

**Vanderbilt University  
Tennessee Poll - Fall 2020  
Topline Results  
December 10, 2020**

Total n=1,007 Tennessee registered voters ages 18+<sup>1</sup>  
Margin of Error: ± 3.6 percentage points for results based on Total  
Field Dates: November 18-December 8, 2020  
Interview language: English

**CATI OUTBOUND INTRODUCTION**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_ and I'm calling on behalf of Vanderbilt University. This is not a sales call. We're conducting a survey about important issues. This call may be monitored or recorded for quality assurance.

[READ IF NECESSARY: We're not selling anything; We're just doing an opinion poll on interesting subjects for research purposes only.]

[READ IF NECESSARY: I am calling from SSRS, a national research firm, on behalf of Vanderbilt University.]

- S1. [IF LANDLINE:] May I please speak with the YOUNGEST [RANDOMIZE: (MALE / FEMALE)], age 18 or older, who is now at home? [READ IF NECESSARY: Your phone number has been randomly selected to complete the survey. We are not selling anything.]
- S2. [IF LANDLINE AND NO (MALE / FEMALE), ASK:] Then may I please speak with the YOUNGEST [RANDOMIZE: (FEMALE / MALE)], age 18 or older, who is now at home?
- CPAGE. [IF CELL:] What is your age? [CONTINUE IF 18 OR OLDER]
- CPAGEREF. [IF CELL AND CPAGE=DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED:] Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey... Could you please tell us if you are under 18, 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, or 65 or older? [CONTINUE IF 18 OR OLDER]
- S4. [IF CELL:] Are you now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention?

**MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW (LANDLINE AND CELL)**

[READ TO ALL:] Just for background purposes.

- RSTATE. What state do you currently live in? [CONTINUE IF TENNESSEE]
- RCOUNTY. And in what county do you live? [IF DK/REFUSED OR IF NECESSARY, PROBE ONCE: "This question helps us to accurately determine what part of the state people who complete the survey live in and is used only for classification purposes. You cannot be contacted based on this information."] [CONTINUE]
- REGIST. These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far? [CONTINUE IF REGISTERED VOTER]

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in May 2015, polls used sample from the list of registered voters in Tennessee. All previous polls used RDD methodology with landline and cell phone samples.

#### TREND INFORMATION

May 2020 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2020” conducted under the direction of SSRS from May 5-22, 2020 among 1,000 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2019 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2019” conducted under the direction of SSRS from November 19-December 5, 2019 among 1,000 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2019 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2019” conducted under the direction of SSRS from May 9-23, 2019 among 1,000 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2018 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2018” conducted under the direction of SSRS from November 19-December 6, 2018 among 1,004 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

October 2018 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll - Midterm Race 2018” conducted under the direction of SSRS from October 8-13, 2018 among 800 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2018 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2018” conducted under the direction of SSRS from April 26-May 8, 2018 among 1,400 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2017 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2017” conducted under the direction of SSRS from November 16-December 5, 2017 among 1,013 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2017 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2017” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from May 4-15, 2017 among 1,005 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

November 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2016” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 14-29, 2016 among 1,005 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

October 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2016 Presidential Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from September 19-October 2, 2016 among 1,000 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2016” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from April 25-May 11, 2016 among 1,001 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

November 2015 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2015” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 11-23, 2015 among 1,013 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2015 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2015” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from April 23-May 9, 2015 among 1,001 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

November 2014 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2014” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 10-20, 2014 among 1,201 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 989 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2014 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2014” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from April 28-May 14, 2014 among 1,505 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 1,245 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2013 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Legislature Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 20-December 5, 2013 among 1,002 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 860 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2013 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “End of Legislative Session 2013 Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from May 6-13, 2013 among 1,000 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 863 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2012 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Looks to 2013 Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 27-December 9, 2012 among 1,001 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 893 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2012 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2012 Tennessee Legislature Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from May 2-9, 2012 among 1,002 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 826 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

February 2012 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2012 Tennessee Presidential Primaries Survey” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from February 16-22, 2012 among 1,508 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

*Notes: Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100%.*

*An asterisk (\*) indicates less than 0.5%.*

*Trends are based on all Registered voters unless otherwise indicated.*

## MAIN INTERVIEW

1. I'd like your views on some government organizations and elected officials. As I read each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job. Do you approve or disapprove of [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]?<sup>2</sup>

	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK <sup>3</sup>	(VOL.) REF <sup>4</sup>
a. The job Donald Trump is doing as President					
December 2020 RVs <sup>5</sup>	54	44	*	2	1
May 2020 RVs	51	47	*	1	1
December 2019 RVs	50	46	1	2	1
May 2019 RVs	54	44	*	1	*
December 2018 RVs	52	44	1	2	1
October 2018 RVs	55	42	1	2	1
May 2018 RVs	53	44	1	2	1
December 2017 RVs	48	47	1	3	1
May 2017 RVs	52	42	3	3	1
<u>OBAMA TRENDS:</u>					
November 2016 RVs	40	57	*	2	*
May 2016 RVs	41	56	1	2	*
November 2015 RVs	36	62	*	1	1
May 2015 RVs	35	60	*	4	*
November 2014 RVs	34	63	*	3	1
May 2014 RVs	39	57	1	3	1
December 2013 RVs	28	69	1	2	*
May 2013 RVs	40	56	1	3	1
December 2012 RVs	45	51	1	2	1
May 2012 RVs	42	55	*	2	1
February 2012 RVs	41	53	1	4	2
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<sup>2</sup> February 2012 question wording was slightly different: "I'd like your views on some government officials. As I read each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job. (First,) Do you approve or disapprove of [INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER]?"

<sup>3</sup> The abbreviation DK stands for "Don't know"

<sup>4</sup> The abbreviation REF stands for "Refused"

<sup>5</sup> The abbreviation RVs stands for "Registered voters"

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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing					
December 2020 RVs	25	65	2	7	1
May 2020 RVs	34	59	3	4	1
December 2019 RVs	28	63	2	6	1
May 2019 RVs	26	67	1	5	1
December 2018 RVs	26	64	2	6	1
May 2018 RVs	24	71	1	4	*
December 2017 RVs	23	66	1	9	1
May 2017 RVs	31	60	2	7	*
November 2016 RVs	25	66	1	8	*
May 2016 RVs	22	72	1	5	1
November 2015 RVs	23	72	1	3	1
May 2015 RVs	23	70	1	5	1
November 2014 RVs	23	70	1	5	1
May 2014 RVs	22	69	1	7	1
December 2013 RVs	17	78	1	3	0
May 2013 RVs	21	71	1	6	2
December 2012 RVs	21	68	2	8	1
May 2012 RVs	27	66	1	5	1
c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing					
December 2020 RVs	56	28	2	13	1
May 2020 RVs	60	27	3	10	1
December 2019 RVs	56	27	4	12	1
May 2019 RVs	52	32	3	13	1
December 2018 RVs	54	27	3	16	1
May 2018 RVs	56	33	2	8	1
December 2017 RVs	49	29	3	19	1
May 2017 RVs	53	31	3	12	1
November 2016 RVs	60	26	1	13	*
May 2016 RVs	52	36	2	10	1
November 2015 RVs	54	31	3	10	1
May 2015 RVs	55	30	2	12	1
November 2014 RVs	55	34	1	10	1
May 2014 RVs	49	34	2	13	2
December 2013 RVs	53	32	6	9	1
May 2013 RVs	51	30	4	14	1
December 2012 RVs	53	28	3	15	1
May 2012 RVs	51	33	1	14	1
February 2012 RVs	49	33	2	15	2

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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
d. The job Bill Lee is doing as Governor					
December 2020 RVs	57	34	1	7	1
May 2020 RVs	64	27	3	5	*
December 2019 RVs	62	19	6	11	1
May 2019 RVs	61	23	8	9	*
Haslam Trends:					
December 2018 RVs	61	25	3	10	1
October 2018 RVs	63	23	5	8	*
May 2018 RVs	66	26	1	7	*
December 2017 RVs	63	24	2	11	1
May 2017 RVs	61	29	1	8	*
November 2016 RVs	68	21	1	10	*
May 2016 RVs	63	28	2	6	1
November 2015 RVs	65	25	3	6	1
May 2015 RVs	67	21	2	10	*
November 2014 RVs	70	23	1	5	1
May 2014 RVs	58	31	2	9	2
December 2013 RVs	61	27	4	7	1
May 2013 RVs	63	23	2	11	1
December 2012 RVs	68	19	2	9	1
May 2012 RVs	64	22	2	10	1
February 2012 RVs	61	21	3	13	1
e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator					
December 2020 RVs	47	37	2	13	1
May 2020 RVs	50	37	3	10	*
December 2019 RVs	46	34	5	15	1
May 2019 RVs	46	35	5	14	1
December 2018 RVs	48	31	3	17	1
May 2018 RVs	53	34	2	11	*
December 2017 RVs	44	37	1	17	*
May 2017 RVs	50	34	2	13	*
November 2016 RVs	60	25	1	14	*
May 2016 RVs	48	33	2	15	1
November 2015 RVs	52	33	3	11	1
May 2015 RVs	49	36	3	12	1
November 2014 RVs	51	34	1	12	2
May 2014 RVs	49	33	2	14	1
December 2013 RVs	49	35	5	11	1
May 2013 RVs	53	28	1	15	2
December 2012 RVs	55	24	2	18	1
May 2012 RVs	56	26	2	14	1

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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
f. The job Marsha Blackburn is doing as U.S. Senator					
December 2020 RVs	49	40	1	9	1
May 2020 RVs	47	41	2	9	1
December 2019 RVs	44	40	4	11	*
May 2019 RVs	45	42	4	9	*
Bob Corker Trends:					
December 2018 RVs	45	38	2	14	1
May 2018 RVs	49	43	1	7	1
December 2017 RVs	47	39	2	12	1
May 2017 RVs	52	32	3	12	1
November 2016 RVs	60	24	1	14	*
May 2016 RVs	48	35	2	15	1
November 2015 RVs	51	34	3	11	1
May 2015 RVs	53	32	2	13	1
November 2014 RVs	52	31	2	13	2
May 2014 RVs	49	32	3	15	1
December 2013 RVs	52	33	5	9	*
May 2013 RVs	55	30	1	13	1
December 2012 RVs	59	23	2	14	1
May 2012 RVs	52	31	1	16	1
g. The job Joe Biden is doing as President-elect					
December 2020 RVs	41	47	7	4	1
h. The job Bill Haggerty is doing as Senator-elect					
December 2020 RVs*	50	22	12	14	1
i. The job Dr. Anthony Fauci is doing as the Director of the National Institutes of Health					
December 2020 RVs*	60	27	1	10	1
May 2020 RVs <sup>6</sup>	65	24	2	9	*

\*Asked of a half sample.

<sup>6</sup> May 2020 wording was: "The job Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health is doing as a leading public health expert"

2. Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation), (the COVID-19 pandemic),] or something else?

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	COVID- 19 PAN- DEMIC	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs*	28	9	13	1	5	2	37	4	2	*

\*Asked of a half sample.

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMIGRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2020 RVs*	34	26	21	2	11	1	6	1	0
Dec 2019 RVs	16	24	28	6	16	6	3	1	*
May 2019 RVs	17	25	25	10	17	3	2	1	*
Dec 2018 RVs*	16	30	21	8	15	5	3	1	*
May 2018 RVs	21	20	25	6	18	4	5	1	*

Question wording: Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?

\*Asked of a half sample.

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	GUNS	GAP	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2017 RVs	29	28	22	6	4	7	3	1	*
May 2017 RVs	30	30	21	6	2	6	2	2	0
Nov 2016 RVs	36	24	21	6	3	5	3	2	*
May 2016 RVs	31	18	29	8	3	7	5	*	*
Nov 2015 RVs	31	17	24	13	3	5	5	1	*

Question wording: Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (The gap between the rich and everyone else)] or something else?

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	GUNS	SOCIAL ISSUES	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2013 RVs*	50	15	18	6	3	4	4	1	*
Dec 2012 RVs	60	10	18	4	1	4	1	1	*

Question wording: Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Social issues like abortion and gay rights),] or something else?

\*Asked of a half sample.

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2. Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation), (the COVID-19 pandemic),] or something else? (CONTINUED)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	ECONOMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCATION	IMMIGRATION	GUNS	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2015 RVs	44	19	24	7	3	2	1	*
Nov 2014 RVs	40	20	27	6	2	4	*	1
May 2014 RVs	48	18	27	3	1	2	1	*
Dec 2013 RVs	48	17	28	2	2	2	1	*
May 2012 RVs	60	12	21	4	*	1	*	1

Question wording: Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education),] or something else?

[ROTATE ORDER OF ECONUS AND ECONTN]

ECONUS. How would you rate the condition of the United States economy these days? Is it: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs	12	41	28	17	1	0	(1,007)
May 2020 RVs	5	30	37	27	1	0	(1,000)
Dec 2019 RVs*	35	46	14	5	*	0	(494)
May 2019 RVs*	32	51	10	6	1	*	(498)
Dec 2018 RVs*	27	51	13	8	1	0	(501)
May 2018 RVs*	21	56	15	8	*	*	(691)
Dec 2017 RVs*	12	54	22	10	1	*	(507)
May 2017 RVs	7	62	21	7	3	*	(1,004)
Nov 2016 RVs	5	45	29	18	2	*	(1,005)
May 2016 RVs	4	45	30	21	*	*	(1,001)
Nov 2015 RVs	4	40	35	20	*	*	(1,013)
May 2015 RVs	4	44	31	21	*	*	(1,001)
Nov 2014 RVs	3	36	36	23	1	1	(989)
May 2014 RVs*	3	29	37	31	1	*	(573)
Dec 2013 RVs*	1	31	37	31	*	0	(431)
May 2013 RVs*	1	30	37	30	1	*	(453)
Dec 2012 RVs*	2	31	35	30	0	1	(467)
May 2012 RVs	1	22	39	37	1	1	(826)
Feb 2012 RVs	3	21	36	38	1	1	(1,508)

\*Asked of a half sample.

ECONTN. How would you rate the condition of the Tennessee state economy these days? Is it: [OPTIONS  
READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs	12	55	22	10	2	0	(1,007)
May 2020 RVs	6	45	35	13	1	*	(1,000)
Dec 2019 RVs*	21	63	11	3	2	0	(506)
May 2019 RVs*	21	61	12	4	2	1	(502)
Dec 2018 RVs*	21	61	12	4	2	*	(495)
May 2018 RVs*	16	64	14	4	1	*	(709)
Dec 2017 RVs*	14	57	20	7	2	*	(506)
May 2017 RVs	12	61	19	6	2	*	(1,004)
Nov 2016 RVs	9	57	24	9	2	*	(1,005)
May 2016 RVs	7	60	22	9	1	*	(1,001)
Nov 2015 RVs	6	55	28	10	1	*	(1,013)
May 2015 RVs	7	60	23	8	1	*	(1,001)
Nov 2014 RVs*	8	56	24	10	2	*	(530)
May 2014 RVs*	4	56	28	9	2	1	(672)
Dec 2013 RVs*	4	62	24	9	1	0	(429)
May 2013 RV*	5	47	33	12	2	1	(410)
Dec 2012 RVs*	3	50	30	13	3	*	(426)
May 2012 RVs	2	42	34	19	1	1	(826)

*\*Asked of a half sample.*

[READ TO ALL:] Next are some questions about Election Day in Tennessee.

VOTE5. Did you vote in-person either during early voting or on Election Day in Tennessee, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	89	11	0	*

VOTE6. Which candidate, if either, do you think is the legitimate winner of the 2020 presidential general election?  
[NAMES READ IN ROTATED ORDER]

	JOE BIDEN	DONALD TRUMP	NEITHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	50	38	7	4	1

VOTE7. Which candidate, if either, do you think is trying to steal the 2020 presidential general election? [NAMES READ IN ROTATED ORDER]

	JOE BIDEN	DONALD TRUMP	NEITHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	38	33	27	2	1

VOTE8. 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?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	78	16	4	2

VOTE9. How confident are you that votes nationwide were counted fairly and accurately? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONFIDENT	SOME- WHAT CONFIDENT	NOT TOO CONFIDENT	NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	36	12	15	35	1	*	(517)

\*Asked of a half sample.

VOTE10. How confident are you that votes in Tennessee were counted fairly and accurately? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONFIDENT	SOME- WHAT CONFIDENT	NOT TOO CONFIDENT	NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	68	23	4	4	1	*	(490)

\*Asked of a half sample.

[READ TO ALL:] Next are some questions about the coronavirus pandemic, also known as COVID-19.

CV11. How satisfied are you with [ITEM]? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER] [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>7</sup>

	VERY SATISFIED	SOME- WHAT SATISFIED	SOME- WHAT DIS- SATISFIED	VERY DIS- SATISFIED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. How President Trump has responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
December 2020 RVs	32	20	8	39	*	*
May 2020 RVs	31	22	10	37	*	*
b. How Governor Bill Lee has responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
December 2020 RVs	22	33	20	22	2	0
May 2020 RVs	23	42	20	12	2	*
c. How leaders of your city or town have responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
December 2020 RVs	28	38	18	14	1	0
May 2020 RVs	30	45	14	9	2	*
d. How the people in your local community have responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
December 2020 RVs	23	38	22	17	1	*
May 2020 RVs	28	38	20	13	1	*

CV12. Which one of the following do you think should be a higher priority for the Tennessee state government? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	ADDRESSING THE IMPACT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ECONOMY, INCLUDING JOBS	ADDRESSING THE IMPACT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE HEALTH AND WELL- BEING OF TENNESSEANS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	41	55	4	*	(490)
May 2020 RVs*	50	48	3	*	(509)

\*Asked of a half sample.

<sup>7</sup> May 2020: Response options were read in order.

CV13. How worried, if at all, are you that you or someone in your family will contract the coronavirus? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>8</sup>

	VERY WOR- RIED	SOME- WHAT WOR- RIED	NOT TOO WOR- RIED	NOT WOR- RIED AT ALL	(VOL.) ALREADY HAP- PENED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs	32	34	17	12	4	*	0	(1,007)
May 2020 RVs*	20	40	25	15	1	0	0	(496)

\*Asked of a half sample.

CV14. Do you know anyone who was sick with COVID-19, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	80	20	*	0

CV15. When you go to a store or public places where you encounter other people, how often do you wear a mask or face covering? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	ALWAYS	USUALLY	OCCA- SIONALLY	RARELY	NEVER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	76	11	5	3	4	*	*

CV16. Should the state of Tennessee pass a statewide mask mandate to help combat the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	62	36	1	0

CV17. As far as you know, are children immune from the COVID-19 coronavirus, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	9	86	6	0	(511)

\*Asked of a half sample.

CV18. 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?

	ALREADY GOTTEN A FLU SHOT	PLAN TO GET A FLU SHOT	DO NOT PLAN TO GET A FLU SHOT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	55	15	30	1	0	(496)

\*Asked of a half sample.

<sup>8</sup> May 2020: Response options were read in order.

CV19. If a vaccine that protects people from the COVID-19 coronavirus is approved by the Food and Drug Administration, also known as the FDA, and is available to the public, how likely, if at all, would you be to get vaccinated? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY LIKELY	SOME- WHAT LIKELY	NOT TOO LIKELY	NOT AT ALL LIKELY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	42	22	14	20	1	*	(510)
*Asked of a half sample.							

CV20. 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? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY LIKELY	SOME- WHAT LIKELY	NOT TOO LIKELY	NOT AT ALL LIKELY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	48	27	9	16	*	*	(497)
*Asked of a half sample.							

[ROTATE ORDER OF CV21 AND CV22]

CV21. How much of a public health problem, if at all, is the coronavirus pandemic in your local community? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>9</sup>

	EXTREMELY LARGE PROBLEM	LARGE PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	19	43	30	6	2	*
May 2020 RVs	5	23	53	17	1	0

CV22. How much of an economic problem, if at all, is the coronavirus pandemic in your local community? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>10</sup>

	EXTREMELY LARGE PROBLEM	LARGE PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	14	45	33	6	2	*
May 2020 RVs	19	45	28	6	2	*

<sup>9</sup> May 2020: Response options were read in order.

<sup>10</sup> May 2020: Response options were read in order.

CV23. Do you think bars and restaurants in your local community should be allowed to open for in-person dining now, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	54	45	1	*
May 2020 RVs	44	55	1	*

CV23B. Would you dine in-person at a bar or restaurant in your local community now, or not?

*Based on those who think local bars and restaurants should be allowed to open*

	YES	NO	(VOL.) HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF.	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs	78	16	5	1	*	(556)
May 2020 RVs	71	20	9	*	*	(477)

CV24. Would you feel safe flying on an airplane now with other people, or not?<sup>11</sup>

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	38	60	1	*
May 2020 RVs	24	75	1	*

CV25. Thinking about the upcoming holidays, has the COVID-19 coronavirus changed how you would normally celebrate the holidays with family and friends, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	68	32	*	*

<sup>11</sup> May 2020 question wording was: "And thinking about the current status of the coronavirus pandemic, would you feel safe flying on an airplane now with other people, or not?"

CV26A. 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? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CON- CERNED	SOME- WHAT CON- CERNED	NOT TOO CON- CERNED	NOT AT ALL CON- CERNED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	64	23	9	3	1	0	(336)
<i>*Asked of a third sample.</i>							

CV26B. Given that many of 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? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CON- CERNED	SOME- WHAT CON- CERNED	NOT TOO CON- CERNED	NOT AT ALL CON- CERNED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	61	27	7	4	*	*	(340)
<i>*Asked of a third sample.</i>							

CV26C. 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? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CON- CERNED	SOME- WHAT CON- CERNED	NOT TOO CON- CERNED	NOT AT ALL CON- CERNED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	56	31	5	6	1	*	(331)
<i>*Asked of a third sample.</i>							



[READ TO ALL:] On a different subject...

Q27. Based on your total family income, how worried are you right now about each of the following financial matters? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER] [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>12</sup>

	VERY WOR- RIED	MODER- ATELY WOR- RIED	NOT TOO WOR- RIED	NOT WOR- RIED AT ALL	(VOL.) DOES NOT APPLY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Not having enough money to pay for emergencies, like medical care or car repairs, in the event of a serious accident							
Dec 2020 RVs	15	26	29	29	n/a	*	*
May 2020 RVs	18	26	29	27	n/a	0	0
December 2019 RVs	20	32	27	22	*	*	0
b. Not having enough to pay your normal monthly bills, like housing, food and transportation							
Dec 2020 RVs	12	18	31	39	n/a	*	*
May 2020 RVs	11	20	29	40	n/a	0	0
December 2019 RVs	10	22	32	36	*	*	0
c. Not having enough in savings for things like retirement or your or your child's education							
Dec 2020 RVs	19	25	26	28	n/a	*	*
May 2020 RVs	18	27	25	29	n/a	*	*
December 2019 RVs	22	31	24	23	1	*	0

<sup>12</sup> May 2020 and December 2019: Question wording was "Based on your total family income, how concerned are you right now about each of the following financial matters?" Response options were read in order.

Q28. In the past 8 months, have you put off or postponed getting health care you needed because of the COST, or not?<sup>13</sup>

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	22	78	*	*	(479)
May 2020 RVs	13	87	*	0	(1,000)

\*Asked of a half sample.

CV29. In the past 8 months, have you put off or postponed getting health care you needed because of fears of becoming sick with the COVID-19 coronavirus, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	25	75	1	*	(528)

\*Asked of a half sample.

CV30. Have you had to take out a loan or take on more credit card debt to help make ends meet because of the coronavirus, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	14	86	*	*
May 2020 RVs	10	90	*	*

CV31. In the past 8 months, have you had trouble paying your mortgage or rent because of the coronavirus, or not?<sup>14</sup>

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	11	89	*	*
May 2020 RVs	10	90	*	*

CV32. As result of the coronavirus pandemic, have you had to apply for unemployment benefits, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	13	87	0	*
May 2020 RVs	12	88	0	*

CV33. How (easy) or (difficult) was the process of applying for unemployment benefits? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

*Based on those who had to apply for unemployment benefits because of the coronavirus pandemic*

	VERY EASY	SOME- WHAT EASY	SOME- WHAT DIFFICULT	VERY DIFFICULT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs	12	20	27	39	1	*	(107)
May 2020 RVs	15	20	31	33	1	0	(102)

<sup>13</sup> May 2020 question wording was: "In the past 3 months, have you put off or postponed getting health care you needed because of the COST, or not?"

<sup>14</sup> May 2020 question wording was: "In the past 3 months, have you had trouble paying your mortgage or rent because of the coronavirus, or not?"

[READ TO ALL:] On a different subject...

RR34. Do you think race relations in the United States are: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	GENERALLY GOOD	GENERALLY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	37	58	4	1	(501)

\*Asked of a half sample.

RR35. Over the past four years, do you think race relations in the United States are: [FIRST TWO OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	GETTING BETTER	GETTING WORSE	STAYING ABOUT THE SAME	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	12	52	35	*	*	(501)

\*Asked of a half sample.

RR36. Do you think race relations in Tennessee are: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	GENERALLY GOOD	GENERALLY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	64	32	4	*	(506)

\*Asked of a half sample.

RR37. Over the past four years, do you think race relations in Tennessee are: [FIRST TWO OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	GETTING BETTER	GETTING WORSE	STAYING ABOUT THE SAME	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs*	14	28	55	2	*	(506)

\*Asked of a half sample.

RR38. How much, if at all, do you think the legacy of slavery affects the position of black people in American society today? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	A GREAT DEAL	A FAIR AMOUNT	NOT MUCH	NOT AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	25	28	20	24	3	*

RR39. Do you have (a favorable), (an unfavorable), or neither favorable nor unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement? [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

[THEN PROBE: Would that be a very or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]

	VERY FAVOR- ABLE	SOME- WHAT FAVOR- ABLE	NEITHER FAVOR- ABLE NOR UNFAVOR- ABLE	SOME- WHAT UNFAVOR- ABLE	VERY UNFAVOR- ABLE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	20	15	17	11	31	4	1

[READ TO ALL:] A few last questions for statistical purposes only...

EMP. Are you, yourself, currently employed full-time or part-time, or are you not employed for pay?  
NOTW. [IF NOT EMPLOYED FOR PAY/DK/REFUSED, ASK:] Would you say you are: [READ LIST]

DEC 2020 RVS	
58	NET Employed
49	Full-time
9	Part-time
41	NET Not employed for pay
23	Retired
5	A homemaker
4	A student
4	Unemployed but looking for work
2	Unemployed and not looking for work
4	(VOL.) Disabled/Handicapped
1	(VOL.) Don't know/Refused NOTW

PARTY. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a: [READ]

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPEN- DENT	SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	26	38	25	10	1	1

PTYSTRDEM. Would you call yourself a Strong Democrat or Not a strong Democrat? [READ IF NECESSARY: Whatever strong means to you.]

*Based on those who self-identify as Democrats*

	STRONG DEMOCRAT	NOT A STRONG DEMOCRAT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs	69	29	1	1	(261)

PTYSTRREP. Would you call yourself a Strong Republican or Not a strong Republican? [READ IF NECESSARY: Whatever strong means to you.]

*Based on those who self-identify as Republicans*

	STRONG REPUBLICAN	NOT A STRONG REPUBLICAN	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2020 RVs	73	26	1	*	(391)

PARTY. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?

PARTYLN2. [IF INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE/DK/REFUSED, ASK:] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, Democratic Party or neither?

	DEMOCRAT / LEAN DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN / LEAN REPUBLICAN	NEITHER	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	35	49	15	1

IDEO5. How would you generally describe your views on most political matters? Are you: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONSER- VATIVE	CONSER- VATIVE	MOD- ERATE	LIBERAL	VERY LIBERAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2020 RVs	16	32	32	11	6	2	1

The remaining demographic questions and questions QL1, QL1a, QC1 are not reported in this topline.

THANK AND END INTERVIEW: THANK YOU again for sharing your thoughts and opinions! Have a nice rest of the day. [READ IF NECESSARY: This survey is being conducted by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt University. If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact CSDI at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.]