



**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
TENNESSEE POLL FALL 2017
TOPLINE RESULTS**

Total N=1,013 Tennessee registered voters¹

Margin of Error: ± 3.7 percentage points for results based on all Registered Voters [N=1,013]

Interviewing dates: November 16-December 5, 2017

Interview language: English only

LANDLINE INTRO:

Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University. This call may be monitored or recorded for quality assurance.

QS1. May I please speak with [INSERT NAME FROM SAMPLE]? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: ACCEPT ONLY THE NAMED RESPONDENT – NO REPLACEMENTS]

ONCE TARGET RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE:

[IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ANSWER PHONE, REPEAT: Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University.]

We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters on local and national issues and would like to include your opinions. You have been randomly selected to participate. Your answers will be kept completely confidential. [READ IF NECESSARY: This is not a sales call – we are only interested in your opinions.]

LANDLINE SCREENING INTERVIEW:

LLCELL. First I have to ask... Did I reach you on a cell phone?

[READ IF LLCELL=YES, CELL PHONE:] If you are now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention, I need to call you back later.

[GO TO MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW]

¹ 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.



CELL PHONE INTRO:

Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University. This call may be monitored or recorded for quality assurance.

QS1. May I please speak with [INSERT NAME FROM SAMPLE]? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: ACCEPT ONLY THE NAMED RESPONDENT – NO REPLACEMENTS]

[VOICEMAIL MESSAGE: LEAVE ONLY ONCE – THE FIRST TIME A CALL GOES TO VOICEMAIL:] Hello, I am calling for Vanderbilt University. We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters. This is NOT a sales call. We will try to reach you again. [SCHEDULE CALLBACK]

ONCE TARGET RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE:

[IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ANSWER PHONE, REPEAT: Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University.]

We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters on local and national issues and would like to include your opinions. You have been randomly selected to participate. Your answers will be kept completely confidential. [READ IF NECESSARY: This is not a sales call – we are only interested in your opinions.]

[IF R SAYS DRIVING/UNABLE TO TAKE CALL:] Thank you. We will try you another time...

CELL PHONE SCREENING INTERVIEW:

CPCCELL. First I have to ask... Did I reach you on a cell phone?

[READ IF CPCCELL=YES, CELL PHONE:] If you are now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention, I need to call you back later.

[GO TO MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW]



MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW (LANDLINE AND CELL)

[READ TO ALL:] To begin...

RSTATE. Do you currently live in Tennessee? [CONTINUE IF RESPOND 'YES']

RCOUNTY. And in what county do you live? [CONTINUE IF VALID TN COUNTY GIVEN]

READ IF NECESSARY: 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.

RZIPCODE. Could you please tell me your zip code? [ENTER 5-DIGIT ZIP AND CONTINUE]

[IF DK/REFUSED, 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. Can you please tell me your zip code?

TREND INFORMATION

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

Q1. 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. (First,) Do you approve or disapprove of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]?²

| | APPROVE | DIS- APPROVE | (VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL | (VOL.) DK ³ | (VOL.) REF ⁴ |
|--|---------|-----------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. The job Donald Trump is doing as President | | | | | |
| 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 ⁵ | 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 |
| b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing | | | | | |
| 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 |

Q1 continued...

² 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]?"

³ The abbreviation DK stands for "Don't know"

⁴ The abbreviation REF stands for "Refused"

⁵ The abbreviation RVs stands for "Registered voters"

Q1 continued...

| | APPROVE | DIS- APPROVE | (VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|--|---------|-----------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing | | | | | |
| 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 |
| d. The job Bill Haslam is doing as Governor | | | | | |
| 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 |

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| | APPROVE | DIS- APPROVE | (VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|--|---------|-----------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator | | | | | |
| 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 |
| f. The job Bob Corker is doing as U.S. Senator | | | | | |
| 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 |

Q2. Now I'm going to read the names of candidates for Tennessee governor. Some of these you may recognize and others you may not. First, have you heard of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE], or not? Next, [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [READ IF NECESSARY: Have you heard of (ITEM), or not?]⁶

| | YES, HAVE HEARD OF | NO, HAVE NOT HEARD OF | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| a. Karl Dean | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 41 | 58 | * | * |
| May 2017 RVs | 38 | 62 | * | 0 |
| b. Randy Boyd | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 33 | 66 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2017 RVs | 26 | 73 | * | 0 |
| c. Mae Beavers | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 28 | 72 | * | 0 |
| May 2017 RVs | 28 | 72 | * | 0 |
| d. Beth Harwell | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 40 | 59 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2017 RVs | 34 | 66 | * | * |
| e. Bill Lee | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 14 | 85 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2017 RVs | 14 | 86 | 0 | 0 |
| f. Craig Fitzhugh | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 10 | 89 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2017 RVs | 8 | 91 | * | 0 |
| NO ITEM G | | | | |
| h. Diane Black | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 59 | 41 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2017 RVs | 49 | 51 | 0 | 0 |

Q3. Now I'm going to read the names of potential candidates for U.S. Senator for Tennessee. Some of these you may recognize and others you may not. First, have you heard of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE], or not? Next, [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [READ IF NECESSARY: Have you heard of (ITEM), or not?]

| | YES, HAVE HEARD OF | NO, HAVE NOT HEARD OF | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| a. James Mackler | 10 | 90 | * | 0 |
| b. Marsha Blackburn | 73 | 26 | * | 0 |
| c. Phil Bredesen | 65 | 35 | * | 0 |
| d. Steven Fincher | 22 | 78 | 0 | 0 |

⁶ May 2017 question stem was slightly different: "Now I'm going to read the names of potential candidates for Tennessee governor..."

Q4. 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?⁷

| | ECON- OMY | HEALTH CARE | EDUCA- TION | IMMI- GRATION | GAP | GUNS | SOCIAL ISSUES | OTHER (SPECIFY) | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----|------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs | 29 | 28 | 22 | 6 | 7 | 4 | n/a | 3 | 1 | * |
| May 2017 RVs | 30 | 30 | 21 | 6 | 6 | 2 | n/a | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Nov 2016 RVs | 36 | 24 | 21 | 6 | 5 | 3 | n/a | 3 | 2 | * |
| May 2016 RVs | 31 | 18 | 29 | 8 | 7 | 3 | n/a | 5 | * | * |
| Nov 2015 RVs | 31 | 17 | 24 | 13 | 5 | 3 | n/a | 5 | 1 | * |
| May 2015 RVs | 44 | 19 | 24 | 7 | n/a | 3 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| Nov 2014 RVs | 40 | 20 | 27 | 6 | n/a | 2 | n/a | 4 | * | 1 |
| May 2014 RVs | 48 | 18 | 27 | 3 | n/a | 1 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| Dec 2013 RVs | 48 | 17 | 28 | 2 | n/a | 2 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| May 2013 RVs | 50 | 15 | 18 | 6 | n/a | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | * |
| Dec 2012 RVs | 60 | 10 | 18 | 4 | n/a | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | * |
| May 2012 RVs | 60 | 12 | 21 | 4 | n/a | * | n/a | 1 | * | 1 |

Q5. Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUS QUESTION AND EXCLUDE RESPONSE GIVEN IN PREVIOUS QUESTION IF CODES 1-6: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (The gap between the rich and everyone else)] or something else?⁸

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELECTED A TOP PRIORITY IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

| | ECON- OMY | HEALTH CARE | EDUCA- TION | IMMI- GRATION | GAP | GUN | SOCIAL ISSUES | OTHER (SPECIFY) | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----|-----|------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=997] | 25 | 28 | 23 | 8 | 8 | 5 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| May 2017 RVs [N=985] | 25 | 25 | 25 | 10 | 7 | 4 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=976] | 25 | 24 | 26 | 9 | 7 | 5 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| May 2016 RVs [N=992] | 30 | 17 | 24 | 11 | 8 | 6 | n/a | 3 | 1 | * |
| Nov 2015 RVs [N=985] | 30 | 19 | 23 | 11 | 6 | 5 | n/a | 4 | 1 | * |
| May 2015 RVs [N=989] | 27 | 22 | 31 | 13 | n/a | 4 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| Nov 2014 RVs [N=977] | 31 | 26 | 28 | 9 | n/a | 3 | n/a | 2 | 1 | * |
| May 2014 RVs [N=1,232] | 28 | 27 | 29 | 7 | n/a | 4 | n/a | 3 | 2 | * |
| Dec 2013 RVs [N=853] | 32 | 23 | 29 | 7 | n/a | 4 | n/a | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Dec 2012 RVs [N=883] | 25 | 28 | 30 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | * |
| May 2012 RVs [N=817] | 24 | 33 | 30 | 9 | n/a | 2 | n/a | 1 | 1 | * |

⁷ "The gap between the rich and everyone else" was a new category introduced in the November 2015 poll. May 2013 trend was asked of a random half sample [N=506, including N=437 RVs]. "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the May 2013 and December 2012 polls.

⁸ "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the December 2012 poll.

Q6. Would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]

| | VERY FAVOR- ABLE | MOSTLY FAVOR- ABLE | MOSTLY UNFAVOR- ABLE | VERY UNFAVOR- ABLE | (VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF | (VOL.) CAN'T RATE | (VOL.) REF |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| a. The Republican Party | 9 | 39 | 23 | 26 | 0 | 4 | * |
| b. The Democratic Party | 11 | 31 | 25 | 28 | * | 5 | * |

Q7A. Overall, would you say the Republican Party’s policies are misguided and dangerous for the country, OR misguided but not dangerous for the country?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE A VERY/MOSTLY UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY [N=498]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|--|
| 72 | Misguided and dangerous |
| 20 | Misguided but not dangerous |
| 4 | (VOL.) Don’t consider the Party’s policies to be misguided |
| 4 | (VOL.) Don’t know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q7B. Overall, would you say the Democratic Party’s policies are misguided and dangerous for the country, OR misguided but not dangerous for the country?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE A VERY/MOSTLY UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY [N=558]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|--|
| 66 | Misguided and dangerous |
| 28 | Misguided but not dangerous |
| 2 | (VOL.) Don’t consider the Party’s policies to be misguided |
| 4 | (VOL.) Don’t know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

ECONUS. How would you rate the condition of the United States economy these days? Is it: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]⁹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

| | VERY GOOD | FAIRLY GOOD | FAIRLY BAD | VERY BAD | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=507] | 12 | 54 | 22 | 10 | 1 | * |
| May 2017 RVs [N=1,004] | 7 | 62 | 21 | 7 | 3 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=1,005] | 5 | 45 | 29 | 18 | 2 | * |
| May 2016 RVs [N=1,001] | 4 | 45 | 30 | 21 | * | * |
| Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013] | 4 | 40 | 35 | 20 | * | * |
| May 2015 RVs [N=1,001] | 4 | 44 | 31 | 21 | * | * |
| Nov 2014 RVs [N=989] | 3 | 36 | 36 | 23 | 1 | 1 |
| May 2014 RVs [N=573] | 3 | 29 | 37 | 31 | 1 | * |
| Dec 2013 RVs [N=431] | 1 | 31 | 37 | 31 | * | 0 |
| May 2013 RVs [N=453] | 1 | 30 | 37 | 30 | 1 | * |
| Dec 2012 RVs [N=467] | 2 | 31 | 35 | 30 | 0 | 1 |
| May 2012 RVs [N=826] | 1 | 22 | 39 | 37 | 1 | 1 |
| Feb 2012 RVs [N=1,508] | 3 | 21 | 36 | 38 | 1 | 1 |

ECONTN. How would you rate the condition of the Tennessee state economy these days? Is it: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ECONUS]¹⁰

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

| | VERY GOOD | FAIRLY GOOD | FAIRLY BAD | VERY BAD | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=506] | 14 | 57 | 20 | 7 | 2 | * |
| May 2017 RVs [N=1,004] | 12 | 61 | 19 | 6 | 2 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=1,005] | 9 | 57 | 24 | 9 | 2 | * |
| May 2016 RVs [N=1,001] | 7 | 60 | 22 | 9 | 1 | * |
| Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013] | 6 | 55 | 28 | 10 | 1 | * |
| May 2015 RVs [N=1,001] | 7 | 60 | 23 | 8 | 1 | * |
| Nov 2014 RVs [N=530] | 8 | 56 | 24 | 10 | 2 | * |
| May 2014 RVs [N=672] | 4 | 56 | 28 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Dec 2013 RVs [N=429] | 4 | 62 | 24 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2013 RVs [N=410] | 5 | 47 | 33 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Dec 2012 RVs [N=426] | 3 | 50 | 30 | 13 | 3 | * |
| May 2012 RVs [N=826] | 2 | 42 | 34 | 19 | 1 | 1 |

⁹ Trends were sometimes asked of all respondents or random half samples. Unless otherwise indicated, all respondents were asked this question. Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, May 2014, December 2013, May 2013 and December 2012.

¹⁰ Trends were sometimes asked of all respondents or random half samples. Unless otherwise indicated, all respondents were asked this question. Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, November 2014, May 2014, December 2013, May 2013 and December 2012.

Q8. Do you think President Donald Trump is changing the way things are done in Washington for the better, for the worse, or do you think the way things are done in Washington will pretty much stay the same?¹¹

| DEC 2017 RVS | | MAY 2017 RVS | NOV 2016 RVS |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 35 | For the better | 41 | 54 |
| 36 | For the worse | 31 | 20 |
| 26 | Stay the same | 23 | 23 |
| 2 | (VOL.) Don't know | 4 | 3 |
| * | (VOL.) Refused | * | * |

Q9. Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS] (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... (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).¹²

| | WORK WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER PARTY | PURSUE OWN VALUES AND PRIORITIES | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|------------------------|--|--|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=1,013] | 76 | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| May 2017 RVs [N=1,004] | 73 | 23 | 3 | 1 |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=1,005] | 71 | 25 | 3 | * |
| May 2016 RVs [N=1,001] | 71 | 25 | 2 | 1 |
| Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013] | 70 | 26 | 2 | 1 |
| May 2015 RVs [N=1,001] | 70 | 26 | 3 | 1 |
| Nov 2014 RVs [N=477] | 77 | 19 | 1 | 2 |
| Dec 2013 RVs [N=860] | 74 | 22 | 3 | * |
| Dec 2012 RVs [N=893] | 74 | 21 | 3 | 2 |

¹¹ November 2016 question wording was: "Do you think President-elect Donald Trump will change the way things are done in Washington for the better, for the worse, or do you think the way things are done in Washington will pretty much stay the same?"

¹² Unless otherwise indicated, trends were asked of all respondents. November 2014 trend was asked of a random half sample [N=580 including 477 RVs]. In December 2012, the phrase "opposing political party" was used in place of the current wording "other political party."

Q10. Some people say they are basically content with the way the NATIONAL GOVERNMENT works today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel? [RE-READ CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY]¹³

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

| | BASICALLY CONTENT | FRUSTRATED | ANGRY | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=507] | 12 | 63 | 21 | 3 | * |
| May 2017 RVs [N=498] | 17 | 58 | 23 | 2 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=522] | 14 | 60 | 24 | 2 | 0 |
| Oct 2016 RVs [N=1,000] | 9 | 64 | 24 | 1 | 2 |
| May 2016 RVs [N=486] | 10 | 64 | 24 | 2 | 1 |

Q11. To the extent that the NATIONAL government has failed to solve important problems, who do you think is MOST to blame? (Democrats), (Republicans), both equally or neither? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]¹⁴

BASED ON THE SAME RANDOM HALF SAMPLE THAT WAS ASKED Q10

| | DEM | REP | BOTH | NEITHER | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=507] | 13 | 19 | 63 | 4 | 1 | * |
| May 2017 RVs [N=498] | 21 | 21 | 51 | 4 | 2 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=522] | 20 | 16 | 58 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2016 RVs [N=486] | 14 | 19 | 64 | 3 | 1 | * |

Q12. 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? [RE-READ CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY]¹⁵

BASED ON THE REMAINING RANDOM HALF NOT ASKED Q10

| | BASICALLY CONTENT | FRUSTRATED | ANGRY | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=506] | 29 | 56 | 11 | 3 | * |
| May 2017 RVs [N=506] | 36 | 48 | 11 | 3 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=483] | 36 | 50 | 11 | 3 | 1 |
| May 2016 RVs [N=515] | 25 | 63 | 10 | 1 | * |

¹³ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁴ Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁵ Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

Q13. To the extent that the STATE government has failed to solve important problems, who do you think is MOST to blame? (Democrats), (Republicans), both equally or neither? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]¹⁶

BASED ON THE REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q10

| | DEM | REP | BOTH | NEITHER | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=506] | 10 | 16 | 68 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| May 2017 RVs [N=506] | 14 | 15 | 61 | 7 | 2 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=483] | 16 | 16 | 58 | 8 | 2 | * |
| May 2016 RVs [N=515] | 11 | 23 | 60 | 4 | 2 | * |

[READ TO ALL:] Next I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed today.

Q14. Which of the following comes closest to your view of the future of the U.S. health care system? [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]¹⁷

| DEC 2017 RVS | | MAY 2017 RVS | NOV 2016 RVS | MAY 2016 RVS |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 16 | The Affordable Care Act should be repealed and NOT replaced | 14 | 21 | 21 |
| 19 | The Affordable Care Act should be repealed and replaced with a Republican-sponsored alternative | 24 | 29 | 17 |
| 32 | Lawmakers should build on the Affordable Care Act to improve affordability and access to care | 33 | 28 | 35 |
| 25 | The U.S. should establish guaranteed universal health coverage through a single government plan | 22 | 16 | 18 |
| 2 | (VOL.) None of these/Something else | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | (VOL.) Don't know | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 1 | (VOL.) Refused | 1 | 0 | * |
| [N=1,013] | | [N=512] | [N=493] | [N=485] |

¹⁶ Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁷ In May 2016, the categories referred to "the health care law." Beginning with the November 2016 poll, "the health care law" was replaced with "the Affordable Care Act." Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016

Q15. Who do you think is most responsible for the failure to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act: [READ LIST]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|--|
| 16 | President Trump |
| 15 | Republicans in the House, including Speaker Paul Ryan |
| 15 | Republicans in the Senate, including Majority Leader Mitch McConnell |
| 17 | Democrats in the House, including Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi |
| 12 | Democrats in the Senate, including Minority Leader Chuck Schumer |
| 9 | (VOL.) None of these/Something else |
| 15 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 2 | (VOL.) Refused |

Q16. Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]¹⁸

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

| | IT SHOULD BE LEGAL FOR PERSONAL USE | IT SHOULD BE LEGAL ONLY FOR MEDICINAL USE | IT SHOULD NOT BE LEGAL | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|----------------------|---|---|---------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=509] | 34 | 44 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| May 2017 RVs [N=505] | 31 | 47 | 21 | 1 | 1 |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=527] | 33 | 42 | 23 | 2 | * |
| May 2016 RVs [N=496] | 31 | 45 | 22 | 1 | 1 |
| Nov 2015 RVs [N=511] | 26 | 48 | 25 | 1 | * |
| May 2015 RVs [N=488] | 24 | 48 | 25 | 2 | * |
| Nov 2014 RVs [N=495] | 29 | 42 | 26 | 1 | 2 |
| May 2014 RVs [N=637] | 32 | 44 | 22 | 2 | * |

¹⁸ Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, May 2017, November 2016, May 2016, November 2015, May 2015, and November 2014. May 2014 trend was asked of all Form 2 respondents [N=769, including N=637 RVs].

Q17. How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you [READ]¹⁹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

| | STRONGLY SUPPORT | SOME-WHAT SUPPORT | NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE | SOME-WHAT OPPOSE | STRONGLY OPPOSE | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=504] | 21 | 9 | 20 | 4 | 44 | 1 | 1 |
| May 2017 RVs [N=1,004] | 22 | 9 | 19 | 5 | 42 | 2 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=515] | 23 | 9 | 20 | 7 | 38 | 2 | * |
| May 2016 RVs [N=511] | 23 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 46 | 1 | * |
| Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013] | 21 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 44 | 1 | * |
| May 2015 RVs [N=517] | 16 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 52 | * | * |
| Nov 2014 RVs [N=499] | 15 | 7 | 23 | 7 | 47 | 1 | 1 |

Q18. Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? They should be allowed to stay in the country and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship... They should be allowed to stay in the country only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship... or, They should be required to leave the country.²⁰

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

| | STAY AND APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP | STAY AS TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS | REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE U.S. | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=489] | 58 | 14 | 25 | 3 | 1 |
| May 2017 RVs [N=550] | 56 | 20 | 23 | 1 | * |

¹⁹ Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, November 2016, May 2016, May 2015 and November 2014. November 2014 question wording was: "How much do you favor or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose?"

²⁰ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, May 2017, November 2016 and May 2013. Beginning in May 2017, question wording was "undocumented immigrants" instead of "illegal immigrants." December 2012 question wording was: "Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship... They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship... or, They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S."

Q19. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? They should be allowed to stay in the country and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship... They should be allowed to stay in the country only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship... or, They should be required to leave the country.²¹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

| | STAY AND APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP | STAY AS TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS | REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE U.S. | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs [N=524] | 58 | 17 | 22 | 2 | 1 |
| Nov 2016 RVs [N=508] | 51 | 18 | 28 | 3 | * |
| May 2014 RVs [N=1,245] | 47 | 21 | 28 | 3 | 1 |
| May 2013 RVs [N=417] | 44 | 20 | 31 | 5 | 1 |
| Dec 2012 RVs [N=893] | 48 | 15 | 32 | 3 | 2 |

Q20. Thinking about the U.S. tax system... Do you think it is: [READ LIST] [RANDOMIZE HALF 1-2/2-1] [IF BOTH/DEPENDS, PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, which ONE do you think is more important?" IF STILL BOTH, CODE AS BOTH EQUALLY. IF STILL DEPENDS, CODE AS DK]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE [N=501]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|--|
| 61 | More important to reduce personal income taxes |
| 25 | More important to lower the corporate tax rate |
| 6 | (VOL.) Both equally |
| 2 | (VOL.) Neither/Leave tax system as is |
| 6 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

²¹ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017, May 2017, November 2016 and May 2013. Beginning in May 2017, question wording was "undocumented immigrants" instead of "illegal immigrants." December 2012 question wording was: "Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship... They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship... or, They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S."

Q21. As you may know, Republican lawmakers in Congress recently proposed various tax reforms. OVERALL, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the part of the tax plan proposed by Republicans that would lower the tax rate for corporations from 35% to 20%?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=512]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 18 | Strongly support |
| 21 | Somewhat support |
| 18 | Somewhat oppose |
| 33 | Strongly oppose |
| 9 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 1 | (VOL.) Refused |

Q22. In general, how much of the news coverage provided by Fox News do you think viewers can believe? [READ LIST]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE [N=510]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 13 | All or Almost all of it |
| 24 | Most of it |
| 31 | Only some of it |
| 24 | Very little of it |
| 2 | (VOL.) None of it |
| 5 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q23. In general, how much of the news coverage provided by CNN do you think viewers can believe? [READ LIST]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=503]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 13 | All or Almost all of it |
| 19 | Most of it |
| 29 | Only some of it |
| 32 | Very little of it |
| 3 | (VOL.) None of it |
| 5 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

- Q24. You may have heard about the idea that the world's temperature has been rising over the past 100 years, a phenomenon sometimes called "climate change." Do you think climate change is definitely happening, probably happening, probably NOT happening, or definitely not happening... or do you not know enough to say?
- Q24B. [ASK IF Q24=DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY:] As of today, do you lean more towards the idea that climate change is happening, lean more towards the idea that it is not happening, or are you really not sure either way?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE [N=521]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|---|
| 47 | Definitely happening |
| 22 | Probably happening |
| 3 | Not sure but lean towards climate change is happening |
| 10 | Not sure either way/Refused |
| 1 | Not sure but lean towards climate change is not happening |
| 10 | Probably not happening |
| 6 | Definitely not happening |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

- Q24X. From what you've read or heard about climate change -- that is, the idea that the Earth's temperature has been rising over the past few decades -- is there solid evidence that climate change is causing more extreme storms and hurricanes in the U.S. and around the world, or not?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q24 [N=492]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|---------------------|
| 55 | Yes, solid evidence |
| 36 | No |
| 9 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q25. On a different subject... If a person has a disease that cannot be cured and is living in pain, do you think doctors should be allowed to assist the patient by some painless means to end their life if the patient and his or her family request it?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

| DEC 2017 | | NOV 2015 | MAY 2015 |
|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| RVS | | RVS | RVS |
| 56 | Yes | 59 | 55 |
| 34 | No | 35 | 38 |
| 7 | (VOL.) Don't know | 5 | 5 |
| 3 | (VOL.) Refused | 1 | 1 |
| [N=494] | | [N=502] | [N=519] |

Q26. On a different subject... Do you think opioid addiction in the state of Tennessee is... [READ LIST]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=519]

| DEC 2017 | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| RVS | |
| 39 | A state emergency |
| 45 | A major problem but not an emergency |
| 8 | A minor problem |
| 3 | Not a problem at all |
| 6 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 0 | (VOL.) Refused |

Q27. From what you know, how likely do you think it is that Russia interfered with the 2016 U.S. presidential election: very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE [N=511]

| DEC 2017 | |
|----------|-------------------|
| RVS | |
| 35 | Very likely |
| 21 | Somewhat likely |
| 21 | Not too likely |
| 20 | Not at all likely |
| 3 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q28. Now thinking about children of undocumented immigrants who are brought to this country when they are young... If these children attend Tennessee public schools, graduate from a Tennessee high school and are accepted at one of Tennessee's public colleges and universities, do you think they should be eligible for the in-state tuition rate, or shouldn't they?²²

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

| DEC 2017 RVS | | MAY 2017 RVS |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 72 | Yes, they should be eligible | 66 |
| 23 | No, they should NOT be eligible | 30 |
| 5 | (VOL.) Don't know | 3 |
| 1 | (VOL.) Refused | 1 |
| [N=502] | | [N=1,004] |

Q29. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you think it describes you, or not. First, [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]. Would you say this describes you, or not? Next, [INSERT NEXT ITEM]. [READ IF NECESSARY: Would you say this describes you, or not?]

| | YES, DESCRIBES ME | NO, DOESN'T DESCRIBE ME | (VOL.) DON'T USE SOCIAL MEDIA | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| a. I enjoy talking about politics with someone who has a different political view than me | | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 56 | 43 | n/a | 1 | * |
| May 2017 RVs | 56 | 43 | n/a | 1 | 0 |
| b. I can affect political outcomes | | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 50 | 47 | n/a | 3 | * |
| May 2017 RVs | 49 | 50 | n/a | 2 | * |
| c. I sometimes share or click "like" on political content I see on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram | | | | | |
| December 2017 RVs | 32 | 62 | 5 | * | * |

²² Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in December 2017.

Q30. As you may know, Tennessee currently has one of the highest rates of rural hospital closings in the United States due to a lack of sufficient funding. How concerned, if at all, are you about the closure of hospitals in rural communities throughout Tennessee: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 54 | Very concerned |
| 31 | Somewhat concerned |
| 8 | Not too concerned |
| 5 | Not at all concerned |
| 1 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q31. Given the high rate of rural hospital closings in Tennessee, do you think it is the responsibility of the state government to contribute more state funds to keep rural hospitals open, or is this not the responsibility of the state government?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE [N=490]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|---|
| 71 | State government should contribute more funding |
| 23 | Not the responsibility of state government |
| 5 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q32. Given the high rate of rural hospital closings in Tennessee, do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to contribute more federal funds to keep rural hospitals open, or is this not the responsibility of the federal government?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=523]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|---|
| 56 | Federal government should contribute more funding |
| 38 | Not the responsibility of federal government |
| 6 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q33. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. On most POLITICAL issues, would you consider [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE] very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal? How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [READ AS NECESSARY: Would you consider (ITEM) very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal on most political issues?]

| | VERY CONS. | CONS. | MOD. | LIB. | VERY LIB. | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------|------|------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| a. President Trump | 22 | 32 | 20 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 |
| b. Governor Haslam | 6 | 35 | 31 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 1 |
| c. The Tennessee State Legislature | 13 | 34 | 25 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 1 |
| d. Fellow citizens in Tennessee | 17 | 45 | 21 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 1 |

Q34. As you may know, there has been a lot of discussion about the best ways to reform the public school system in Tennessee, including the adoption of charter schools. Charter schools are public, and function independently of the local district as long as they meet certain standards set by state and local government. Please tell me which ONE of these statements comes closer to your own view. [READ LIST]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|--|
| 22 | I support charter schools |
| 20 | I have mixed feelings about charter schools |
| 10 | I oppose charter schools |
| 48 | I do not know enough to have a clear opinion |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

Q35. Overall, how much of the time do you think President Trump tells the truth? [READ LIST]

DEC 2017
RVS

| | |
|----|-------------------|
| 9 | All of the time |
| 30 | Most of the time |
| 25 | Some of the time |
| 29 | Rarely |
| 4 | (VOL.) Never |
| 2 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 1 | (VOL.) Refused |

[READ TO ALL:] Moving on...

TP1. Do you think of yourself as part of the Tea Party movement?

| | YES | NO | (VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|--------------|-----|----|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs | 13 | 79 | 3 | 5 | * |
| May 2017 RVs | 11 | 85 | 2 | 2 | * |
| Nov 2016 RVs | 13 | 81 | 2 | 3 | * |
| Oct 2016 RVs | 13 | 81 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| May 2016 RVs | 14 | 78 | 2 | 4 | * |
| Nov 2015 RVs | 15 | 77 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| May 2015 RVs | 15 | 75 | 4 | 6 | * |
| Nov 2014 RVs | 14 | 79 | 3 | 3 | * |
| May 2014 RVs | 15 | 76 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Dec 2013 RVs | 16 | 76 | 5 | 3 | * |
| May 2013 RVs | 15 | 74 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Dec 2012 RVs | 14 | 72 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| May 2012 RVs | 15 | 79 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Feb 2012 RVs | 14 | 80 | 4 | 2 | * |

TP2. In general, do you support the Tea Party movement's ideas?²³

| | YES | NO | (VOL.) DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT'S IDEAS ARE | (VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY | (VOL.) DK | (VOL.) REF |
|--------------|-----|----|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Dec 2017 RVs | 27 | 51 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| May 2017 RVs | 30 | 56 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Nov 2016 RVs | 33 | 52 | 7 | 3 | 5 | * |
| May 2016 RVs | 34 | 48 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Nov 2015 RVs | 33 | 50 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| May 2015 RVs | 33 | 43 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Nov 2014 RVs | 34 | 50 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| May 2014 RVs | 34 | 47 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Dec 2013 RVs | 40 | 43 | 8 | 6 | 2 | * |
| May 2013 RVs | 37 | 42 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| Dec 2012 RVs | 31 | 46 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| May 2012 RVs | 37 | 46 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 |

²³ For the current poll and trends, this question was asked of all respondents except those who said they have never heard of the Tea Party in the previous question. Results shown here have been recalculated to combine all those who volunteered in either question that they have never heard of the Tea Party.

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

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 27 | Democrat |
| 31 | Republican |
| 30 | Independent |
| 10 | Something else |
| 2 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 1 | (VOL.) Refused |

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS DEMOCRATS [N=262]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 65 | Strong Democrat |
| 33 | Not a Strong Democrat |
| 2 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS REPUBLICANS [N=335]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 64 | Strong Republican |
| 34 | Not a Strong Republican |
| 2 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 0 | (VOL.) Refused |

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?

| DEC 2017 | |
|----------|------------------------------|
| RVS | |
| 37 | Democrat / Lean Democrat |
| 46 | Republican / Lean Republican |
| 16 | Neither |
| 1 | (VOL.) Don't know/Refused |

QREP1. Thinking about the leaders of the Republican party today, would you say the Republican party as a whole represents your views on most issues, or not?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS OR REPUBLICAN-LEANERS [N=482]

| DEC 2017 | |
|----------|-------------------|
| RVS | |
| 66 | Yes |
| 32 | No |
| 2 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 0 | (VOL.) Refused |

QDEM1. Thinking about the leaders of the Democratic party today, would you say the Democratic party as a whole represents your views on most issues, or not?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS OR DEMOCRATIC-LEANERS [N=367]

| DEC 2017 | |
|----------|-------------------|
| RVS | |
| 75 | Yes |
| 22 | No |
| 3 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| * | (VOL.) Refused |

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

IDEO5. How would you generally describe your views on most political matters? Are you: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-5 / HALF 5-1]

| DEC 2017 RVS | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 16 | Very conservative |
| 32 | Conservative |
| 31 | Moderate |
| 12 | Liberal |
| 5 | Very liberal |
| 4 | (VOL.) Don't know |
| 1 | (VOL.) Refused |

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.]