## **Review Draft 2006 EAC UOCAVA Voter Survey**

Dear Voter,

We are conducting a survey of overseas and uniformed services absentee voters and are inviting you to tell us about your experiences with the election process. The United States Congress has asked for this study because of the reports that uniformed services and overseas voters often have problems when trying to vote. We are working with the United States Election Assistance Commission to make sure that your experiences and suggestions are being collected and forwarded to Congress.

Your responses are confidential so please take 8-10 minutes to fill out this survey, and tell us about your voting experience in November of 2006. This is a great opportunity to help improve the system and your participation matters: we can not do a good job without your help!

Thank you so much!

Start Survey!

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ALL SURVEY TAKERS ANSWER THIS QUESTION

"Yes" answers take the Main Line of questions

"No" answers take the Did Not Vote Line of questions

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Were you an overseas citizen or a member of the Uniformed Services, spouse or dependent on November 7, 2006?

Overseas Citizen

Uniformed Services member

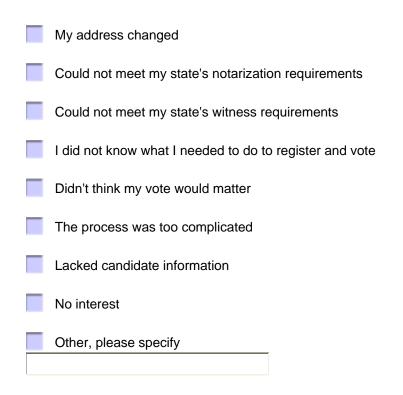
Spouse or dependent of Uniformed Services member

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Did you vote on November 7, 2006?

	Yes, I voted
	No, I did not try to vote
	No, I tried but was unable to complete the process
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for both vote	The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the federal form registration and absentee ballot request for overseas citizens, nilitary within and outside of the U.S., and their spouses and
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<b>3</b> Why	y didn't you vote? (check all that apply)
	My ballot did not arrive
	My ballot was late
	Forgot to send my ballot
	Registration/ballot request FPCA form was denied
	Missed the registration deadline
	I thought I was registered, but wasn't

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If you had been in the U.S. on November 7, 2006, Election Day, how likely is it that you would have voted?

Very likely Somewhat likely Neither likely or unlikely Somewhat unlikely Very unlikely

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5	In which U.S. state or territory would you have voted had you been in the U.S.?					
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6	On l	November 7th, in which country were you living or serving?				
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		at filing status did you use, or would you have used, on the stration/ballot request FPCA form?				
		U.S. citizen living outside the U.S. temporarily				
		U.S. citizen living outside the U.S. indefinitely				
		Uniformed Services, spouse or dependent				
8	Des	cribe your voting history: (check all that apply)				
		This would have been my first time voting in my life				
		This would have been my first time voting as an overseas citizen				
		This would have been my first time voting as an absentee military service member				
		This would have been my first time voting as an absentee military spouse				
		This would have been my first time voting as an absentee military dependent				
		Voted before as an overseas citizen				

		Voted before as an absentee military services member				
		Voted before as a military absentee spouse				
	Voted before as a military absentee dependent					
	Voted before locally in the US					
		Voted before as a domestic absentee in the US				
9						
		you try to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot for November 7, 2006 election?				
		Yes, I tried to request my ballot with the FPCA form				
		Yes, I used a state absentee ballot request form				
		Yes, but I am not sure which form I used				
		No, I didn't even try				
		No, I thought I was registered				
		No, I had confirmed that I was registered				

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DID NOT VOTE LINE

Who did you go to for your FPCA form to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot? (check all that apply)

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	Federal	Voting	Assistance	Program

Consulate/Embassy
Consulate/Embass

- Local election office
- IVAS service from DOD
- Political party
- Nonpartisan voter organization
- Voter registration event
- Employer
- Friend
- I did not request or look for an FPCA form
  - Other, please specify

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How did you get your registration/ballot request FPCA form?

- Downloaded the blank FPCA form from a website
- Filled-out the FPCA form online and printed it
- Used the online IVAS system

		In person, I received a hardcopy paper form
		Received it in the mail
		It was FAXed to me
		Received it as an email attachment
		I did not receive the form
		Other, please specify
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		en, in 2006, did you send in your registration/ballot request CA form?
	П	From January through June 2006
		July
		August
		First half of September
		Second half of September
		First half of October
		Second half of October
		November
		I was already registered from a previous year

I never sent it in

FAX

FAX + original FPCA by mail

Email

Email + original FPCA by mail

Used IVAS service for DOD

Regular Mail

Certified or Express Mail / Courier

Military Postal Service (APO/FPO)

Sent through Consulate/Embassy mail pouch

In person visit to election office

Other, please specify

How did you SEND IN your registration/ballot request FPCA form?

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MAIN LINE OF QUESTIONS

Please note: The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the federal form for both voter registration and absentee ballot request for overseas citizens, active duty military within and outside of the U.S., and their spouses and

dependents.

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	How satisfied were you with the process of obtaining and casting a ballot in 2006?
	Satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neutral Somewhat dissatisfied Dissatisfie
	1 2 3 4 5
15	
	What filing status did you use on the FPCA form? (Please check the same status as you indicated on your voter registration/ballot request FPCA form)
	U.S. citizen living outside the U.S. temporarily
	U.S. citizen living outside the U.S. indefinitely
	Uniformed Services, spouse or dependent
16	In which U.S. state or territory did you vote by absentee ballot on November 7, 2006?
17	In which country were you residing or serving on November 7, 2006?
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How did you get your registration/ballot request FPCA form?

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Filled-out the FPCA form online and printed it

Used the online IVAS system

In person, I received a hardcopy paper form

Received it in the mail

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Received it as an email attachment

I did not receive the form

Other, please specify

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When, in 2006, did you send in your registration/ballot request FPCA form?

From January through June 2006

July

August

First half of September

Second half of September

First half of October

Second half of October

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How did you send in your registration/ballot request FPCA form?

I was already registered from a previous year

**FAX** 

November

I never sent it in



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MAIN LINE

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When did you receive your blank ballot for the November 7, 2006 election?

Early to mid September

Mid to end of September

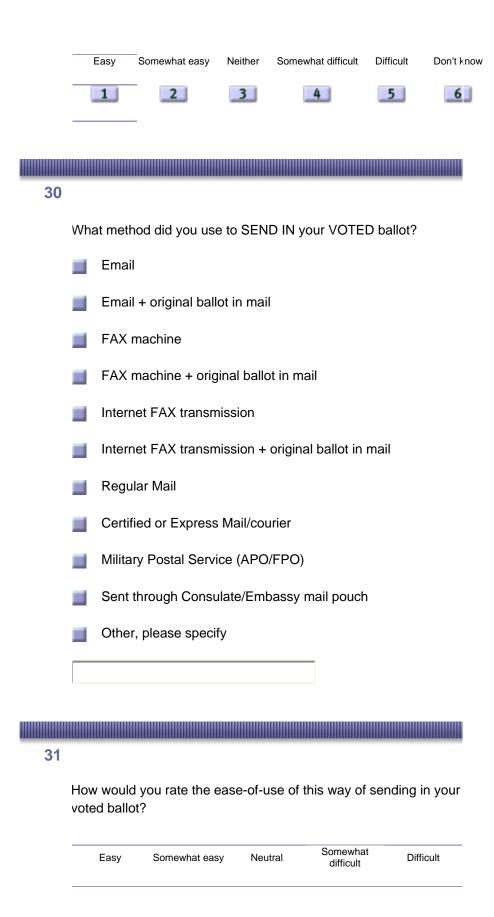
		Early to mid October							
		One to two weeks before the election							
		Less than a week before the election							
	Election Day								
		After Election Day							
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	How	was your blank ballot delivered?							
		FAX							
		Email							
		Downloaded through DOD IVAS service							
		Regular Mail							
		Certified or Express Mail/courier							
		Military Postal Service (APO/FPO)							
		Other, please specify							
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		Had you ever received a blank ballot in this way before?							
		YES NO							

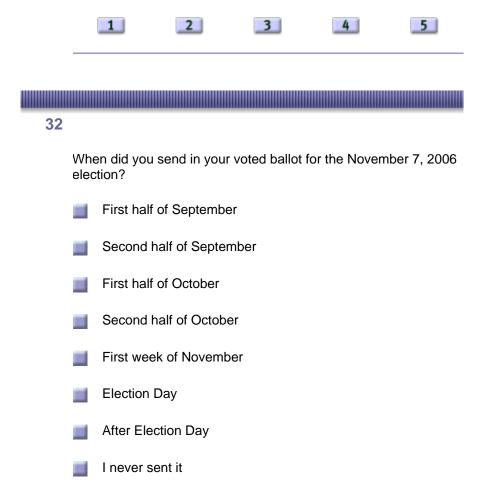
Please rate this method of receiving your blank ballot:

	Easy	Somewhat easy	Neutral 3	Somewhat difficult	Difficult
27	How would y		way you red	ceived your blank	ballot?
	Fast Easy Slow Difficult Other, p				
28	Did you feel  Very secure	it was a secure v Secure	vay to recei Neutral	ve your blank bal	lot?  Very insecure

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Was the ballot easy to complete?





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ETS USER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The term "electronic transmission method" includes Email, FAX, Internet and online systems.

How would you describe the electronic transmission method you used for returning your voted ballot? (check all that apply)

Practical

User-friendly

Logical

Well-defined

Fast

Easy

Slow

Difficult

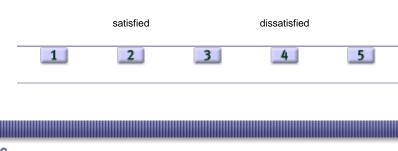
Hard to understand

Other, please describe:

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Did you ever use this electronic transmission method to send a voted ballot in any other election?

YES NO

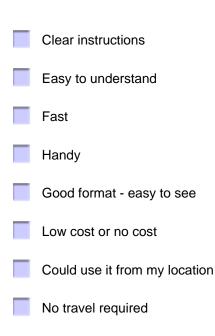


Please rate the ease-of-use of the electronic transmission method you used to send your voted ballot?

Easy	Somewhat Easy	Neutral	Somewhat difficult	Difficult
1	2	3	_4	5

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What made this electronic transmission method to return your voted ballot easy for you to use? (check all that apply)



Other, please specify

38 Did you have any problems with the electronic transmission method of sending your voted ballot? (check all that apply) Too many steps Didn't understand the instructions Wasn't sure if I needed a witness I didn't understand what to do No, I did not have any problems Other, please specify 39 Why did you decide to send your ballot in this way? (check all that apply) It was easy It saved me time I didn't need to travel I thought it was required It was offered To get my ballot back faster It was suggested that I use this method I received an email telling me about it

I thought it was safer than regular mail

My blank ballot arrived late



How would you describe your feelings about vote privacy?

Concerned	Somewhat concerned	Neutral	Somewhat unconcerned	Unconcerned	Don't know
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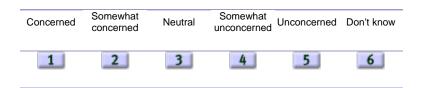
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Were you asked to waive (give up) the right to privacy of your vote?



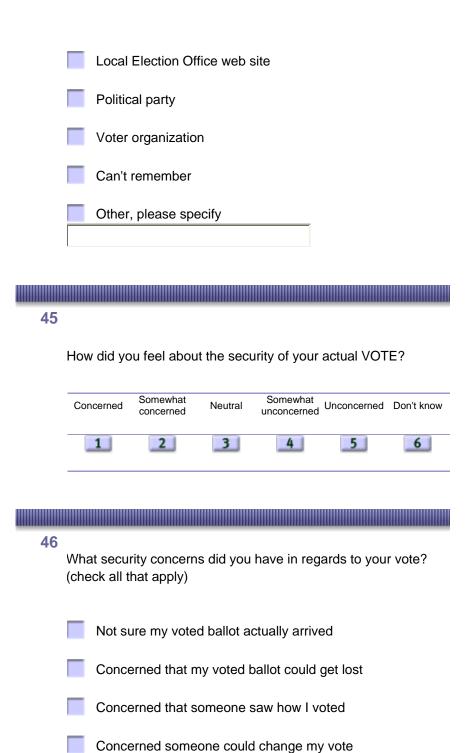
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How would you describe your feelings about waiving your right to a private vote?



# 43 Would you send your voted ballot in the same way again in the future? YES NO MAIN LINE - ETS AND NON ETS 44 How did you find out about the voting method you used? (check all that apply) Internet Search Got an Email Local Election Official Consulate/Embassy Voting Assistance Officer Federal Voter Assistance Program IVAS Website from DOD Newspaper Newsletter State Election Office web site

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None, no concerns

Other, please specify

Did you confirm that your ballot arrived?

- Yes, checked through state or county online tracking tool
- Yes, contacted my election office
- No, I did not confirm my ballot arrival
- Other, please specify

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How much time would you estimate the entire process of voting took you from the time you started till the time you sent your voted ballot? Include registration/ballot request, paperwork processing, phone calls or visits to official offices, as applicable to you.

- Less than 2 weeks
- 2 4 weeks
- 5 6 weeks
- 7 8 weeks
- More than 8 weeks

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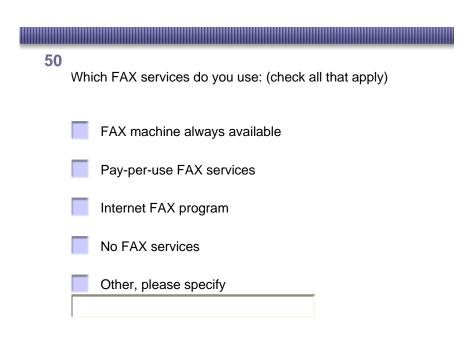
What was the TOTAL cost to you to return your registration AND ballot materials? (in \$USD)

- None
- Under \$5

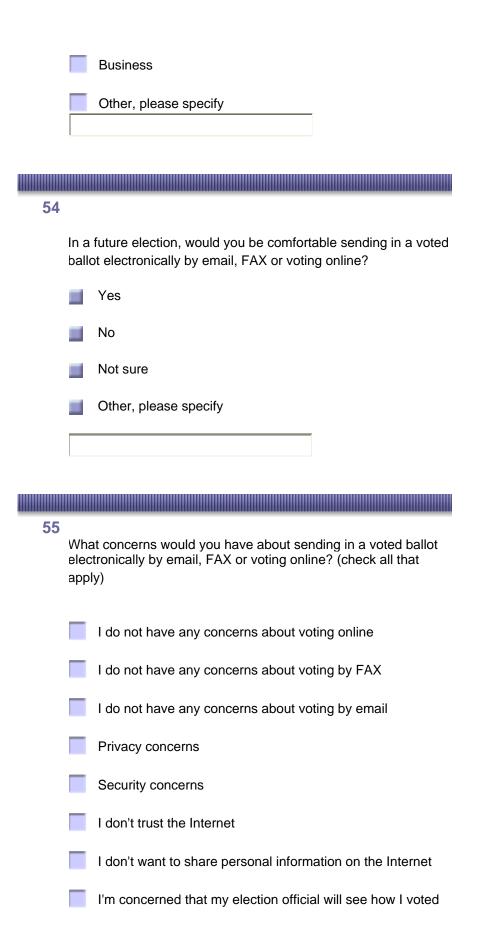


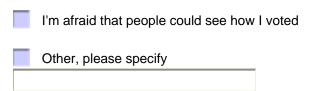
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ALL SURVEY TAKERS RECEIVE THESE FINAL QUESTIONS



	How often do you access the Internet?			
		Daily		
		2-3 times a week		
		Once a week		
		Sometimes		
		Almost Never		
		Never		
52	Whe	ere do you access the Internet? (check all that apply)		
		Home		
		Work		
		Internet Cafe		
		Library		
		Other, please specify		
53	Wha app	at kind of Internet access location do you use: (check all that ly)		
		Public		
		Private		





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**ALL SURVEY TAKERS** 

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When did you last live in the US?

- Less than 1 year ago
- At least 1 year but less than 2 years ago
- At least 2 years but less than 5 years ago
- At least 5 year but less than 10 years ago
- 10 or more years ago
- Does not apply I am active duty within the US

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How old were you on November 7, 2006?

18 to 24 years



What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

- Less than high school graduate
- High school graduate or GED
- Trade school
- College or associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Advanced degree
- Other, please specify

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Did you need to go to the US Embassy or Consulate at any time in the voting process?

YES NO

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	Plea	Please indicate your gender:		
		Male		
		Female		

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Please provide other comments or suggestions that you may have here:



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