

DESCRIBE THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE FEATURED ON THIS PROGRAM:
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1. Demographics
 - Mostly male
 - Few female
 - Over 18 (a few right out of high school)
 - Middle Aged
 - Black & White

2. Jobs
 - Surgeon
 - Navy, Army, Marine
 - General
 - Sergeant
 - Combat Patrols
 - Lieutenant

3. Background
 - 3rd generation military
 - Patriotic
 - Politics – “Not liberal”
 - Worked in the military several times
 - Several joined after 9/11
 - Most have families (children, etc)

4. Personal Characteristics/Beliefs
 - Patriotic
 - Pro-military
 - Questioning of authority
 - Emotional
 - Proud of serving their country
 - Believe in their right to speak
 - Will continue fighting if told to
 - Believed they entered for a good cause
 - Politically aware (familiar w/ their representatives in government)

WHY ARE THEY BEING INTERVIEWED?

- They represent a unique perspective – soldiers who want to serve their country, but question the legitimacy of fighting in this war.
- So people can hear the story of how things are going and how the people that are actually there think it is going.
- To show the public how soldiers feel about being in Iraq.
- They were probably interviewed because the reporters wanted to know what actual troops opinions were about the war.
- To show that even some of the people in the military are against the war; that was unheard of at the start of the war.
- They would want to interview the people because they know the real stories about the war and they can get their opinion.
- The soldiers wanted to go public so they could tell how they feel.
- Because they want to show how the war is and how they aren't there to say anything bad about the military. (Rather than just sign a petition and not explain, they used the media to explain the origin of the petition and their feelings)
- To show they are still obeying orders, but they're denouncing the war on their own time.
- Because it's controversial and people will watch the program.
- They are being interviewed because they don't want to continue the war so they are speaking out against it.
- Because they are speaking out and doing something unexpected.
- Because they are fed up and wanted to go public on how they feel. I think the reporter wanted to interview them to hear what they had to say about the war and what's going on.

WHAT DIFFERENT VALUES, BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TO YOU SEE INDIVIDUALS EXPRESS (USE DIRECT QUOTES):

DIRECT QUOTES

“It’s not about speaking out against the military; it’s expressing how I feel.” *She believes that fighting and dying isn’t worth it anymore because it is for the wrong reasons.*

“Just wanted to go there to help ... someday we have to leave.” *Because we are signed up in the army doesn’t mean we need to put our lives in the balance.*

“As an American soldier I feel like we took an oath to obey the commander ... We volunteered to help, not just throw our life away.”

“No one has the right to question the soldier’s patriotism.”

“We volunteered to make a difference, not be part of an experiment.”

“I’m not anti-war – but it’s our obligation to have a questioning attitude.”

“Just because we volunteered for the military doesn’t mean we should be putting our lives at unnecessary risk.”

“It’s a disappointment because we are helping, but we are still being out there.”

OBSERVATIONS

Every military person in the video is pretty much not for the war although they are still out there fighting for our country.

The young, male, Caucasian sergeant cried when talking about witnessing death.

They love their country and they will continue to serve it, but they don’t agree with all of the military and governments decisions.

Not wanting to risk lives for the country when they don’t see a positive outcome.

IDENTIFY AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES DISCUSSED:

1. Military Recruiter – just looking for people to join, finding it difficult.
2. Political Perspective (Mouth-Piece) – Press Agent spoke against the troops who signed the petition and were interviewed.
3. Unquestioning Loyalty – Those who blindly follow orders, do not question why.
4. Questioning Loyalty – Those who will follow orders, but believe it is their duty to question authority, educate the American public, and speak-out their concerns.
5. Pro-military
6. Anti-military (Who?)
7. Pro-war, but not sure about this one.