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**Attitudes on Bush's Guard Service**

For several months, the University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey has been asking respondents their view of George W. Bush's Air National Guard Service.

In polling conducted before CBS' "60 Minutes" reported this week that his commanding officer had written memos saying Bush sought avoid National Guard sessions and his commanding officer and had failed to meet Air Force standards, the Annenberg polling found that 51 percent of registered voters thought he had fulfilled his obligations and 35 percent felt he had not met them.

The question was "Some people say that when George W. Bush was in the Texas Air National Guard in the seventies, he often did not show up for duty. Bush says he did fulfill his obligations and has presented records which he says prove that he did. From what you have heard or read, do you think he fulfilled his military obligations, or do you think he did not fulfill them?" Polling was conducted from August 10 through September 4, and involved interviews with 3,243 adults. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus two percentage points.

Eighty-two percent of Republicans said he had met his obligation, and 9 percent said he had not. Twenty-four percent of Democrats said he had met his obligations and 59 percent said he had not. Among independents 49 percent said he had met his obligations and 35 percents aid he had not independents.

Among persuadable voters – those who say they are either undecided among Bush, John Kerry or Ralph Nader or who say they have a preference but there is a "good chance" they could change their minds, 47 percent said Bush had fulfilled his obligations and 26 percent said he had not.

The National Annenberg Election Survey is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania ([www.AnnenbergPublicPolicyCenter.org](http://www.AnnenbergPublicPolicyCenter.org)). Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson is the director of the survey. Ken Winneg is the managing director of the survey. Adam Clymer is the political director of the survey.

Another major election project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center is FactCheck.org, a project that tries to hold politicians accountable by exposing false or misleading campaign statements. It is available online at [www.FactCheck.Org](http://www.FactCheck.Org).

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