Comments”.

² <https://www.covidpenalty.com/>, This video by Brian Ward and Strategic Medical Liberty Initiative explain some of the laws being broken by the DoD by mandating this Emergency Use Authorization product for our Military.

³ <https://www.theabjectlesson.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ECF-Filed-Complt-5-23-22.pdf>, Wilson v. Austin, is the lawsuit that over 500 service members are plaintiffs in which outlines exactly why this mandate is unlawful.

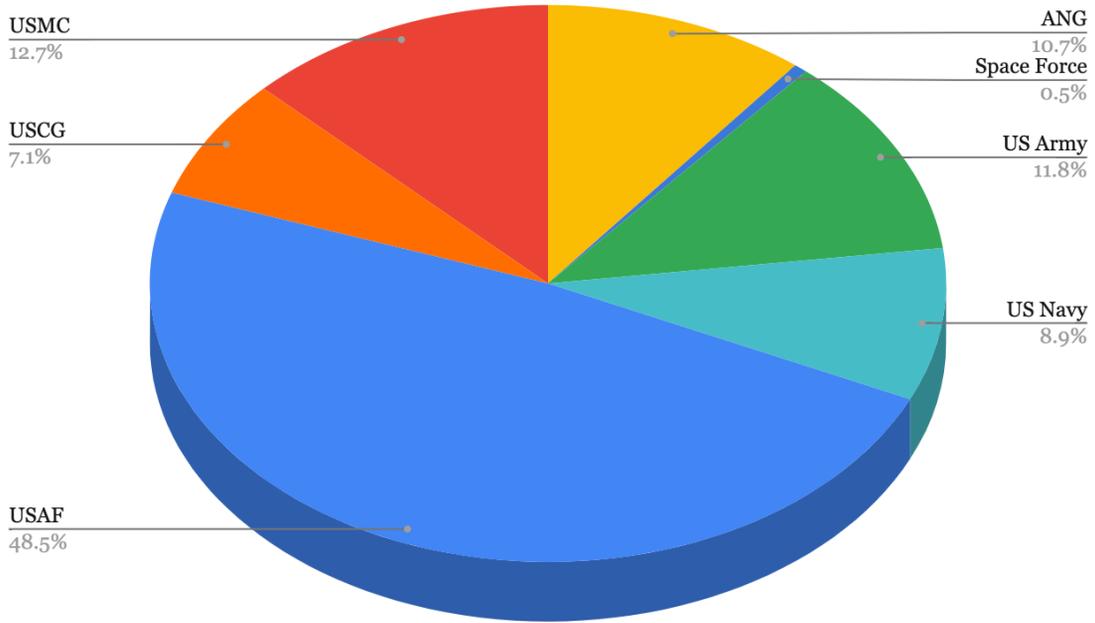
⁴ https://www.theepochtimes.com/panel-rejects-navy-attempt-to-boot-officer-for-covid-19-vaccine-refusal_4488837.html?slsuccess=1, Sailor retained due to there being no FDA-licensed “vaccine” available for COVID-19.

⁵ <https://lc.org/newsroom/details/061022-pfizers-fda-approved-covid-shot-will-never-be-available-1>, CDC quite admission.

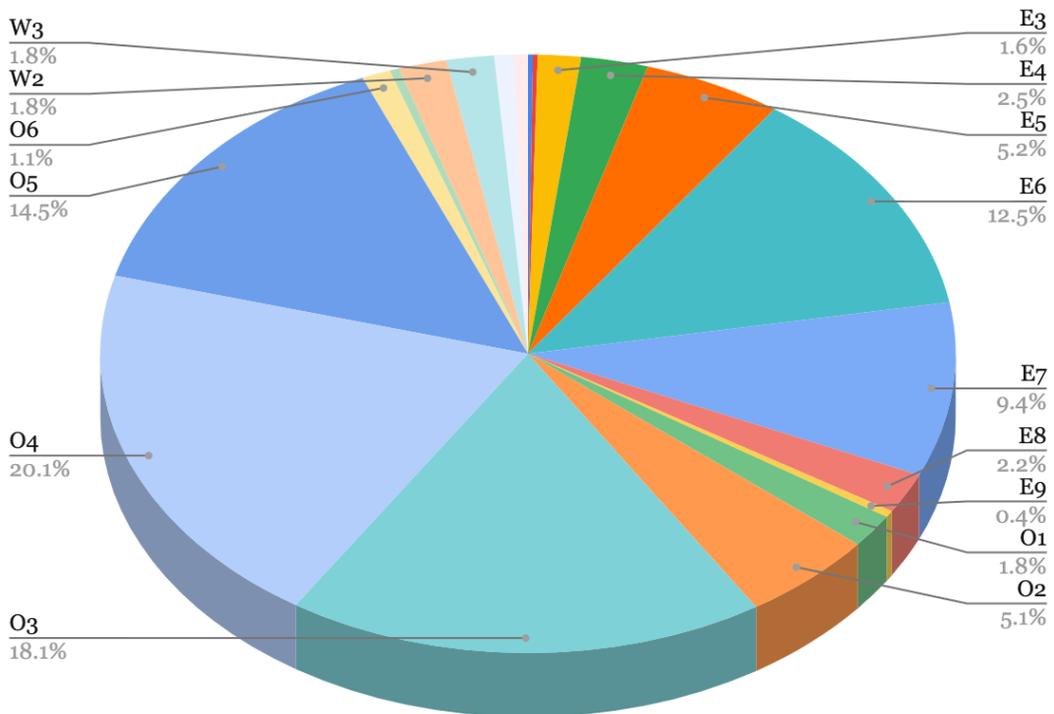
⁶ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2016-title10/pdf/USCODE-2016-title10-subtitleA-partII-chap55-sec1107a.pdf>, 10 U.S. Code § 1107a. All COVID “vaccines” in the U.S. are currently EUA and require informed consent (option to refuse) that can only be waived by the President in writing (which it has not been).

⁷ <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/military-covid-vaccine-mandate-violates-law-pl/?fbclid=IwAR11om9vNRgue3208d6KciLeWDItq8NcaxwJcBVAW2mxOofBZLOmmDemMKg>

DoD Service Branches Representation

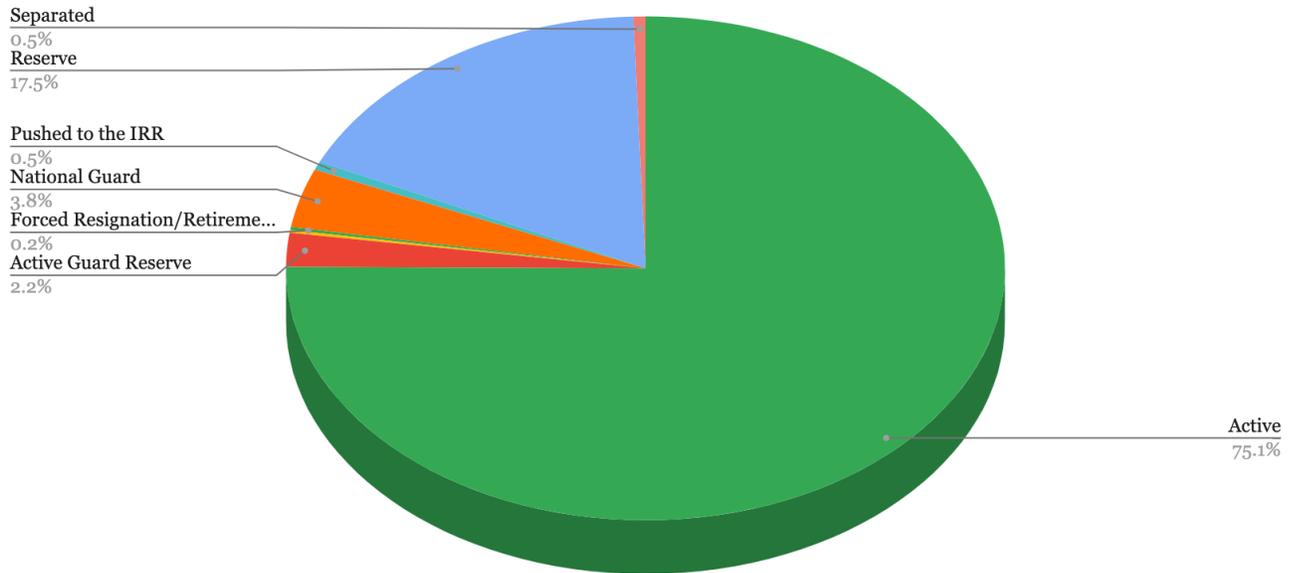


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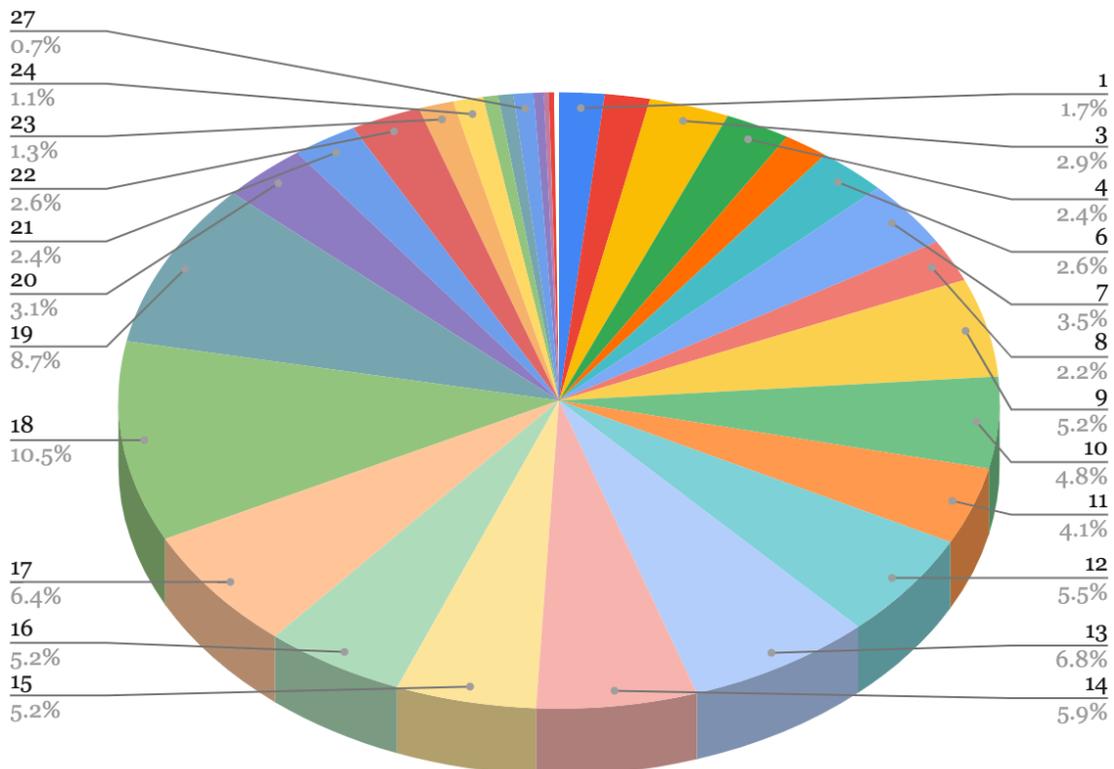
Rate: O3-O5 were over 52% of the respondents and E5-E7 were another 27% of the respondents. These are our most experienced and competent warfighters!

Current Status



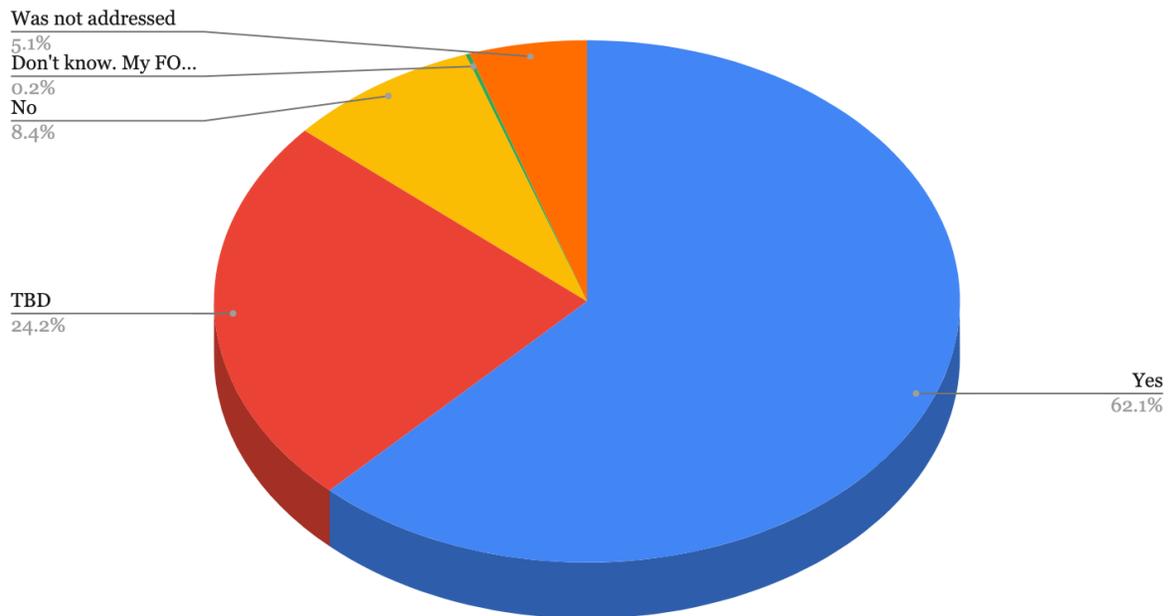
Status: Overwhelmingly Active Duty. Reservists are being removed without pay or due process.

Years of Service (total)



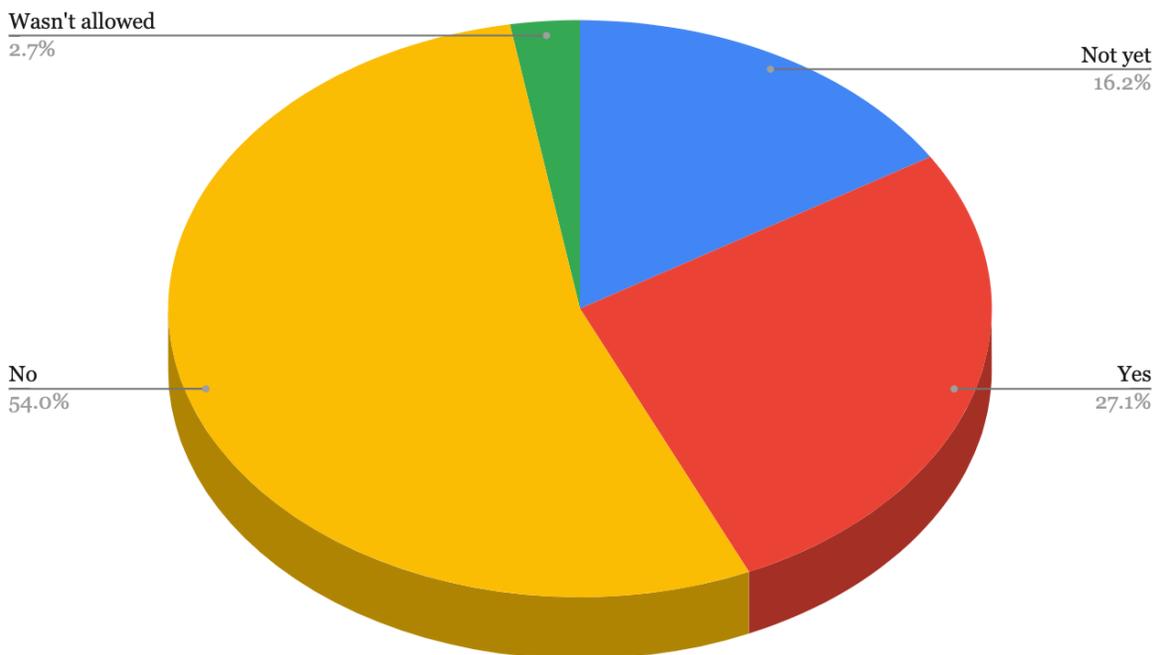
Years of Service: **75%** of the respondents had 10 years or more of service. These are **HIGHLY** experienced service members

Religious beliefs found to be sincere by 1st RAR denial authority:



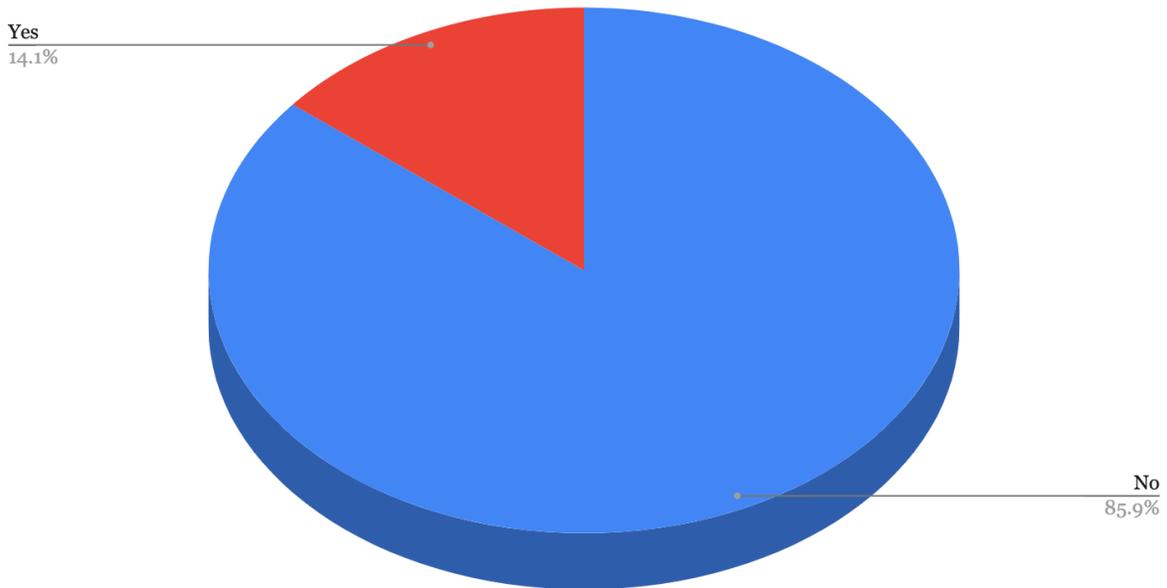
1st RAR Denial: Many of the “No’s” and “Not addressed” are due to the Denial letter not making mention of their sincerity or minimizing it by stating that they “don’t believe this places burden on their conscience.” Some were not even given a copy of their denials and have FOIA requests.

Medical exemption request submitted:



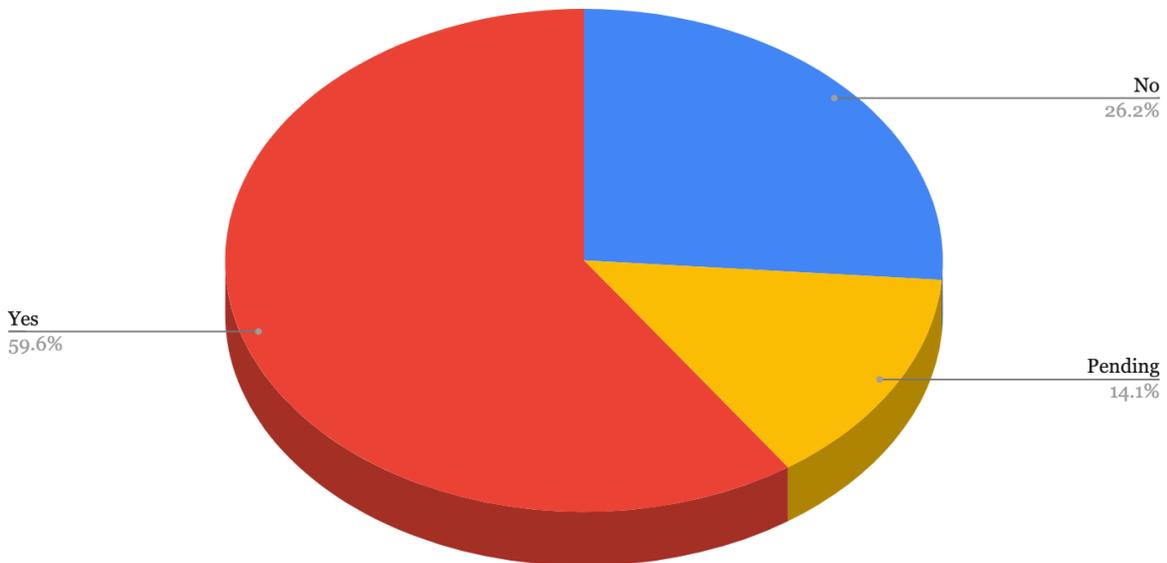
Medical Exemption: Many were told that they did not qualify or it would not be approved.

Prior medical exemptions for other vaccines or treatments:



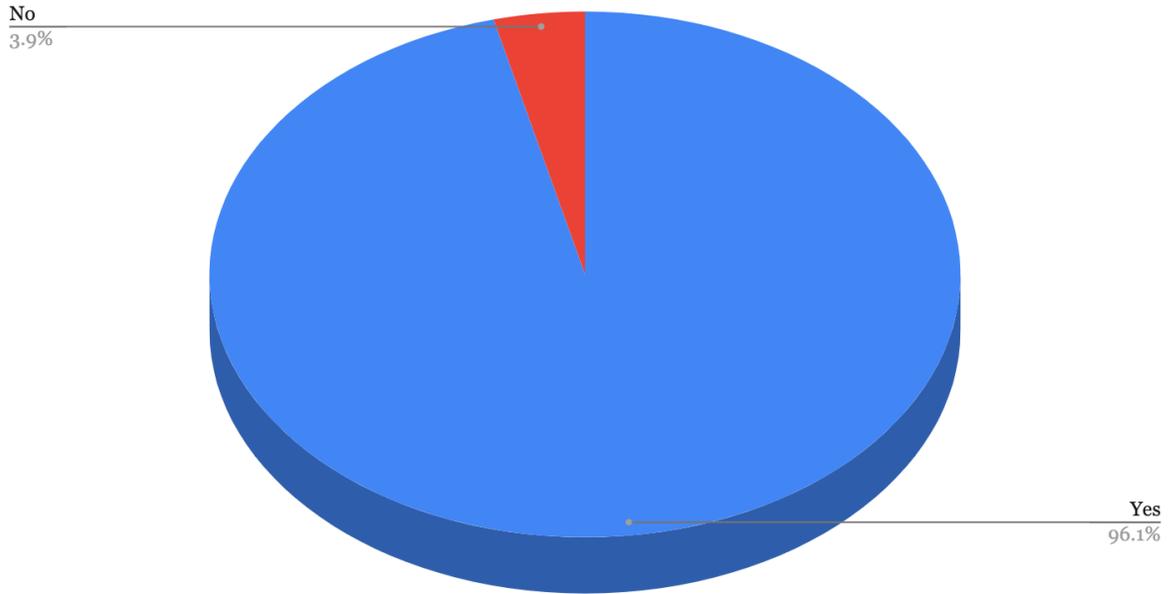
Prior medical exemptions: There were 83 out of 588 who had previous medical exemptions (ME). Thousands of service members have had MEs previously for other treatments and vaccines. There have been many who have received a ME for the COVID-19 vaccination which demonstrates that there should also be Religious Accommodations granted to service members. The absence of this is discrimination.

Received adverse action as a result of requesting a religious accommodation or medical exemption:



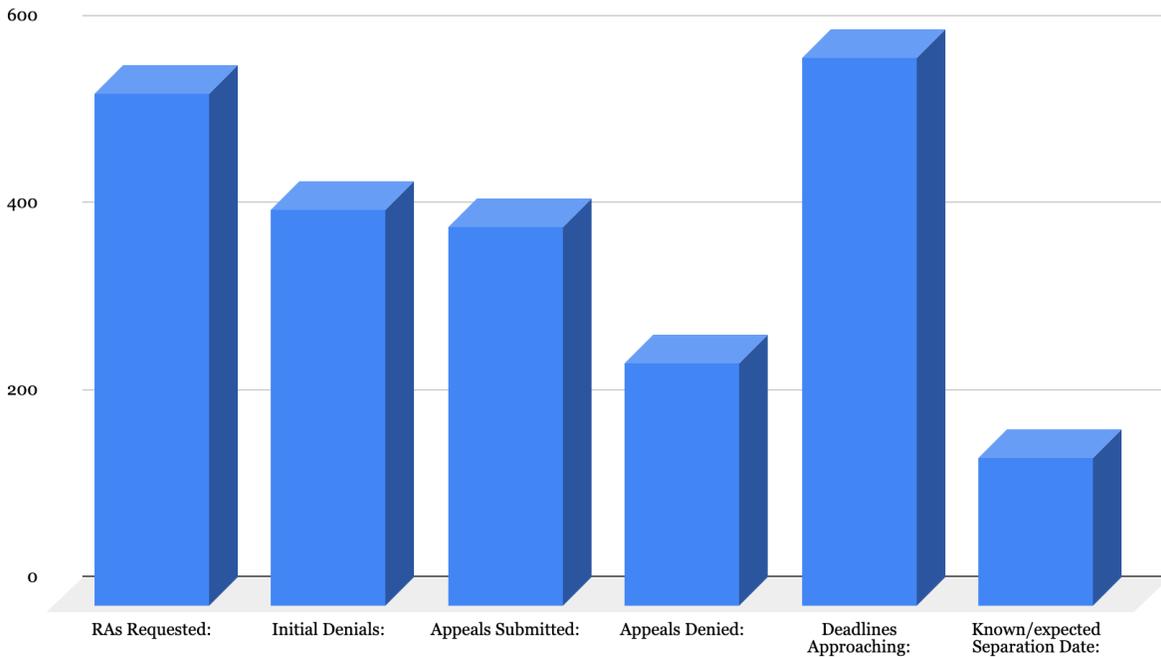
Adverse Action: See a sample of the adverse action comments below and enclosure 2.

Continued to work in person while RAR/Medical exemption was pending:



Continued work in person: This demonstrates that we are not considered a “threat to the force” while we have continued to work and be “accommodated” while our official requests are pending. To suddenly determine we are a “threat” once our requests are denied is incongruent and nonsensical.

RAs Requested, Denied, Deadlines, and Separations



Religious Accommodation Requests (RAR) / Medical Exemption Survey Results Current as of 12 June 2022 from 588 Respondents					
RAs Requested:	Initial Denials:	Appeals Submitted:	Appeals Denied:	Deadlines Approaching:	Known/expected Separation Date:
547	423	405	258	586	157

Sample of Enclosure 1: Brief Description of Service Members' Experiences (29 pages of testimony)

“The RAR process is a sham and I will be denied and kicked out.”

-TSgt, ANG

“Since the mandate began, relationships have been tarnished, ‘hold-outs’ are humiliated and there is all time low moral within the unit.”

-TSgt, ANG

“My status as unvaccinated service member has made forward movement in my career impossible and has placed my retirement pension at risk as I have 19 years of service and would retire if allowed to get to 20 years.”

-Maj, Space Force

“Complete and utter discrimination and retaliation based on my faith and official duties as a Medical Officer, in order to coerce me to shut up and comply.”

-1LT, US Army

“Because of my relationship with God, this process created an occasion that has negatively impacted my characterization of service despite my record of performance.”

-MSgt, USMC

“Discrimination from leadership that preaches inclusion...”

-Maj, USMC

“From my perspective the leadership at the highest levels of the CoC is creating significant damage in trust between enlisted and commanders at local level. They are also destroying the belief in core values like integrity, with constant deceptive and coercive attempts to vaccinate or punish service members who have not complied with EUAs. Additionally, regulations written have been ignored or stretched to allow discrimination and retaliation against service members in almost every case. Loss of training opportunities causes current harm in pay and future harm in opportunities for promotion, retention and future assignments. In a world with these many threats to national security, and the inability to recruit numbers of qualified enlisted members currently, it is beyond my understanding how purging currently serving members otherwise considered in good standing in the tens of thousands is a rationale decision.”

-TSgt, ANG

“It's exhausting worrying about if I'm going to have a job in coming weeks.”

-MSgt, ANG

“Honor, Courage, Convenience, I am still able to work in person, have not been out sick once due to Covid. I have to pick up the slack for those who are out with/without symptoms. Reference the MARADMIN 275/22, blatant discrimination against unvaccinated because we have to submit our leave to a LTCOL (O5) or above where vaccinated just submit their request to the shop Officer in Charge, sometimes a 1stLt (O2).”

-Maj, USMC

“I have a congenital heart defect and my civilian cardiologist wrote a letter stating I shouldn't take the Covid19 vaccine as I'm at an increased risk of heart complications. The military denied my medical exemption request and I was forced to separate from the military Dec 2021.”

-Maj, ANG

“Lots of stress to save my career now with less than 1 year from retirement, and no promotion available. I'm the only guardsman qualified in, and able to instruct in, 19AF aircraft.”

-LtCol, ANG

“I am being threatened with the loss of my job simply for requesting my constitutional rights and pointing out the illegality of the current orders to receive COVID vaccination.”

-Capt, USMC

“Served as Company Commander for 10 months, never missing a day of work, while unvaccinated and awaiting my RAR/Appeal return. Once I officially refused the vaccine, I was relieved of command, put on the Officer Disciplinary Notebook at HQMC, had my promotion to Major suspended, my orders cancelled, received an Adverse FitRep, and am awaiting my board of inquiry (BOI) notification.”

-Capt, USMC

“I have been told I am not practicing the tenants of my religion appropriately.”

-GySgt, USMC

“This has been so difficult that it is the only thing in 19 years of service if a high-stress career that sent me to seek medical care for stress-induced health problem.”

-LCDR, USCG

“Continue to work hard and support the unit, have had zero days being sick, and conducted a deployment while being unvaxxed. I have not affected my unit negatively in any capacity by being unvaccinated, but yet I'm pulled off the flight schedule, grounded, told my leave requests require O6 approval while everyone else is at the shop level, to the point where it doesn't make sense and feels like discrimination or a tactic used to create inconvenience to us and our command with the intent of us giving up our resolve.”

-Capt, USMC

“Stressful and life-changing. I will never be able to trust military leadership again.”

-Capt, USAF

“For standing up for my beliefs, I was sent home from training, grounded for over 5 months, lost my dream assignment, and received negative paperwork.”

-Maj, USAF

“For the last nearly two years I have been out-casted by my command publicly for my religious beliefs, received several adverse actions, and had my very character and morals attacked due to standing firm in my religious convictions.”

-Capt, USMC

“The entire existence of the military is to defend against any threat to the Constitution and the rights enshrined therein; and the military's current attempt to subjugate these rights is self-destructive behavior completely incongruent with the very purpose of the military.”

-CDR, US Navy

“Persecuted by the DoD for pursuing bodily autonomy on the basis of my religious beliefs.”

-Capt, USAF

“Frustrating experience, military leadership seems cowardice and corrupt.”

-Maj, USAF

“It has been an onslaught against religious freedom (rights of conscience) and completely decoupled from real science and statistics (military wide 99.995% COVID-19 survival rate - more likely to die on motorcycle or even from COVID-19 vaccine)”

-TSgt, USAF

“I served as a Drill Instructor for two years during COVID. I won numerous accolades during that time including competing for the Drill Instructor of the year for the entire Marine Corps. I am now denied the opportunity to train recruits, move up in billet, and even return to my primary MOS because I submitted a RAR/appeal and I'm still awaiting a final determination.”

-SSgt, USMC

“In a holding pattern and running out of fuel.”

-SMSgt, USAF

Sample of Enclosure 2: Adverse Action taken against Service Members (17 pages of testimony)

“Orders canceled, command stripped (selected on FY22 Command Screening Board), recommended for separation at BOI.”

-LtCol, USMC

“Removed from my position. Removed from any leadership position.”

-MSgt, USMC

“Restricted to within 50 miles of my unit for over six months, treated differently in requirements for masking, subjected to negative commentary on the stupidity and selfishness of being unvaccinated, forced to submit retirement request much earlier than desired to attempt to protect a retirement at 20 years.”

-LCDR, USCG

“I have not been allowed to fly my aircraft.”

-Capt, USMC

“No longer allowed to attend military schooling to advance my career.”

-SSG, US Army

“Charged with Misconduct by violating a lawful order, denied request to retire next summer.”

-LtCol, USMC

“1st retirement request was denied, was removed from collateral duties even though I was the foremost expert in the position, have been told it's not about religion I am just prideful, made to wear a mask when those around me that were vaxxed did not, restricted in movement to no more than 50 miles which meant I could not leave Juneau.”

-PO1, USCG

“Placed on the Officer's Disciplinary Notebook, given report of misconduct, been removed as the slated commander for VMFA-225.”

-LtCol, USMC

“Marine Corps issued new guidance that I am no longer allowed to travel in support of my billet. I will not be present for the Global Force Management Sync at the end of June. Only being able to communicate through SVTC, phone, and email limits the required conversations for my job.”

-Maj, USMC

“Withdrawal of PCS order and squadron command assignment while request pending.”

-LtCol, USAF

“Removal from flight training.”

-1stLt, USMC

“Removal from Aviation Safety Officer Course TAD orders due to prohibition to travel for professional purposes.”

-Maj, USMC

“Discontinued workup for Fighter Attack Instructor Qualification due to the squadron leadership not wanting to invest more resources in someone who was going to be kicked out (blanket assumption of blanket denials for the RAR process).”

-Capt, USMC

“After requesting my initial religious accommodation, I was able to continue training being certified in a high priority US STRATCOM mission set as well as becoming mission qualified for the KC-135 as a co-pilot. The very next day after my completion of this qualification training I was notified by my commander and director of operations that I would be removed from all flying and simulator events. Since 1 Dec, I have not flown in the KC-135. My Squadron Commander pursued getting a waiver for me to deploy and was told that the waiver was strictly academic in nature and no COVID vaccine waivers to deploy were being or would be approved. He received this information from the waiver approval authority.”

-1stLt, USAF

“I was a couple months away from completing Advanced Helicopter training. I was grounded back in September because I submitted my intent to request a religious accommodation.”

-1stLt, USMC

“Forced retirement.”

-SMSgt, USAF

“The Marine Corps changed their respective policy for personal that are not vaccinated. The base line is the following: Personnel are not to be able to Re-Enlist/Retain, attend training required to be promoted, stop promotion for selected grades, take command or receive educational benefits.”

-SSgt, USMC

“Put on No Points No Pay. Being forced to IRR and Received a Letter of Reprimand.”

-Maj, USAF

“I have lost nearly \$1,000 per month in flight pay, loss of flight status and no chance for continued military service.”

-Maj, USAF

“Over 8 counselings, coercion to get the shot, threatened my career and family. Multiple lies were told including I would get a dishonorable discharge. This was all while I was trying to be accommodated.”

-PO2, US Navy

“I was placed into an administrative hold, 2 hours into the first day of training for Pilot Instructor Training. As a result, I was unable to continue training and have sat, accomplishing nothing pertinent for more than 8 months.”

-Maj, USAF

“Yes, I have. I have not been able to travel for work, when it helps me and my career, but I am allowed to travel when it helps the Air Force. I am not allowed to travel to get training to Texas and it will help me in my career, flying and to be the best instructor. But I am allowed to travel to weather evacuate the aircraft, to Texas if there is weather in the area. And I was also cleared to travel, all the way to Qatar to deploy to help fill a billet for the Air Force, but again not allowed to travel to Texas to help me and my career. I am also told I cannot move to other bases because of this, and moving to other bases would get me other flying jobs that would help me advance my career. So, I am extremely stagnated in my career.”

-Capt, USAF

“Unable to PCS from a hardship tour while having a terminally ill family member.”

-Sgt, US Army

“Discrimination. Forced to be tested for Covid ONLY because I am unvaccinated. Been told numerous times to get ready to separate from the Army.”

-Capt, US Army

“Adverse FITNESS report, first adverse anything in 30 years of service, on hold due to injunction, and restricted from travel, which impacts my ability to do my job.”

-CAPT, US Navy

“2 days after beginning the RA process, I was grounded and have not flown since. I was removed from my leadership billet 3-1/2 months before my appeal was adjudicated. I was never reassigned to another billet. I have been denied retirement on 3 separate requests throughout this process. I am a Marine Officer and aviator prohibited from leading Marines, flying and voluntary separation.”

-LtCol, USMC

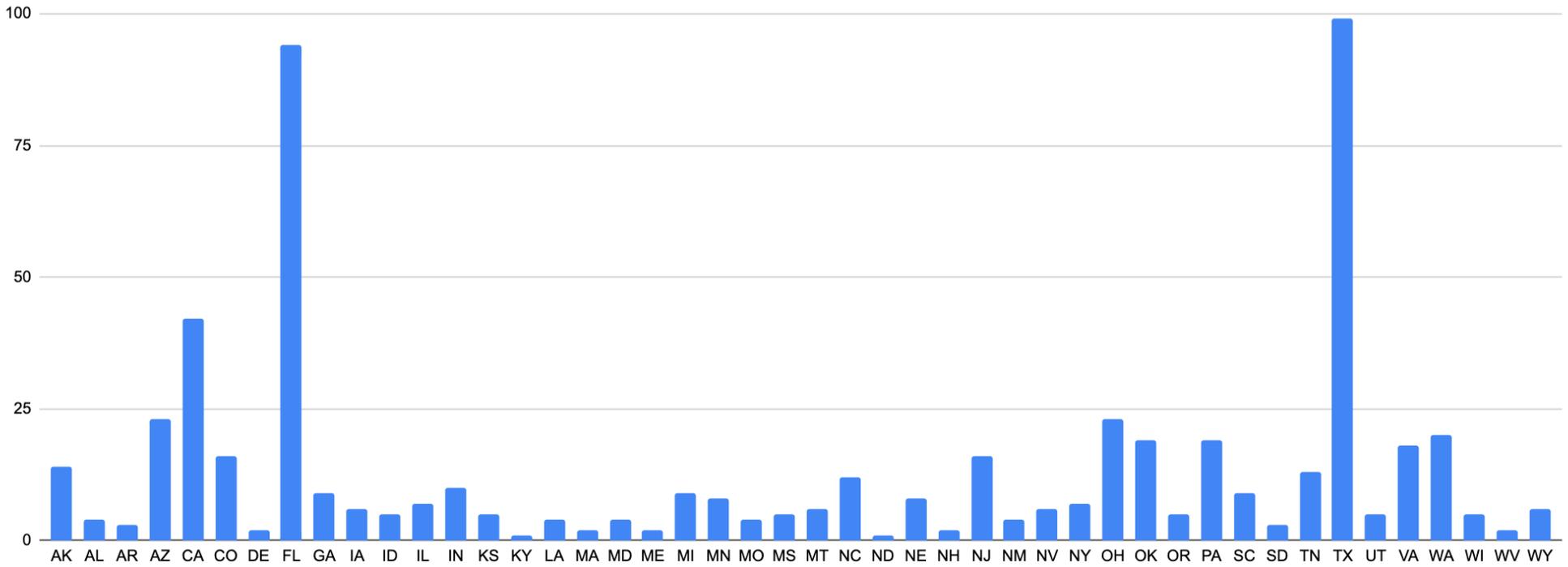
“Pending June 30, no further drill or pay.”

-Maj, ANG

“The medical team forced me to undergo a mental health evaluation because I did not take their recommendation to take the shots; my training assignment and follow-on assignment to Wing Chief of Safety were cancelled due to my request for accommodation. The assignment was planned for me to be a T-6 Squadron Commander in 2023. This will put me a year behind my peers in career progression.”

-LtCol, USAF

Home of Record - Constituency



Home of Record - Constituency (46 States Represented)

The above data is just a *small* sample of the 136,000+ service members currently holding the line against these unconstitutional mandates.

We have all sworn an Oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

What are you doing for your constituents who are facing this purging and marring of their Honorable careers?

How many have already contacted you and received merely an acknowledgement?

This will affect our Country for years to come.

List of Enclosures*

1. Brief Description of Service Members' Experiences <https://docdro.id/H0vuOUF>
2. Adverse Action Comments <https://docdro.id/0EH1hs7>
3. Previous Medical Exemptions Approved <https://docdro.id/UEiTUh4>
4. Basis for Medical Exemption Requests <https://docdro.id/vPBkpKL>

“Honorable service is support and defense of the Constitution, the American people, and the national interest in a manner consistent with the Army ethic. Army professionals serve honorably by obeying the laws of the Nation and all legal orders. Army forces reject and report illegal, unethical, or immoral orders or actions... **There is a risk when disobeying what is perceived to be an unlawful or immoral order – and it may be the most courageous decision an Army professional ever makes.**”

- Army Doctrine Publication 6-22 Army Leadership and the Profession, 25 Nov 2019

“The military profession is a thinking profession... The Marine Corps' style of warfare requires intelligent leaders with a penchant for boldness and initiative down to the lowest levels. Boldness is an essential moral trait in a leader for it generates combat power beyond the physical means at hand. Initiative, the willingness to act on one's own judgment, is a prerequisite for boldness... **Ready compliance for the purpose of personal advancement – the behavior of "yes-men" – will not be tolerated.**”

- Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication 1 Warfighting, 20 Jun 1997

“**Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.**”

- John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton, 1887

“**The hope of impunity is the greatest inducement to do wrong.**”

- Marcus Tullius Cicero

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you **but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly** with your God?”

- Micah 6:8

*For any questions about this survey (<https://forms.gle/VqHQbn1wrA7rWon8A>), to contact any of the service members who took the survey (besides those who wish to remain anonymous), or have a copy of the raw data, please send your request to Congressional.Survey.ATAF@protonmail.com, the Congressional Survey for Accountability, Truth, and Freedom (ATAF) from your official .house or .senate email. Thank you.