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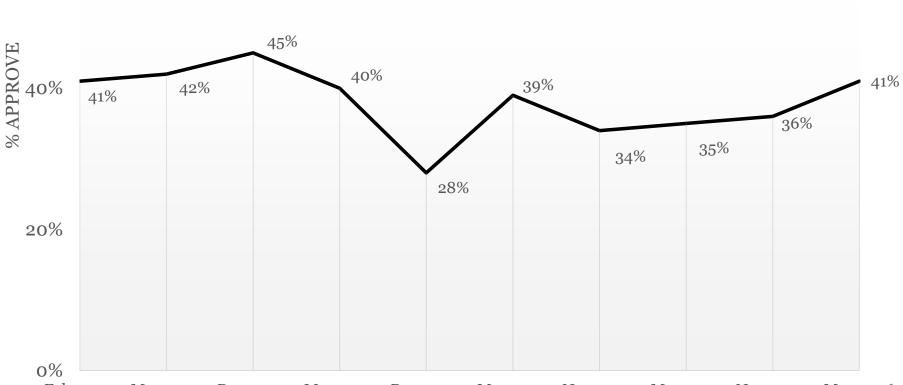
1,001 registered voters in Tennessee

MoE: +/- 4.2 percentage points

Obama Approval Over Time

Among TN Registered Voters

60%



Feb. 2012 May 2012 Dec. 2012 May 2013 Dec. 2013 May 2014 Nov. 2014 May 2015 Nov. 2015 May 2016

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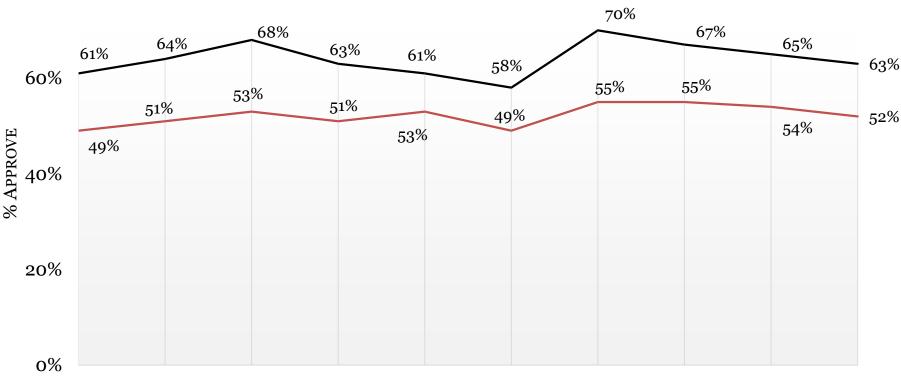




Approval of Haslam & State Legislature Over Time

Among TN Registered Voters

80%



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—Governor Bill Haslam

—Tennessee State Legislature

Poll Av. = 64%

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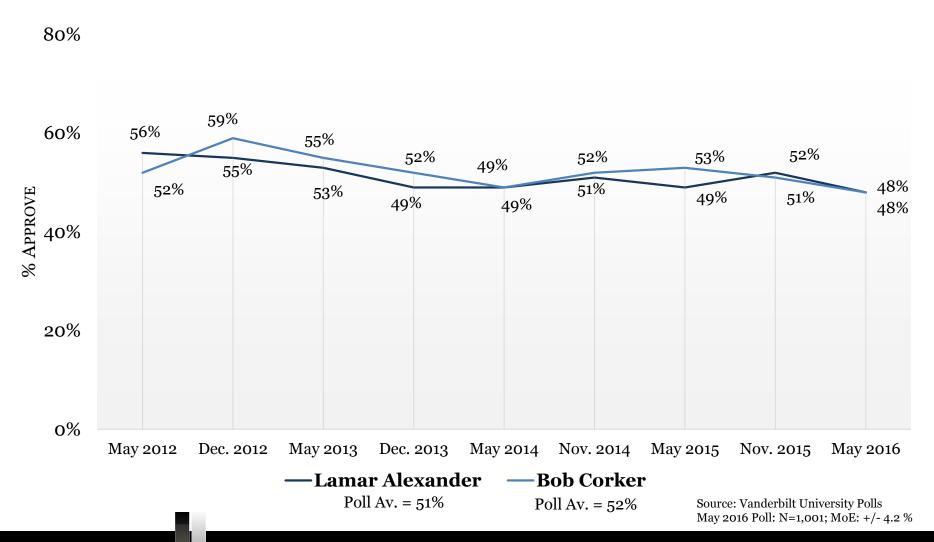
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Approval of Tennessee Senators Over Time

Among TN Registered Voters

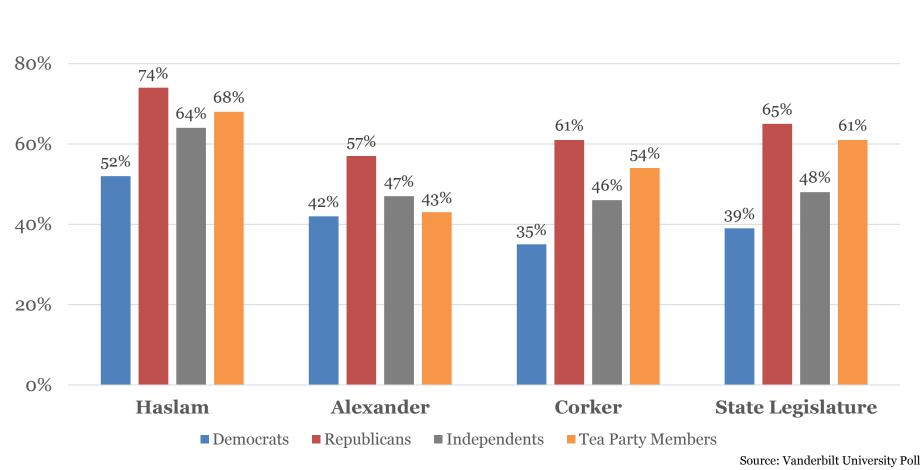






Approval of State Leaders by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters



May 2016

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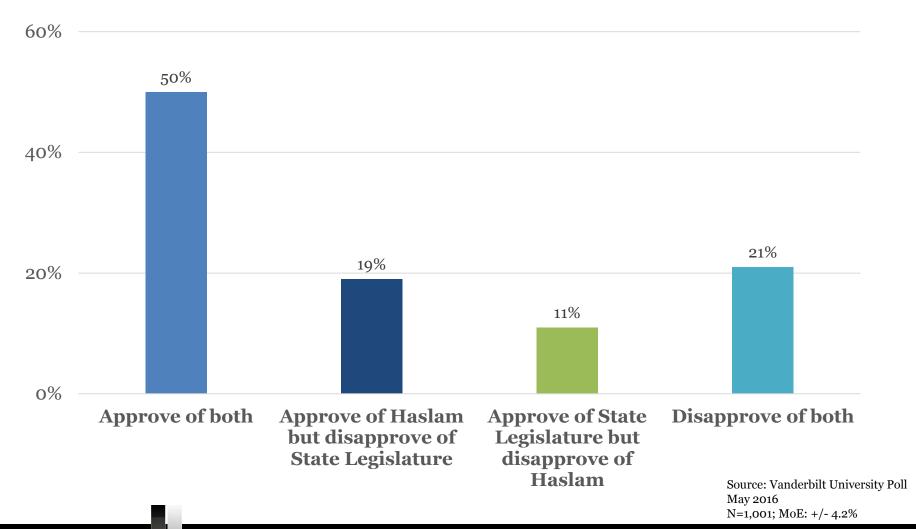


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Joint Approval of Governor and State Legislature

Among TN Registered Voters



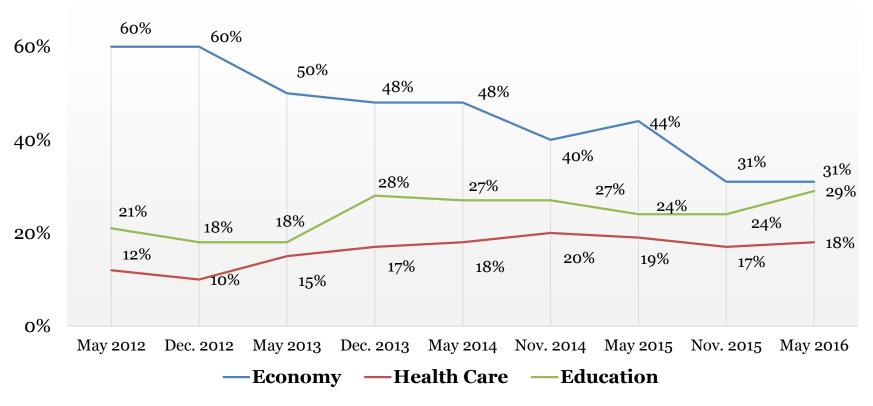
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Top 3 Priorities of TN State Government Over Time

Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government? 80%



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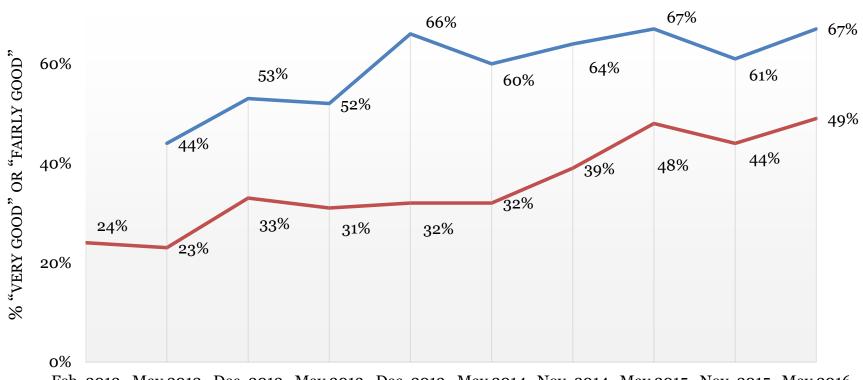




Perceptions of the Economy

Among TN Registered Voters

80%



Feb. 2012 May 2012 Dec. 2012 May 2013 Dec. 2013 May 2014 Nov. 2014 May 2015 Nov. 2015 May 2016

—TN economy —U.S. economy

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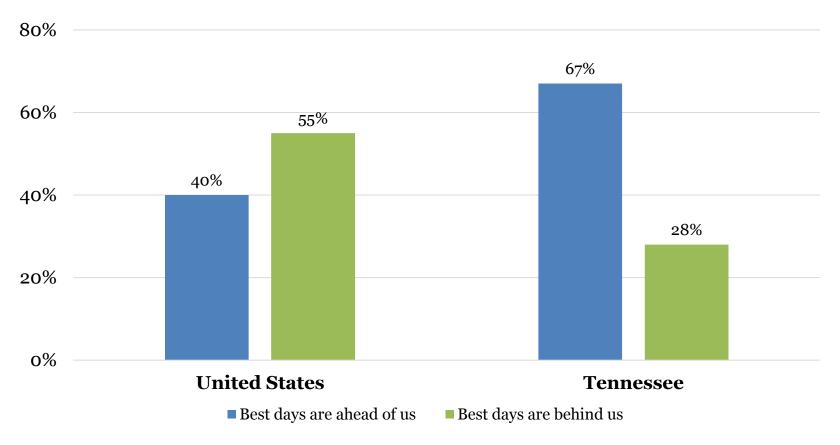




Optimism About the Future of Nation & State

Among TN Registered Voters

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



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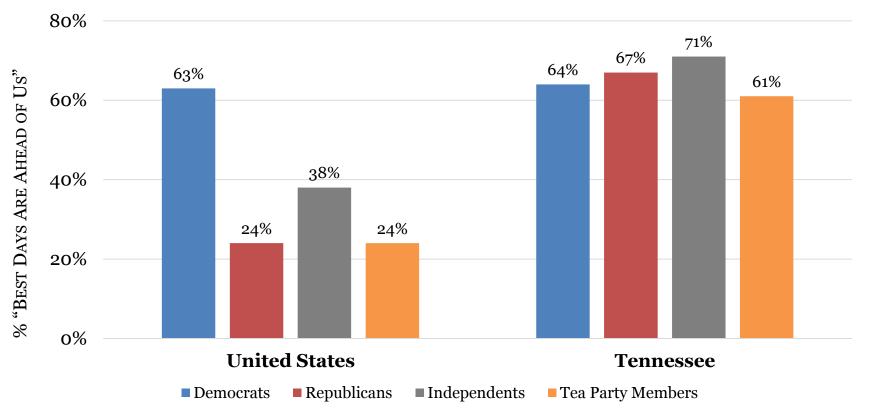




Optimism About the Future of Nation & State by Partisanship

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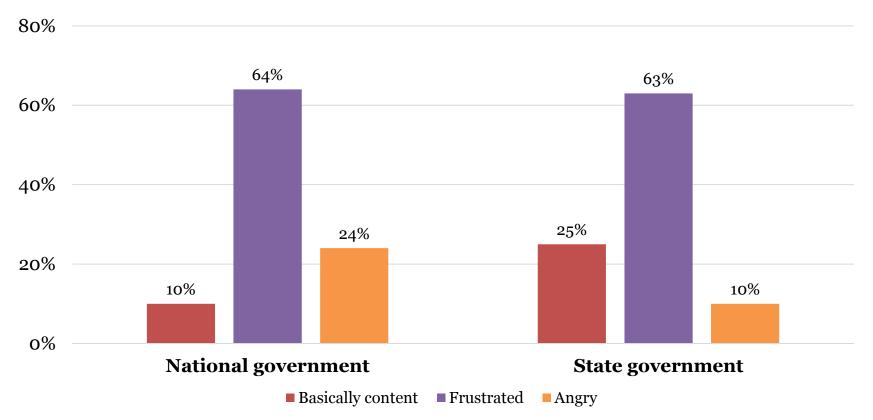
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Feelings About State vs. National Government

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?



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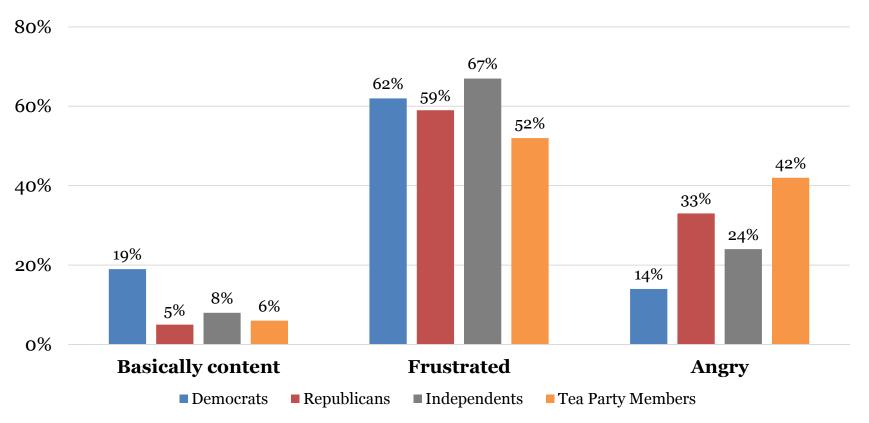




Feelings About National Government by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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Source: Vanderbilt University Poll

May 2016

N=486; MoE: +/- 5.2%

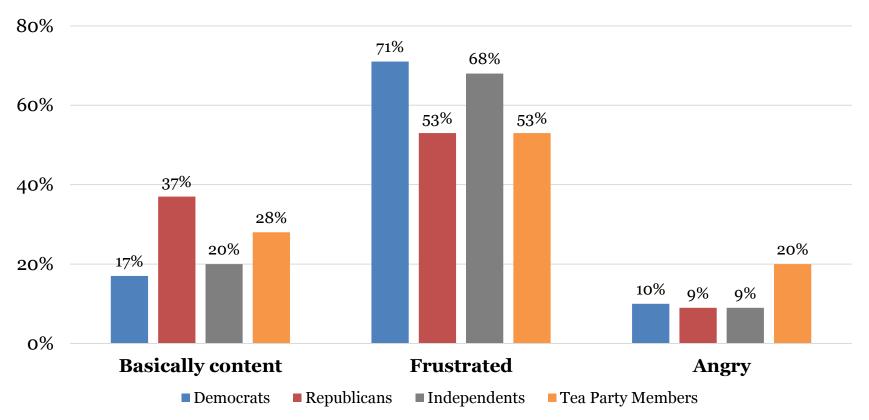




Feelings About State Government by Partisanship

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?



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll

May 2016

N=515; MoE: +/- 5.1%

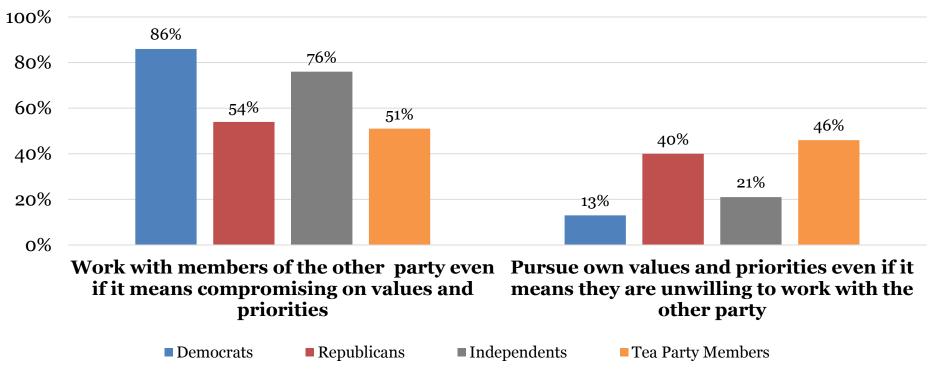




Preferences for Compromise by Partisanship

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



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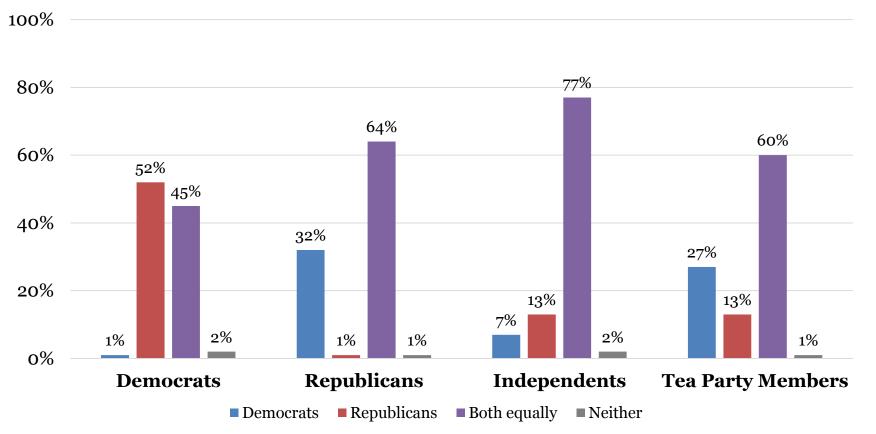




Blame for National Problems by Partisanship

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?



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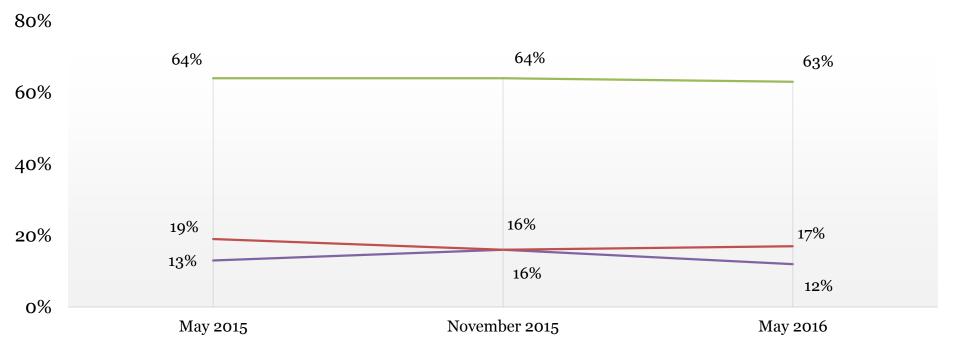




Support for Insure Tennessee Over Time

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?



—Strongly or somewhat support —Neither support nor oppose —Strongly or somewhat oppose

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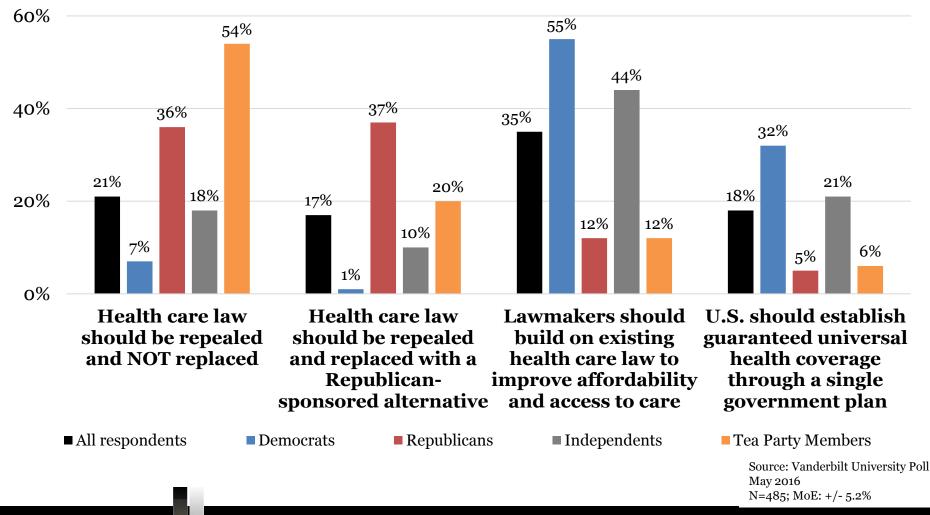




Future of the Health Care System by Partisanship

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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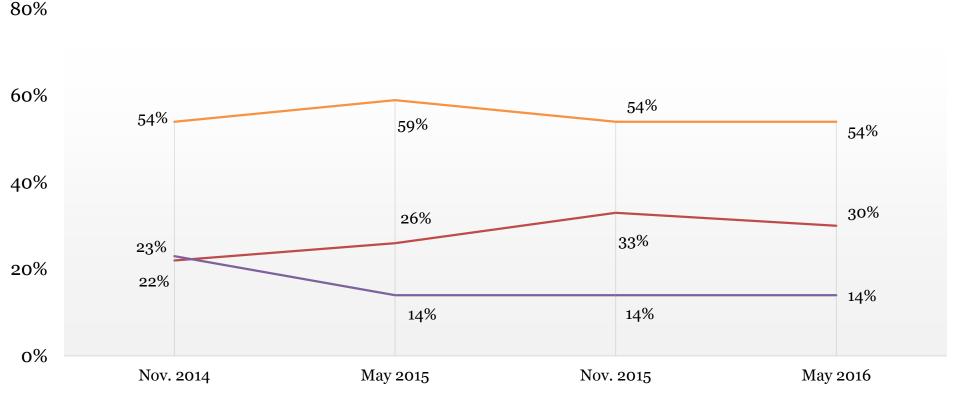
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Views on Same-Sex Marriage

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%

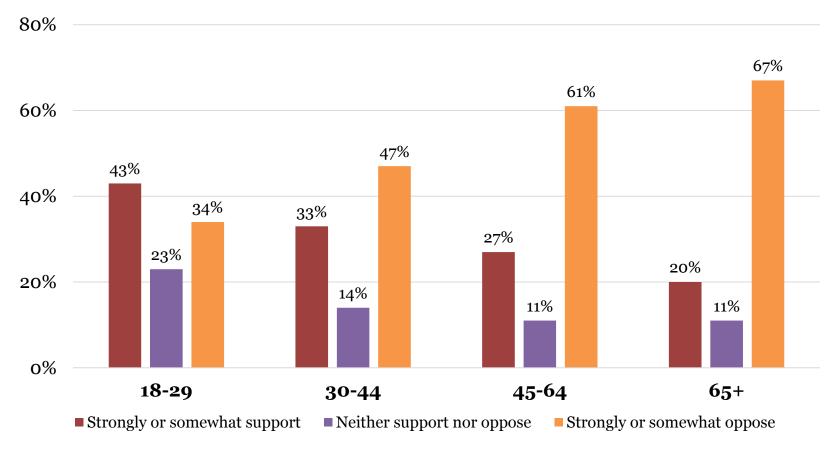




Views on Same Sex Marriage By Age

Among TN Registered Voters

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



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll

May 2016

N=511; MoE: +/- 5.1%

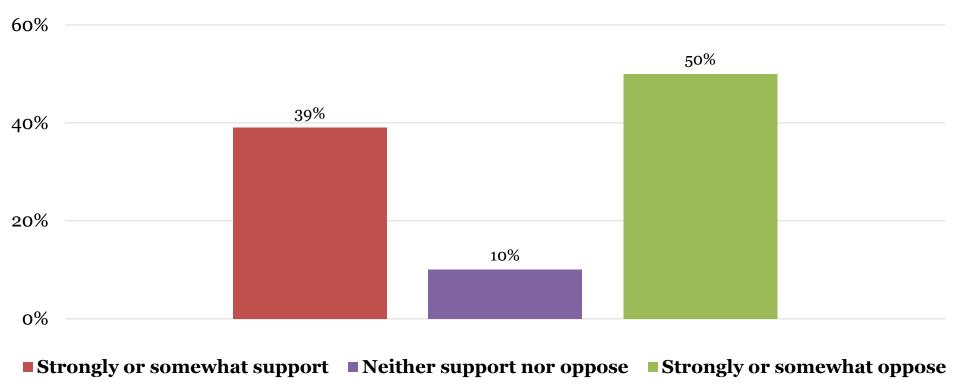




Support for Contesting Same-Sex Marriage Ruling

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%

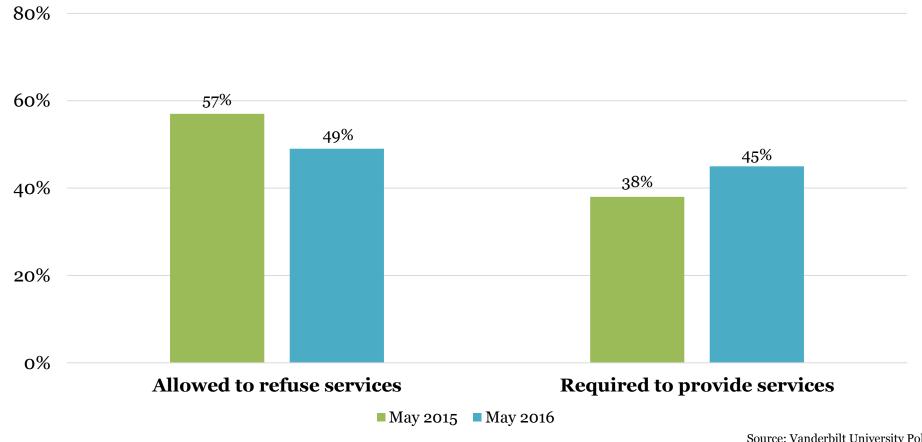




Views on Right to Refuse Service to Same-Sex Couples Over Time

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

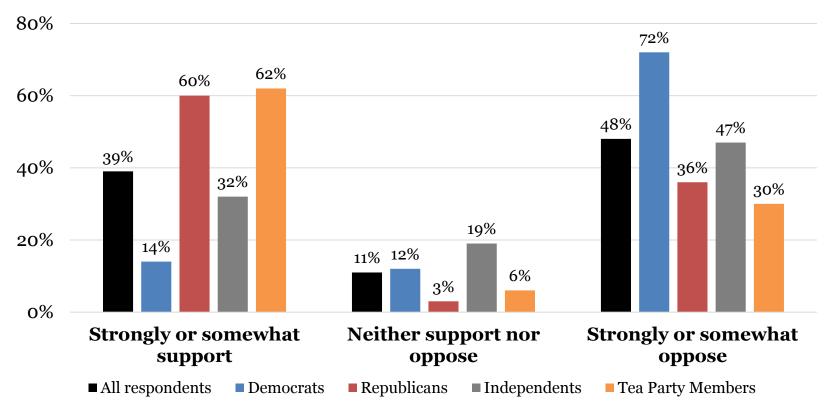




Support for Temporary Travel Ban for Muslims by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll May 2016

N=485; MoE: +/- 5.2%

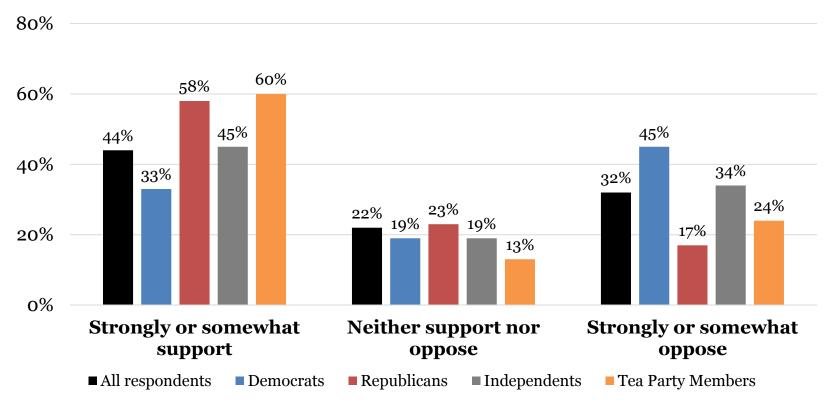




Support for Additional Police Patrols of Muslim Neighborhoods by Partisanship

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%

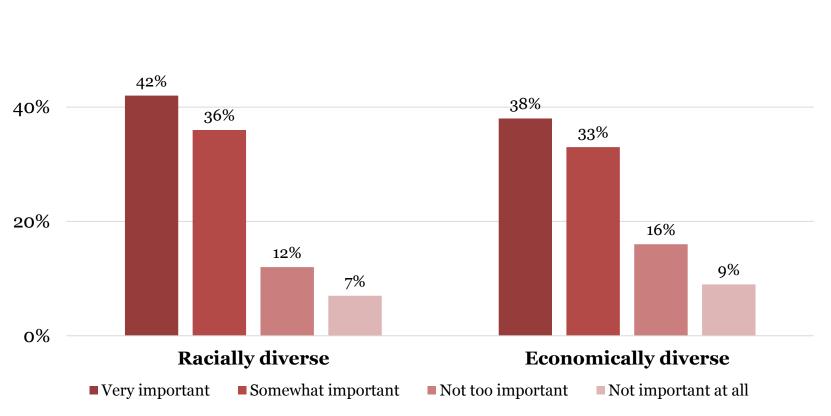




Importance of Diverse Schools

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

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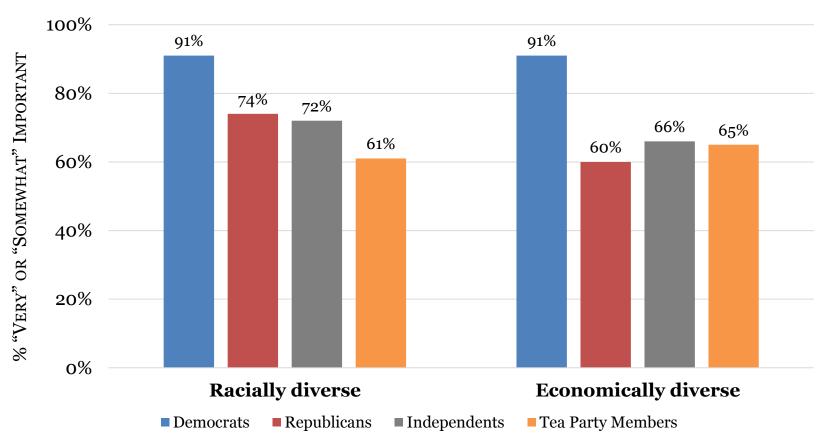
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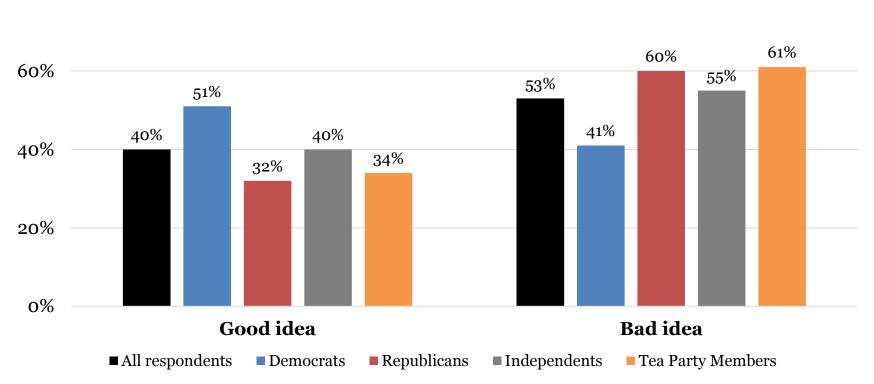
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Views on State Regulation of Local Matters by Partisanship

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?



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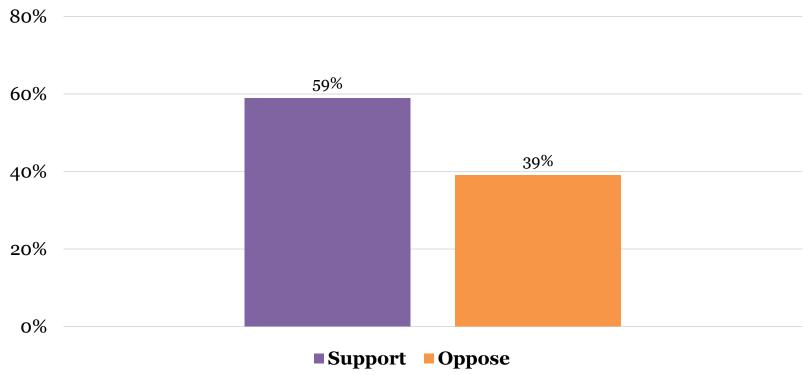
80%



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?



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll

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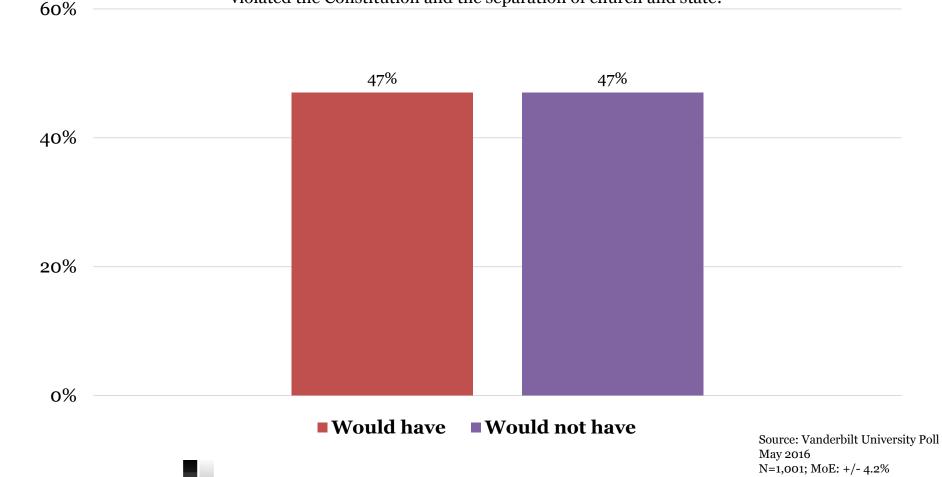




Views on Constitutionality of Bible as State Book

Among TN Registered Voters

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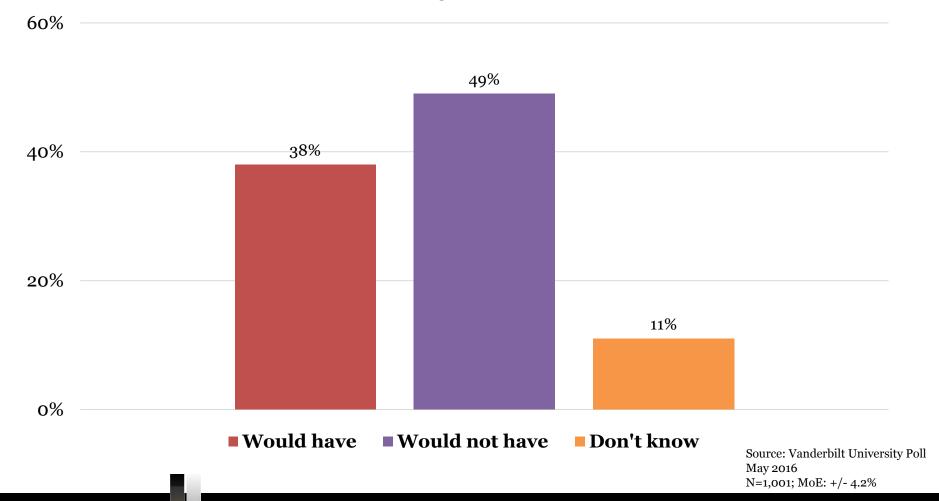


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Views on Sanctity of Bible as State Book

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?



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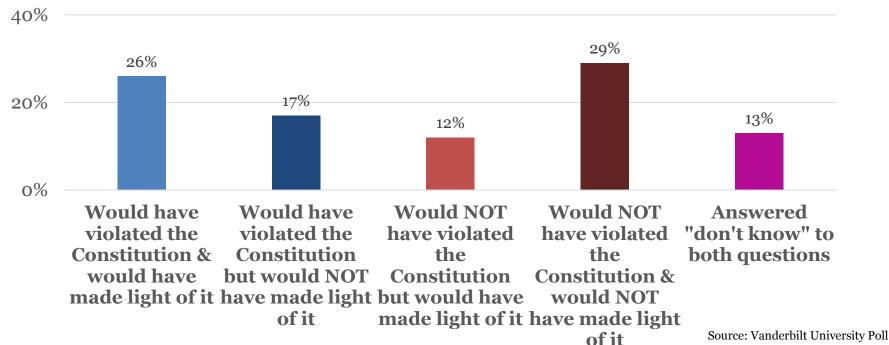


Views on Constitutionality & Sanctity of Bible as State Book

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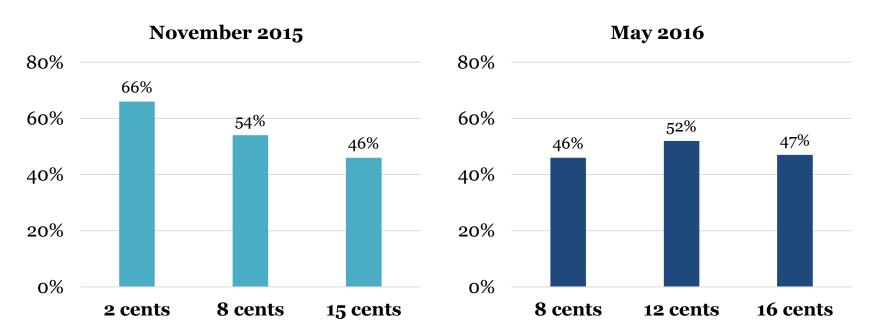


Gas Tax Threshold

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?



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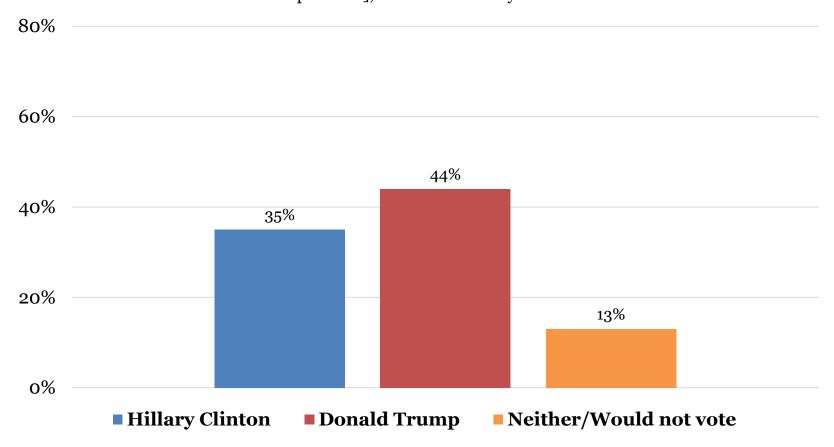




2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton

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?



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll May 2016

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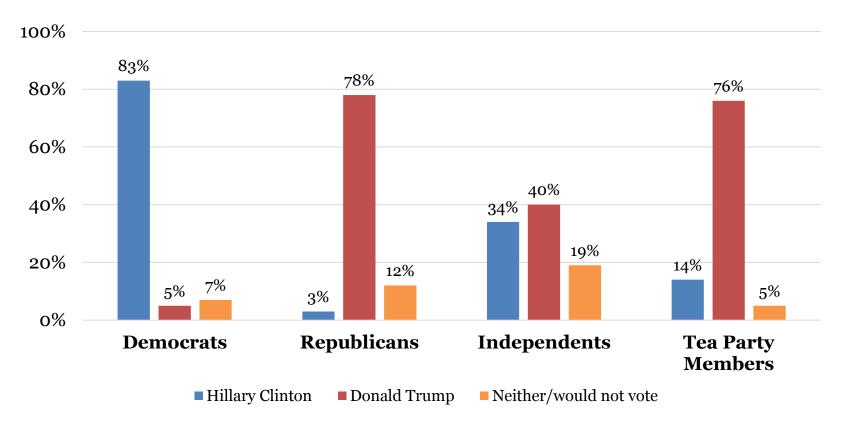




2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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May 2016

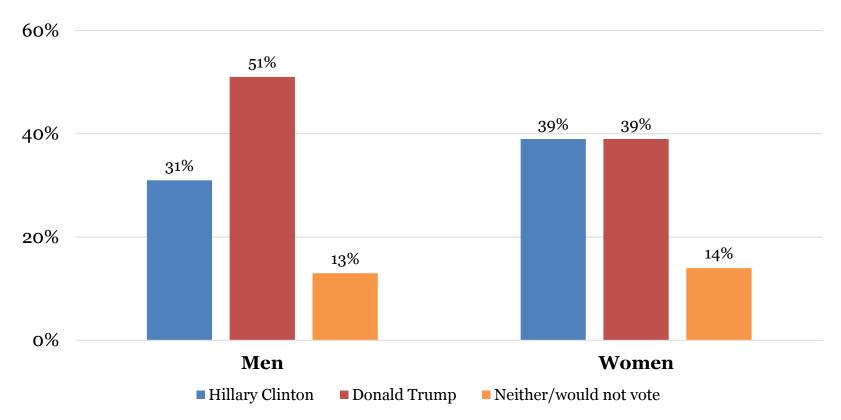




2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton by Gender

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?



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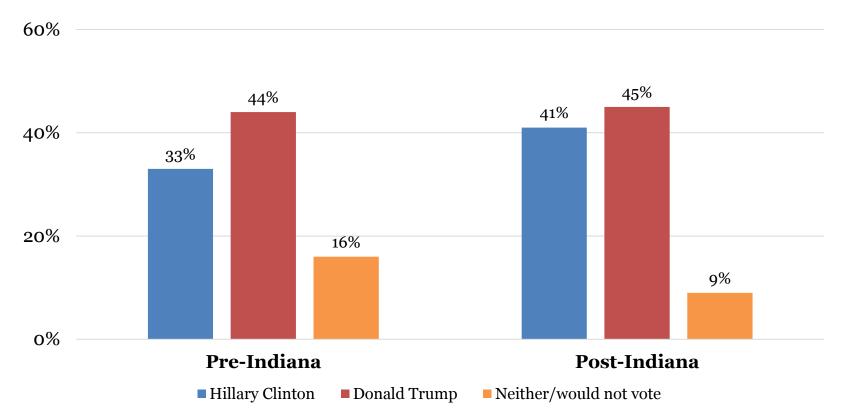




2016 Election: Trump vs. Clinton, Pre vs. Post-Indiana

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?



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll

May 2016



