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1,001 registered voters in Tennessee

MoE: +/- 4.2 percentage points
Obama Approval Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
May 2016 Poll: N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2 %
Approval of Haslam & State Legislature Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
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Approval of Tennessee Senators Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
May 2016 Poll: N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
Approval of State Leaders by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
Joint Approval of Governor and State Legislature

Among TN Registered Voters

Approve of both: 50%
Approve of Haslam but disapprove of State Legislature: 19%
Approve of State Legislature but disapprove of Haslam: 11%
Disapprove of both: 21%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
Top 3 Priorities of TN State Government Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?

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Perceptions of the Economy
Among TN Registered Voters

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Optimism About the Future of Nation & State
Among TN Registered Voters

When you think about the future of [the United States/Tennessee], which do you agree with more?

United States

40%: Best days are ahead of us
55%: Best days are behind us

Tennessee

67%: Best days are ahead of us
28%: Best days are behind us

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Optimism About the Future of Nation & State by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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Tennessee

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Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
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Feelings About State vs. National Government

Among TN Registered Voters

Some people say they are basically content with the way the [national/state] government works today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

- Basically content
- Frustrated
- Angry

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
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Feelings About National Government by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

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<td>62%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>Frustrated</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Angry</td>
<td>52%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=486; MoE: +/- 5.2%
Feelings About State Government by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

Some people say they are basically content with the way the state government works today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

![Bar chart showing feelings about state government by partisanship.]

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=515; MoE: +/- 5.1%
Preferences for Compromise by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (1) I would prefer my legislators work with members of the other political party even if it means they have to compromise on some of their values and priorities ...OR... (2) I would prefer my legislators pursue their own values and priorities even if it means they are unwilling to work with members of the other political party

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
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![Bar Chart]

Work with members of the other party even if it means compromising on values and priorities

- Democrats: 86%
- Republicans: 54%
- Independents: 76%
- Tea Party Members: 51%

Pursue own values and priorities even if it means they are unwilling to work with the other party

- Democrats: 13%
- Republicans: 40%
- Independents: 21%
- Tea Party Members: 46%
Blame for National Problems by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

To the extent that the national government has failed to solve important problems, who do you think is most to blame?

Democrats
- 52% Democrats
- 45% Republicans
- 2% Both equally
- 1% Neither

Republicans
- 64% Democrats
- 32% Republicans
- 1% Both equally
- 1% Neither

Independents
- 77% Democrats
- 13% Republicans
- 2% Both equally
- 1% Neither

Tea Party Members
- 60% Democrats
- 27% Republicans
- 13% Both equally
- 1% Neither

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
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Support for Insure Tennessee Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Many public officials in Tennessee are considering implementing “Insure Tennessee,” a program proposed by Governor Haslam that would expand health insurance coverage to 280,000 low-income people without health insurance in the state. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose expanding health care coverage for low-income people in the state?

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<td>Neither support nor oppose</td>
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<td>Strongly or somewhat oppose</td>
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### Future of the Health Care System by Partisanship Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following comes closest to your view of the future of the U.S. health care system?

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<td>Health care law should be repealed and NOT replaced</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Health care law should be repealed and replaced with a Republican-sponsored alternative</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Lawmakers should build on existing health care law to improve affordability and access to care</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>U.S. should establish guaranteed universal health coverage through a single government plan</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Views on Same-Sex Marriage
Among TN Registered Voters

How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you:

- Strongly or somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Strongly or somewhat oppose

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
May 2016 Poll: N=511; MoE: +/- 5.1%
Views on Same Sex Marriage By Age
Among TN Registered Voters

How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you:

- Strongly or somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Strongly or somewhat oppose

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=511; MoE: +/- 5.1%
Support for Contesting Same-Sex Marriage Ruling
Among TN Registered Voters

The Tennessee State Legislature recently considered trying to reverse the Supreme Court’s decision legalizing same-sex marriage in all states in order to make same-sex marriage ILLEGAL in Tennessee. If this legislation were passed, the state could lose roughly $8.5 billion in federal aid. Would you support, neither support nor oppose, or oppose the efforts of the State Legislature to make same-sex marriage illegal, even if the state were to lose a substantial amount of federal funding?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=490; MoE: +/- 5.2%
Views on Right to Refuse Service to Same-Sex Couples Over Time

Among TN Registered Voters

Should a business that provides services or products be allowed to refuse those services to same-sex couples for religious reasons, or should it be required to provide those services as it would to all other customers?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
Support for Temporary Travel Ban for Muslims by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

How much do you support or oppose a temporary ban on all Muslims traveling to the United States?

Strongly or somewhat support
- All respondents: 39%
- Democrats: 14%
- Republicans: 60%
- Independents: 32%
- Tea Party Members: 62%

Neither support nor oppose
- All respondents: 11%
- Democrats: 12%
- Republicans: 3%
- Independents: 19%
- Tea Party Members: 6%

Strongly or somewhat oppose
- All respondents: 48%
- Democrats: 72%
- Republicans: 36%
- Independents: 47%
- Tea Party Members: 30%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=485; MoE: +/- 5.2%
Support for Additional Police Patrols of Muslim Neighborhoods by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

How much do you support or oppose additional law enforcement patrols of Muslim neighborhoods in the state of Tennessee?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=516; MoE: +/- 5.1%
Importance of Diverse Schools
Among TN Registered Voters
How important is it for students in Tennessee to attend a school that is [racially/economically] diverse?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
Importance of Diverse Schools by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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<td>Democrats</td>
<td>91%</td>
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Views on State Regulation of Local Matters by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

All in all, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the Tennessee state government to more strictly regulate the way local governments handle local matters such as affordable housing initiatives, parks and recreation, or public works?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
Views on Allowing University Staff to Carry Guns
Among TN Registered Voters

The State Legislature has been considering a bill that would allow full-time employees of public colleges and universities to carry handguns on campus with a valid permit. Guns would be blocked from disciplinary meetings or school-sponsored events like sports games but allowed in other places like classrooms. In general, do you support or oppose allowing full-time employees of public colleges and universities to carry guns on campus with a valid permit, or do you oppose it?

59% Support
39% Oppose

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
As you may know, Governor Haslam recently vetoed a bill passed by the State Legislature that sought to make the Bible the Official state book. In general, do you think that recognizing the Bible as the official state book would or would not have violated the Constitution and the separation of church and state?

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May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
Views on Sanctity of Bible as State Book
Among TN Registered Voters

And in general, do you think that recognizing the Bible as the official state book alongside other state symbols would or would not have made light of the Bible as sacred text?

- 38% Would have
- 49% Would not have
- 11% Don't know

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Views on Constitutionality & Sanctity of Bible as State Book
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Gas Tax Threshold
Among TN Registered Voters

As you may know, Tennessee is a pay-as-you-go state when it comes to transportation projects like road maintenance. This method means the state does not take on debt for future transportation projects. Well-maintained roadways are important to economic growth and public safety but recently, state officials have said that current funding sources are not enough to maintain Tennessee’s roads and bridges.

Would you be willing or not willing to pay [x] cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth?

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
May 2016 Poll: N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2 %
2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton

Among TN Registered Voters

If the 2016 presidential election were held today and the candidates were [Hillary Clinton, the Democrat/Donald Trump, the Republican], for whom would you vote?

- Hillary Clinton: 35%
- Donald Trump: 44%
- Neither/Would not vote: 13%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

If the 2016 presidential election were held today and the candidates were [Hillary Clinton, the Democrat/Donald Trump, the Republican], for whom would you vote?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
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2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton by Gender
Among TN Registered Voters

If the 2016 presidential election were held today and the candidates were [Hillary Clinton, the Democrat/Donald Trump, the Republican], for whom would you vote?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,001; MoE: +/- 4.2%
2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton, Pre vs. Post-Indiana
Among TN Registered Voters

If the 2016 presidential election were held today and the candidates were [Hillary Clinton, the Democrat/Donald Trump, the Republican], for whom would you vote?

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