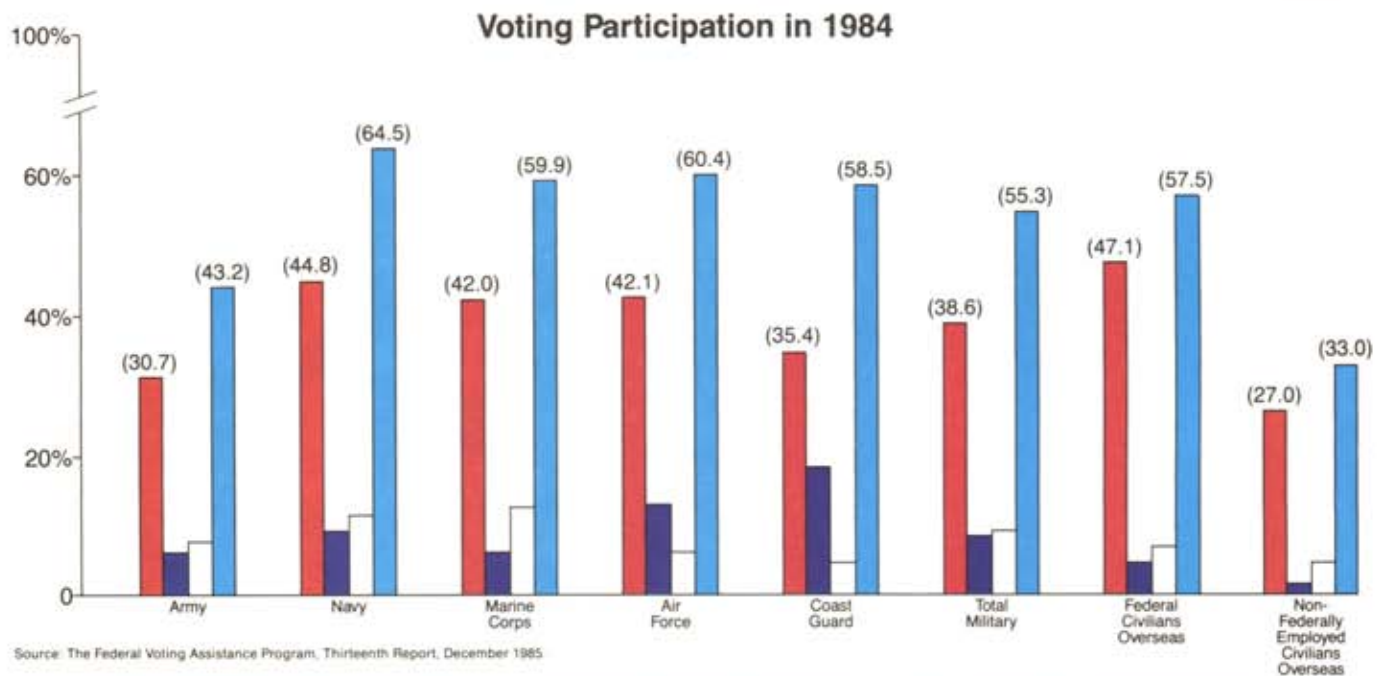
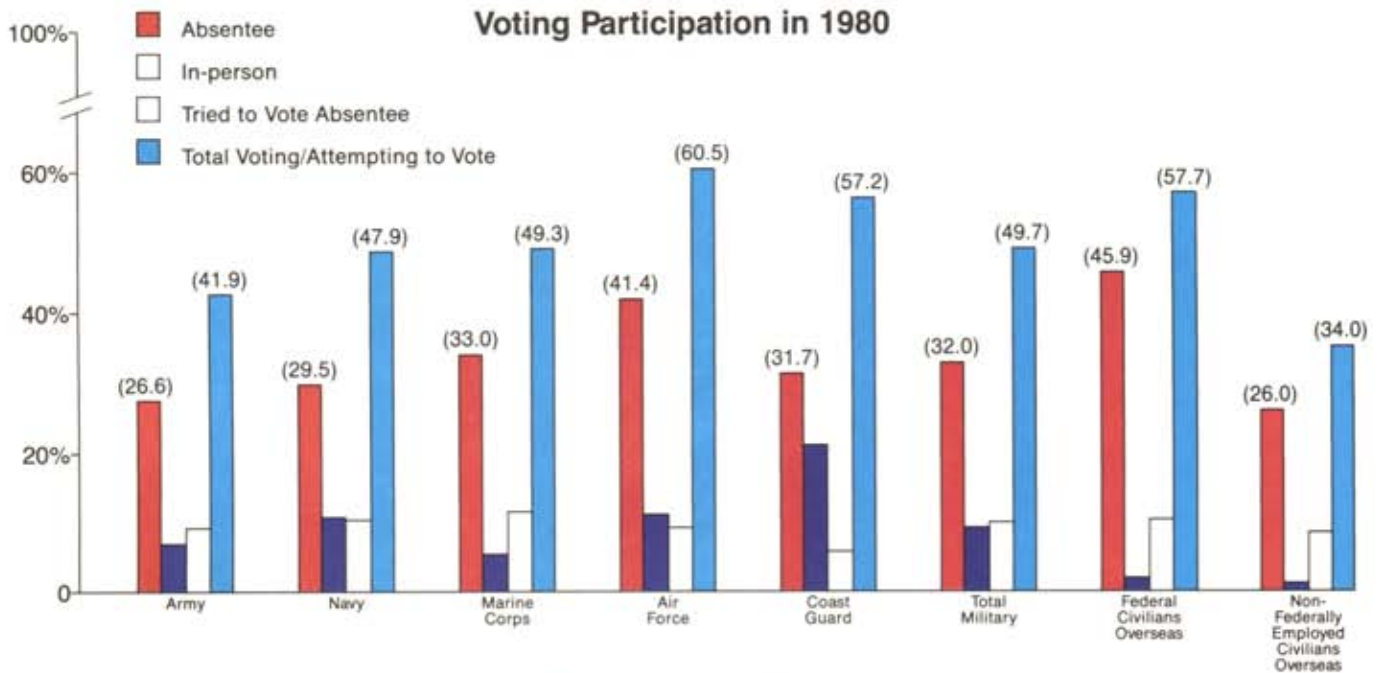


The Chart Page

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From the 1980 presidential election to that of 1984, the total voting record for the US armed forces improved by 5.6 percentage points to 55.3% participation, surpassing the 1984 national average, which was 53.27%. However, military voting fell off significantly in 1986, a nonpresidential election year. According to a post-election survey, the number-one reason for not voting was that people did not know how to vote. To encourage voting, DoD has established a special election-year AUTOVON line in CONUS, Germany, and Korea, and a special emergency ballot is available to overseas voters only. Further, Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci has issued an open letter to all members of the National Guard and the Reserve, requesting that they vote this year. AFA believes that all citizens should exercise their Constitutional right to vote.