Fall 2020 - Vanderbilt University Poll

November 18- December 8, 2020

John G. Geer & Joshua D. Clinton, Co-Directors

1,007 registered voters in Tennessee

MoE: +/- 3.6 percentage points
Approval of State Leaders by Party ID

% Responding “approve”

Gov. Lee
- Total: 57%
- Republicans: 83%
- Democrats: 26%
- Independents: 20%

Sen. Alexander
- Total: 47%
- Republicans: 54%
- Democrats: 37%
- Independents: 40%

Sen. Blackburn
- Total: 49%
- Republicans: 82%
- Democrats: 16%
- Independents: 35%
Approval of Governor Lee by Party ID
Spring/December 2020
% Responding “approve”

Spring 2020
- Total: 64%
- Republican: 82%
- Democrat: 65%
- Independent: 43%

Fall 2020
- Total: 83%
- Republican: 57%
- Democrat: 26%
- Independent: 54%
Approval of President Trump Over Time by Party ID

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<td>83%</td>
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<td>92%</td>
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<td>50%</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>94%</td>
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Top Priorities For Tennessee State Government by Party ID

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<td>Health Care</td>
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<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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Perceptions of the Economy (% Responding “Good” or “Fairly Good”)

- TN economy
- U.S. economy

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Questions related to opinions on:

**ELECTION 2020**
Perceptions of 2020 Presidential Election Results by Party ID

Which candidate, if either, do you think is the legitimate winner of the 2020 presidential general election?

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<td>Joe Biden</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>57%</td>
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<td>Donald Trump</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Neither</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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Opinions on What Should Happen After States Have Certified Their Votes by Party ID

Once every state has officially certified its vote for president, do you think that the loser of the 2020 presidential general election has an obligation to accept the results and concede, or not?

% Responding “Yes”

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<td>65%</td>
<td>92%</td>
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Perceptions of National Election Integrity by Party ID
How confident are you that votes nationwide were counted fairly and accurately?

- **Very confident**
  - Total: 36%
  - Republicans: 6%
  - Democrats: 39%
  - Independents: 82%

- **Somewhat confident**
  - Total: 15%
  - Republicans: 15%
  - Democrats: 15%
  - Independents: 14%

- **Not too confident**
  - Total: 15%
  - Republicans: 24%
  - Democrats: 13%
  - Independents: 1%

- **Not confident at all**
  - Total: 35%
  - Republicans: 64%
  - Democrats: 2%
  - Independents: 31%

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Perceptions of Tennessee Election Integrity by Party ID

How confident are you that votes nationwide were counted fairly and accurately?

- **Very confident**
  - Total: 68%
  - Republicans: 60%
  - Democrats: 80%
  - Independents: 69%

- **Somewhat confident**
  - Total: 32%
  - Republicans: 23%
  - Democrats: 12%
  - Independents: 21%

- **Not too confident**
  - Total: 4%
  - Republicans: 5%
  - Democrats: 7%
  - Independents: 4%

- **Not confident at all**
  - Total: 3%
  - Republicans: 2%
  - Democrats: 5%
  - Independents: 2%
Questions related to opinions on:

COVID-19
Worries About Contracting Coronavirus by Party ID - Spring/Fall 2020

How worried, if at all, are you that you or someone in your family will contract coronavirus?

% Responding somewhat or very worried

- Total
- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent

Spring 2020:
- Total: 60%
- Republican: 37%
- Democrat: 82%
- Independent: 67%

Fall 2020:
- Total: 66%
- Republican: 54%
- Democrat: 88%
- Independent: 67%

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Do you Know Anyone Who was Sick With Covid-19 by Community Type

% Responding “yes”

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<tr>
<th>Community Type</th>
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Worries About Contracting Coronavirus by Community Type - Spring/Fall 2020

How worried, if at all, are you that you or someone in your family will contract coronavirus?
% Responding somewhat or very worried

Spring 2020
- Total: 60%
- Urban: 61%
- Suburban: 60%
- Rural: 55%

Fall 2020
- Total: 66%
- Urban: 73%
- Suburban: 59%
- Rural: 64%

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Opinions of Coronavirus Response - Spring/Fall 2020
% Responding somewhat or very satisfied

Spring 2020:
- President Donald Trump: 53%
- Governor Bill Lee: 65%
- Your city or town leaders: 75%

Fall 2020:
- President Donald Trump: 52%
- Governor Bill Lee: 55%
- Your city or town leaders: 64%
- People in your local community: 61%

Source: Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions
Approval of Dr. Fauci by Party ID – Spring/Fall 2020

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Views on the Severity of Coronavirus Pandemic as a Public Health Problem by Party ID – Spring/Fall 2020

How much of a public health problem, if at all, is the coronavirus pandemic in your local community?
% Responding large or extremely large problem

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Mask Usage by Party ID

When you go to a store or public places where you encounter other people, how often do you wear a mask or face covering?

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<td>Always</td>
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<td>Usually</td>
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<td>Occasionally</td>
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Source: Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions
Opinions on Statewide Mask Mandate by Party ID
Should the State of Tennessee pass a statewide mask mandate to help combat the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus, or not?
% Responding “Yes”

- Total: 62%
- Republicans: 40%
- Democrats: 97%
- Independents: 64%
Flu Vaccine by Party ID

Have you already gotten a flu shot this year, do you plan to get a flu shot but have not gotten one yet, or do you not plan to get a flu shot this year?

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<td>Do not plan to get a flu shot</td>
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<td>33%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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Covid-19 vaccine by Party ID

If a vaccine that protects people from the Covid-19 coronavirus becomes available to the public, how likely, if at all, would you be to get vaccinated?

- Very or somewhat likely
  - Total: 75%
  - Republicans: 63%
  - Democrats: 85%
  - Independents: 77%

- Not too likely or not likely at all
  - Total: 75%
  - Republicans: 36%
  - Democrats: 15%
  - Independents: 22%
Changes to Holiday Plans Due to Coronavirus by Party ID

Thinking about the upcoming holidays, has the COVID-19 coronavirus changed how you would normally celebrate the holidays with family and friends, or not?

% Responding “yes”

- Total: 68%
- Republican: 54%
- Democrat: 86%
- Independent: 71%

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Views on In-Person Dining in Restaurants and Bars
Spring/Fall 2020

Do you think that bars and restaurants in your local community should be allowed to open for in-person dining now, or not?

Spring 2020

- Yes: 44%
- No: 55%

Fall 2020

- Yes: 54%
- No: 45%

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Views on Airline Travel - Spring/Fall 2020

Would you feel safe flying on an airplane now with other people, or not?

- Spring 2020: 75% Yes, 24% No
- Fall 2020: 60% Yes, 38% No

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Concern for Elementary School Students by Party ID

Given that many students were out of school most of last spring and many have only been able to attend school online this fall, how concerned, if at all, are you about diminished learning for our elementary school students?

% Responding “somewhat or very concerned”

- Total: 87%
- Republican: 86%
- Democrat: 95%
- Independent: 84%

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Concern for Middle School Students by Party ID

Given that many students were out of school most of last spring and many have only been able to attend school online this fall, how concerned, if at all, are you about diminished learning for our middle school students?

% Responding “somewhat or very concerned”

Total: 88%
Republican: 89%
Democrat: 91%
Independent: 85%
Concern for High School Students by Party ID

Given that many students were out of school most of last spring and many have only been able to attend school online this fall, how concerned, if at all, are you about diminished learning for our high school students?

% Responding “somewhat or very concerned”

- Total: 87%
- Republican: 90%
- Democrat: 86%
- Independent: 90%

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Questions related to opinions on:

RACE RELATIONS IN THE US & TN
Opinion on Race Relations in the United States by Party ID

Do you think race relations in the United States are generally good or generally bad?

% Responding “generally good”

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Opinion on Race Relations in the United States by Race

Do you think race relations in the United States are generally good or generally bad?

% Responding “generally good”

- Total: 37%
- White: 42%
- Non-white: 18%

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Opinion on Race Relations in Tennessee by Party ID

Do you think race relations in the United States are generally good or generally bad?

% Responding “generally good”

- Total: 64%
- Republican: 87%
- Democrat: 34%
- Independent: 62%

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Opinion on Race Relations in Tennessee by Race

Do you think race relations in Tennessee are generally good or generally bad?

% Responding “generally good”

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<td>Non-white</td>
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Opinion of the Black Lives Matter Movement by Party ID

Do you have a favorable, unfavorable or neither favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter Movement

very or somewhat favorable

- Total: 71%
- Republican: 35%
- Democrat: 38%
- Independent: 9%

Neither favorable or unfavorable

- Total: 42%
- Republican: 17%
- Democrat: 16%
- Independent: 13%

somewhat or very unfavorable

- Total: 69%
- Republican: 42%
- Democrat: 21%
- Independent: 12%

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Opinion on the affects of slavery by Party ID

How much, if at all, do you think the legacy of slavery affects the position of black people in American society today, a great deal, a fair amount, not much or not at all?

% Responding “a great deal or fair amount”

- Total: 53%
- Republican: 33%
- Democrat: 83%
- Independent: 54%

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