



**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
TENNESSEE POLL FALL 2018  
TOPLINE RESULTS**

Total n=1,004 Tennessee registered voters ages 18+<sup>1</sup>  
Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points for results based on Total [N=1,004]  
Field Dates: November 19-December 6, 2018  
Interview language: English

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.]

RBS LANDLINE:

LLS1. 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.]

LLS2. [IF NO (MALE/FEMALE), ASK:] Then may I please speak with the YOUNGEST [RANDOMIZE: (FEMALE / MALE)], age 18 or older, who is now at home?

RBS CELL:

CPAGE. Just to confirm... What is your age? [CONTINUE IF 18 OR OLDER]

CPAGEREF. [IF CPAGE=DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED:] Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey... Could you please tell me if you are under 18, 18 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, or 65 or older? [CONTINUE IF 18 OR OLDER]

CPS2. I know I am calling you on a cell phone. If you are now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention, I need to call you back later.

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<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.





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]

TREND INFORMATION

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

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]?<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 2018 RVs <sup>5</sup>	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

Q1 continued...

<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"



**Q1 continued...**

	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
<b>b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing</b>					
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
<b>c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing</b>					
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

**Q1 continued...**



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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
<b>d. The job Bill Haslam is doing as Governor</b>					
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
<b>e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator</b>					
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

**Q1 continued...**



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

**2. Would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?**

	VERY FAVOR- ABLE	MOSTLY FAVOR- ABLE	MOSTLY UNFA- VORABLE	VERY UNFA- VORABLE	(VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF	(VOL.) CAN'T RATE	(VOL.) REF
<b>a. Bill Lee</b>							
December 2018 RVs	24	33	14	8	8	12	1
<b>b. Marsha Blackburn</b>							
December 2018 RVs	17	28	14	36	2	2	1
<b>c. Phil Bredesen</b>							
December 2018 RVs	19	36	18	16	5	5	1
<b>d. Karl Dean</b>							
December 2018 RVs	13	36	16	8	15	11	1

3. 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?<sup>6</sup>

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE (N=501)

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	GAP	SOCIAL ISSUES	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2018 RVs*	16	30	21	8	15	5	n/a	n/a	3	1	*
May 2018 RVs	21	20	25	6	18	4	n/a	n/a	5	1	*
Dec 2017 RVs	29	28	22	6	n/a	4	7	n/a	3	1	*
May 2017 RVs	30	30	21	6	n/a	2	6	n/a	2	2	0
Nov 2016 RVs	36	24	21	6	n/a	3	5	n/a	3	2	*
May 2016 RVs	31	18	29	8	n/a	3	7	n/a	5	*	*
Nov 2015 RVs	31	17	24	13	n/a	3	5	n/a	5	1	*
May 2015 RVs	44	19	24	7	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	2	1	*
Nov 2014 RVs	40	20	27	6	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	4	*	1
May 2014 RVs	48	18	27	3	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	2	1	*
Dec 2013 RVs	48	17	28	2	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	2	1	*
May 2013 RVs*	50	15	18	6	n/a	3	n/a	4	4	1	*
Dec 2012 RVs	60	10	18	4	n/a	1	n/a	4	1	1	*
May 2012 RVs	60	12	21	4	n/a	*	n/a	n/a	1	*	1

\*Asked of a random half sample.

<sup>6</sup> "Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation" was a new category introduced in the May 2018 poll. "The gap between the rich and everyone else" was a new category introduced in the November 2015 poll. "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the May 2013 and December 2012 polls.



4. 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), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?<sup>7</sup>

BASED ON A THOSE WHO SELECTED A TOP PRIORITY IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDU- CA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	GAP	SO- CIAL ISSUES	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	20	20	23	10	16	7	n/a	n/a	3	*	0	(494)
May 2018 RVs	22	17	26	7	17	8	n/a	n/a	3	1	*	(1,387)
Dec 2017 RVs	25	28	23	8	n/a	5	8	n/a	2	1	*	(997)
May 2017 RVs	25	25	25	10	n/a	4	7	n/a	2	1	*	(985)
Nov 2016 RVs	25	24	26	9	n/a	5	7	n/a	2	1	*	(976)
May 2016 RVs	30	17	24	11	n/a	6	8	n/a	3	1	*	(992)
Nov 2015 RVs	30	19	23	11	n/a	5	6	n/a	4	1	*	(985)
May 2015 RVs	27	22	31	13	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	2	1	*	(989)
Nov 2014 RVs	31	26	28	9	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	2	1	*	(977)
May 2014 RVs	28	27	29	7	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	3	2	*	(1,232)
Dec 2013 RVs	32	23	29	7	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	4	1	0	(853)
Dec 2012 RVs	25	28	30	6	6	3	6	6	1	1	*	(883)
May 2012 RVs	24	33	30	9	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	1	1	*	(817)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

<sup>7</sup> "Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation" was a new category introduced in the May 2018 poll. "The gap between the rich and everyone else" was a new category introduced in the November 2015 poll. "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the December 2012 poll.

5. As you may know, Bill Lee was elected to become Tennessee's Governor. He will begin his term in January. Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority for the incoming Tennessee Governor? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q3 (N=503)*

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2018 RVs*	21	23	20	10	14	6	4	1	*

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

6. Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority for Bill Lee? [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), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?

*BASED ON A THOSE WHO SELECTED A TOP PRIORITY IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION (N=496)*

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2018 RVs*	20	24	19	10	17	7	3	*	*

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

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]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
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 random half sample.

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]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
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 random half sample.

7. 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?<sup>8</sup>

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	FOR THE BETTER	FOR THE WORSE	STAY THE SAME	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	40	36	23	1	*	(492)
May 2018 RVs*	41	31	27	1	*	(708)
Dec 2017 RVs	35	36	26	2	*	(1,013)
May 2017 RVs	41	31	23	4	*	(1,004)
Nov 2016 RVs	54	20	23	3	*	(1,005)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

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

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	ALL OF THE TIME	MOST OF THE TIME	SOME OF THE TIME	RARELY	(VOL.) NEVER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	14	30	17	33	4	2	*	(512)
May 2018 RVs*	7	32	23	32	5	1	*	(692)
Dec 2017 RVs	9	30	25	29	4	2	1	(1,013)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

<sup>8</sup> 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?"

9. Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS] (I would prefer my elected officials 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 elected officials pursue their own values and priorities even if it means they are unwilling to work with members of the other political party).<sup>9</sup>

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE*

	WORK WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER PARTY	PURSUE OWN VALUES AND PRIORITIES	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	75	22	2	1	(509)
May 2018 RVs	76	22	1	*	(1,400)
Dec 2017 RVs	76	19	4	1	(1,013)
May 2017 RVs	73	23	3	1	(1,004)
Nov 2016 RVs	71	25	3	*	(1,005)
May 2016 RVs	71	25	2	1	(1,001)
Nov 2015 RVs	70	26	2	1	(1,013)
May 2015 RVs	70	26	3	1	(1,001)
Nov 2014 RVs*	77	19	1	2	(477)
Dec 2013 RVs	74	22	3	*	(860)
Dec 2012 RVs	74	21	3	2	(893)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

<sup>9</sup> Beginning December 2017, “elected officials” replaced “legislators” in the question stem. In December 2012, the phrase “opposing political party” was used in place of the current wording “other political party.”

10. 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]

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE*

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	19	55	24	2	0	(501)
May 2018 RVs*	15	64	19	1	*	(686)
Dec 2017 RVs*	12	63	21	3	*	(507)
May 2017 RVs*	17	58	23	2	*	(498)
Nov 2016 RVs*	14	60	24	2	0	(522)
Oct 2016 RVs	9	64	24	1	2	(1,000)
May 2016 RVs*	10	64	24	2	1	(486)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

11. 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]

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION*

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	34	53	9	4	*	(503)
May 2018 RVs*	34	53	10	2	1	(714)
Dec 2017 RVs*	29	56	11	3	*	(506)
May 2017 RVs*	36	48	11	3	*	(506)
Nov 2016 RVs*	36	50	11	3	1	(483)
May 2016 RVs*	25	63	10	1	*	(515)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

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

12. As you may know, the Trump administration recently increased tariffs or fees on imported goods from a number of countries. In response, some of these countries, including China and Canada, have increased tariffs on American goods. Overall, do you think these increased tariffs between the U.S. and its trading partners will be good or bad for the United States?

	GOOD	BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
December 2018 RVs	47	47	6	1

13. 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). [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]<sup>10</sup>

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	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	57	19	22	1	1	(504)
May 2018 RVs*	56	16	26	2	*	(716)
Dec 2017 RVs*	58	17	22	2	1	(524)
Nov 2016 RVs*	51	18	28	3	*	(508)
May 2014 RVs	47	21	28	3	1	(1,245)
May 2013 RVs*	44	20	31	5	1	(417)
Dec 2012 RVs	48	15	32	3	2	(893)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

<sup>10</sup> Beginning in May 2018, response options were randomized half in order 1-3 and half in reverse order 3-1. 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."

14. Which of the following comes closest to your view of the future of the U.S. health care system?  
[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]<sup>11</sup>

	THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SHOULD BE REPEALED AND NOT REPLACED	THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH A REPUBLICAN-SPONSORED ALTERNATIVE	LAWMAKERS SHOULD BUILD ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TO IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS TO CARE	THE U.S. SHOULD ESTABLISH GUARANTEED UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH A SINGLE GOVERNMENT PLAN	(VOL.) NONE OF THESE/SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs	17	21	32	23	3	4	1	(1,004)
Dec 2017 RVs	16	19	32	25	2	5	1	(1,013)
May 2017 RVs*	14	24	33	22	3	4	1	(512)
Nov 2016 RVs*	21	29	28	16	3	4	0	(493)
May 2016 RVs*	21	17	35	18	4	4	*	(485)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

15. Tennessee is one of 14 states that has chosen not to expand Medicaid, which would allow more low-income uninsured adults to have health insurance. Overall, do you support or oppose Medicaid expansion in Tennessee?<sup>12</sup>

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
December 2018 RVs	66	28	5	*
May 2018 RVs	66	30	4	*

<sup>11</sup> 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."

<sup>12</sup> May 2018 question was slightly different: "one of 18 states"



16. Would you say that people who move to the United States LEGALLY from other countries (HELP the United States more than they hurt it), OR (HURT the United States more than they help it)? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]<sup>13</sup>

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q13

	HELP THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN THEY HURT IT	HURT THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN THEY HELP IT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	69	25	5	*	(500)
May 2018 RVs*	74	22	4	1	(711)
May 2017 RVs*	70	22	8	1	(454)
Nov 2016 RVs*	74	21	5	*	(497)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

17. Thinking about your take-home pay, that is, the amount of money in your paycheck... Since January this year, has your take-home pay increased, decreased, stayed about the same, or don't you get a regular paycheck?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	INCREASED	DE-CREASED	STAYED ABOUT THE SAME	NO REGULAR PAYCHECK	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	28	5	37	28	2	*	(507)
May 2018 RVs	24	6	42	26	1	1	(1,400)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

<sup>13</sup> Beginning in May 2018, response options were randomized half in order 1-2 and half in reverse order 2-1.

18. Do you think the federal government does (more to help people in rural areas and small towns), (more to help people living in and around large cities), or does it help both about equally?  
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-2 / HALF 2-1]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	HELP RURAL AREAS AND SMALL TOWNS	HELP LARGE CITIES	HELP BOTH EQUALLY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	6	51	38	6	1	(522)
May 2018 RVs*	3	52	37	8	*	(727)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

19. Do you think the state government does: (more to help people in rural areas and small towns), (more to help people living in and around large cities), or does it help both about equally?  
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-2 / HALF 2-1]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	HELP RURAL AREAS AND SMALL TOWNS	HELP LARGE CITIES	HELP BOTH EQUALLY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	6	50	32	12	1	(482)
May 2018 RVs*	5	54	34	6	1	(673)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

20. On a different subject... Do you think opioid addiction in the state of Tennessee is a state of emergency, a major problem but not an emergency, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	EMER- GENCY	MAJOR PROBLEM	MINOR PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	34	52	9	2	3	0	(523)
May 2018 RVs	34	52	9	3	2	*	(1,400)
Dec 2017 RVs*	39	45	8	3	6	0	(519)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

21. On a different subject... Do you know anyone who has been affected by opioid addiction in Tennessee?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
December 2018 RVs*	43	56	1	0	(481)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

22. Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose significantly expanding border security, including the construction of walls, along the U.S.-Mexico border?

	STRONGLY FAVOR	FAVOR	OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
December 2018 RVs	41	14	19	24	2	*

22b. Do you approve or disapprove of making betting on sporting events legal in Tennessee?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
December 2018 RVs	47	43	9	1

23. Which do you think is a more important priority for Tennessee K-12 public schools: (providing the knowledge and skills needed for pursuing a vocational or technical career), or (preparing students for a four-year college)? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-2 / HALF 2-1]

[IF BOTH EQUALLY / DEPENDS, PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, which would you say is MORE important?" [RE-READ RESPONSE OPTIONS IF NECESSARY]]

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE*

	PROVIDING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED FOR A VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL CAREER	PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	57	33	8	2	(466)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

24. Now thinking about education in Tennessee... Would you support or oppose more vocational or technical education in Tennessee public schools if it required [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]?

What if it required [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [READ IF NECESSARY: Would you support or oppose more vocational or technical education in Tennessee public schools if it required [INSERT ITEM]?)

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION*

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. A tax increase					
December 2018 RVs*	71	24	5	0	(538)
b. Cutting back on existing programs and classes and putting that money towards vocational education					
December 2018 RVs*	59	34	7	0	(538)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

25. As you may know, some states have programs that use state funds to help eligible, school-age children cover the cost of tuition at participating private or religious schools. This is sometimes called a voucher. Please tell me which ONE of these statements comes closer to your own view. [READ LIST]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q17

	I SUPPORT SCHOOL VOUCHERS	I HAVE MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL VOUCHERS	I OPPOSE SCHOOL VOUCHERS	I DO NOT KNOW ENOUGH TO HAVE A CLEAR OPINION	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	24	15	17	43	*	(497)
May 2018 RVs*	29	23	16	33	1	(706)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

26. 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?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	YES, THEY SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE	NO, THEY SHOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	63	34	3	*	(537)
May 2018 RVs	65	32	3	1	(1,400)
Dec 2017 RVs*	72	23	5	1	(502)
May 2017 RVs	66	30	3	1	(1,004)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

27. Now thinking about children of illegal 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?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	YES, THEY SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE	NO, THEY SHOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	63	33	4	1	(467)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

28. In general, how much of what you see, hear, or read in the news media these days do you think you can believe? [READ LIST]<sup>14</sup>

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q9*

	ALL OR ALMOST ALL OF IT	MOST OF IT	ONLY SOME OF IT	VERY LITTLE OF IT	(VOL.) NONE OF IT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs*	5	17	44	32	1	2	*	(495)
May 2018 RVs	7	21	42	28	1	1	*	(1,400)
May 2017 RVs*	5	17	43	32	2	1	*	(504)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

[READ TO ALL:] Moving on...

SENVOTE. Thinking about the 2018 election for U.S. Senate in Tennessee, which statement best describes you: [READ LIST]

	I DID NOT VOTE	I VOTED AND DECIDED IN THE LAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION	I VOTED AND DECIDED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION	I VOTED AND I KNEW WELL BEFORE THE LAST FEW WEEKS WHO I WOULD VOTE FOR	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2018 RVs	10	8	13	68	*	*

<sup>14</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017.

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 2018 RVs	11	79	3	6	*
May 2018 RVs	12	80	4	3	1
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	*

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

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2018 RVs	27	34	25	13	*	1

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*

	STRONG DEMOCRAT	NOT A STRONG DEMOCRAT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs	73	27	*	*	(264)

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*

	STRONG REPUBLICAN	NOT A STRONG REPUBLICAN	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2018 RVs	67	32	1	*	(362)

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 2018 RVs	38	48	14	1

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

	VERY CONSERVATIVE	CONSERVATIVE	MODERATE	LIBERAL	VERY LIBERAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2018 RVs	16	28	31	13	7	4	1

HAT1. Please tell me whether you, personally, have ever owned any of the following. First, have you ever owned [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? Have you ever owned [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. A "Make America Great Again" hat, t-shirt, or other merchandise December 2018 RVs	14	85	*	*
b. A t-shirt or jersey for a college sports team December 2018 RVs	68	31	*	1
c. A t-shirt or jersey for a professional sports team December 2018 RVs	59	40	*	1
d. A t-shirt or other merchandise for a band or singer December 2018 RVs	54	45	*	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.]