

C L A S S    P R O F I L E

Directions: Please respond to the following questions:

1. year of your birth \_\_\_\_.
2. your undergraduate major \_\_\_\_\_.
3. any members of your family participants in Vietnam War? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
4. if yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. any family fatalities? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
6. if yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. before RS 155, had you known Vietnam Vets personally? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
7. during RS 155, have you talked personally with a Vietnam Vet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
8. have you visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
9. what single word would you choose to describe your present attitude toward the Vietnam Veterans \_\_\_\_\_.
10. what single word would you choose to most accurately portray the United States involvement in the Vietnam War \_\_\_\_\_.
11. do you regard communism as a serious threat to the vitality of the American way of life? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
12. how do you feel about President Ronald Reagan? enthusiastic \_\_\_\_\_, generally favorable \_\_\_\_\_, generally unfavorable \_\_\_\_\_, very negative \_\_\_\_\_.
13. among contemporary national or international figures, whom do you regard as being exemplary in a very positive sense? \_\_\_\_\_.
14. are you a member of a church, temple, or religious institution? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
15. when asked about your religious preferences, do you identify with a particular faith, tradition, or denomination? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
16. considering their life-long aspirations, would you regard your classmates as being Yuppies (that is, persons who are looking out, most of all, for #1)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Potentially \_\_\_\_\_.
17. regarding your education at UCSB, are you? very pleased \_\_\_\_\_, generally pleased \_\_\_\_\_, generally disappointed \_\_\_\_\_, very disappointed \_\_\_\_\_.
18. do you feel comfortable identifying yourself as an American today? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ mixed \_\_\_\_\_.
19. knowing what you know now, had you been called upon to take a stand regarding the Vietnam War, what would you have done (e.g. joined a combat force, declared conscientious objection, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Are you optimistic about the future? Yes \_\_\_ Yes (guardedly) \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Unsure \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Year of birth -- because there is a significant number of students who have come back to school, after being away from school for several years, the average year of birth lies somewhere around 1960. The most frequent years listed are 1963 and 1964.
3. Family members who participated in the war:

fathers	<del>31</del>	34
uncles	<del>41</del>	49
step-fathers	3	6
brothers	4	
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4. Family fatalities:

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uncle	2	
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very pleased	28%
generally pleased	66%
generally disappointed	5%
very disappointed	1%

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guardedly optimistic	53%
pessimistic	4%
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8. Do today's students feel comfortable about being American?

yes 88%

9. Do today's students regard communism as being a real threat to our democratic way of life?

yes 29%  
no 71%

10. When asked about a religious preference, do you identify with a particular faith, tradition or denomination?

yes 66%  
no 33%

11. Member of a church, temple or religious community?

overwhelming edge to YES

12. what word would you choose to describe your present attitude toward the Vietnam veterans?

1st choice: COMPASSION 19%  
2nd choice: RESPECT 13%  
3rd choice: SYMPATHY 11%  
4th choice: EMPATHY 9%  
5th choice: PRIDE 8%  
6th choice: ADMIRATION 6%  
7th choice: STRENGTH 5%  
8th choice: UNDERSTANDING 3%

note: only scant reference to VICTIM, PITY, DUPES...  
no reference to EXECUTIONERS.....  
none of the anti-war language of the 1960s  
and 1970s....

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overwhelming first choice: CHOOSE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION.

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Corey Aquino 4%  
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Other significant findings:

- (1) if presidential contest were held today, it would be between Robert Dole and Mario Cuomo
- (2) nobody mentioned George Bush
- (3) Bob Dole gets strong support; and Peter Uberoth and James Baker get some support -- but no Republican does as well as Ronald Reagan
- (4) some went out of their way to emphasize that they wouldn't select a political figure as national or international ideal
- (5) Gandhi scores high
- (6) Dalai Lama is mentioned
- (7) Pope Paul is mentioned
- (8) Margaret Thatcher comes in second behind Corey Aquino as respected woman....  
Mother Teresa next....