

**Vanderbilt University
Tennessee Poll – Fall 2021
Topline results
December 10, 2021**

Total n=1,002 Tennessee registered voters ages 18+¹
Margin of Error: ± 3.7 percentage points for results based on Total
Field Dates: November 16-December 6, 2021
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]

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.

TREND INFORMATION

May 2021 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2021” conducted under the direction of SSRS from May 3-20, 2021 among 1,000 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2020 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2020” conducted under the direction of SSRS from November 18-December 8, 2020 among 1,007 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

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

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. Do you approve or disapprove of [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]?²

	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK ³	(VOL.) REF ⁴
a. The job Joe Biden is doing as President					
December 2021 RVs	32	65	1	2	*
May 2021 RVs ⁵	39	58	1	1	*
December 2020 RVs ⁶	41	47	7	4	1
<u>TRUMP TRENDS:</u>					
December 2020 RVs	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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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"

⁶ Item wording: The job Joe Biden is doing as President-elect

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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 2021 RVs	24	69	1	5	*
May 2021 RVs	28	64	3	5	1
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

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	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 2021 RVs	53	35	3	9	*
May 2021 RVs	59	29	2	9	1
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 2021 RVs	55	38	1	5	*
May 2021 RVs	65	29	1	4	*
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

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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. Do you approve or disapprove of [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]? (CONTINUED)

	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
e. The job Marsha Blackburn is doing as U.S. Senator					
December 2021 RVs	48	40	2	10	*
May 2021 RVs	50	40	1	8	*
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
f. The job Bill Haggerty is doing as U.S. Senator					
December 2021 RVs	47	32	3	18	1
May 2021 RVs	49	32	4	15	1
December 2020 RVs* ⁷	50	22	12	14	1

*Asked of a half sample.

⁷ Item wording: The job Bill Haggerty is doing as Senator-elect

Q2. When it comes to the most pressing issues facing the state today, in general, would you say Tennesseans are: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MOSTLY UNITED	SOME-WHAT UNITED	SOME-WHAT DIVIDED	MOSTLY DIVIDED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	22	22	31	24	1	*	(500)
May 2021 RVs*	19	24	34	21	2	0	(512)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q3. When it comes to the most pressing issues facing the country today, in general, would you say Americans are: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MOSTLY UNITED	SOME-WHAT UNITED	SOME-WHAT DIVIDED	MOSTLY DIVIDED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	2	4	30	64	*	0	(502)
May 2021 RVs*	5	6	26	61	1	*	(488)

*Asked of a half sample.

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), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation), (the COVID-19 pandemic),] or something else?

	ECON-OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA-TION	IMMI-GRATION	INFRA-STRUC-TURE	GUNS	COVID-19 PAN-DEMIC	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	29	13	20	9	10	5	9	4	1	*
May 2021 RVs**	28	10	15	10	10	4	16	5	2	*
Dec 2020 RVs*	28	9	13	1	5	2	37	4	2	*

*Asked of a half sample.

**Asked of a half sample (n=502).

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.

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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), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation), (the COVID-19 pandemic),] or something else? (CONTINUED)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	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.

	ECONOMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMIGRA- TION	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?

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 2021 RVs*	4	31	35	29	*	*	(501)
May 2021 RVs	4	43	36	15	2	*	(1,000)
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 2021 RVs*	10	58	23	8	2	*	(501)
May 2021 RVs	13	61	19	5	1	0	(1,000)
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.

Q7. 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). [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	WORK WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER PARTY	PURSUE OWN VALUES AND PRIORITIES	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	67	29	3	1	(498)
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 half sample.

^Question wording asked about "legislators" rather than "elected officials".

^^December 2012: the phrase "opposing political party" was used in place of "other political party."

Q8. Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if none is exactly right? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	DEMO- CRATS ARE A DANGER TO OUR COUNTRY AND MUST BE DEFEATED AT ANY COST	DEMO- CRATS HAVE MISTAKEN IDEAS, BUT THEY ARE NOT A DANGER TO OUR COUNTRY	BOTH PARTIES HAVE MISTAKEN IDEAS	REPUBLI- CANS HAVE MISTAKEN THEY ARE NOT A DANGER TO OUR COUNTRY	REPUBLI- CANS ARE A DANGER TO OUR COUNTRY AND MUST BE DEFEATED AT ANY COST	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	34	6	38	4	15	3	1	(504)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q9. Would you like to see Donald Trump run for U.S. president in 2024, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	44	54	1	1	(521)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Joe Biden won the 2020 presidential general election.

	AGREE	DISAGREE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	58	39	2	1	(481)

**Asked of a half sample.*

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

Q11. How satisfied are you with [ITEM]? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER] [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]⁸

	VERY SATISFIED	SOME- WHAT SATISFIED	SOME- WHAT DIS- SATISFIED	VERY DIS- SATISFIED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. How President Biden has responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
Dec 2021 RVs	17	25	15	42	1	*
May 2021 RVs	28	26	17	28	1	*
<u>TRUMP TRENDS:</u>						
Dec 2020 RVs	32	20	8	39	*	*
May 2020 RVs	31	22	10	37	*	*
b. How Governor Bill Lee has responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
Dec 2021 RVs	22	37	15	25	1	*
May 2021 RVs	26	41	16	16	2	*
Dec 2020 RVs	22	33	20	22	2	0
May 2020 RVs	23	42	20	12	2	*
c. Your local school district has responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
Dec 2021 RVs	26	37	15	12	9	*
d. Your town's mayor or town council members have responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
Dec 2021 RVs	28	41	16	11	3	*

⁸ May 2020: Response options were read in order.

Q12. How worried, if at all, are you that you will contract the coronavirus? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY WORRIED	SOME-WHAT WORRIED	NOT TOO WORRIED	NOT WORRIED AT ALL	OR HAVE YOU ALREADY HAD COVID-19	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	5	20	27	24	24	*	*

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	VERY WORRIED	SOME-WHAT WORRIED	NOT TOO WORRIED	NOT WORRIED AT ALL	(VOL.) ALREADY HAPPENED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs	10	24	33	28	5	*	0	(1,000)
Dec 2020 RVs	32	34	17	12	4	*	0	(1,007)
May 2020 RVs*^	20	40	25	15	1	0	0	(496)

Question wording: 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]

**Asked of a half sample.*

^May 2020: Response options were read in order.

Q13. Have you already gotten the COVID-19 vaccine, do you plan to get it but have not gotten one yet, or do you not plan to get it?

	HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN ONE	PLAN TO GET ONE	DO NOT PLAN TO GET ONE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	72	1	24	1	3
May 2021 RVs^	58	12	28	2	1

^Question wording: Have you already gotten at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, do you plan to get it but have not gotten one yet, or do you not plan to get it?

Q14. 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 2021 RVs	41	20	36	1	2	(1,002)
Dec 2020 RVs*	55	15	30	1	0	(496)

**Asked of a half sample.*

[READ TO ALL:] Next, I'd like to get your views on some other issues being discussed today in the state of Tennessee.

Q15. Do you approve or disapprove of a new state law putting limits on what local governments are able to do in response to a pandemic, or do you not know enough to say?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	19	26	56	*	(475)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q16. Do you approve or disapprove of a potential new state law that allows local school board elections to be partisan by listing the political party of school board candidates, or do you not know enough to say?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	16	26	58	1	(527)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of a new state law that prohibits private companies from requiring their employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or to provide proof of vaccination, or do you not know enough to say?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	37	47	15	1	(506)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q18. Do you approve or disapprove of a new state law that allows employees who refuse to be vaccinated against COVID-19 be eligible for unemployment benefits, or do you not know enough to say?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	42	34	23	*	(496)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q19. Do you approve or disapprove of a potential new state law that makes abortion illegal after six weeks, or do you not know enough to say?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	43	42	14	1	(517)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q20. Do you approve or disapprove of a potential new state law that makes it a crime for a doctor to perform an abortion after six weeks, or do you not know enough to say?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	35	42	22	1	(485)

**Asked of a half sample.*

Q21. For each of the following sources, please tell me how much, if at all, you trust the information they provide about current events. How much, if at all, do you trust information about current events from [ITEM]? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER] [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	A LOT	SOME	NOT TOO MUCH	NOT AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Local news sources such as local newspapers or local television news						
Dec 2021 RVs	16	50	17	16	1	0
b. Facebook						
Dec 2021 RVs	2	10	21	63	4	*
c. Twitter						
Dec 2021 RVs	1	8	14	64	13	1
d. Instagram						
Dec 2021 RVs	1	7	17	63	12	1

[READ TO ALL:] As you may know, each state is required to redraw their congressional district maps every 10 years using new population totals from the Census. This process is about to start in Tennessee.

Q22. Thinking about the redistricting process in Tennessee, do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose each of the following? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. Holding public hearings on redrawing of the congressional district maps						
Dec 2021 RVs*	60	9	25	6	*	(500)
b. Keeping current practices and allowing the state legislature to draw the new congressional district maps						
Dec 2021 RVs*	29	24	38	9	*	(500)
c. Forming an independent, non-partisan commission to draw the new congressional district maps						
Dec 2021 RVs*	55	10	31	4	*	(502)
d. Keeping Metro Nashville as a single congressional district						
Dec 2021 RVs*	35	14	39	12	*	(502)

*Asked of a half sample.

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

Q23. How interested do you think each of the following are in owning an electric vehicle? First, how interested are [ITEM] in owning an electric vehicle?

Next, [ITEM].

[READ IF NECESSARY: How interested do you think they are in owning an electric vehicle?]

[ITEMS A-C ALWAYS ASKED FIRST IN ORDER; ITEMS D AND E ROTATED; OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	EX- TREMELY INTERESTED	VERY INTERESTED	SOME- WHAT INTERESTED	SLIGHTLY INTERESTED	NOT AT ALL INTERESTED	(VOL.) AL- READY OWN ONE (VOL.)	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. You Dec 2021 RVs*	6	9	20	14	49	1	0	*	(494)
b. An average person like you Dec 2021 RVs*	2	6	29	25	36	n/a	2	*	(494)
c. Tennesseans in general Dec 2021 RVs*	2	4	26	36	28	n/a	4	0	(494)
d. Democrats in general Dec 2021 RVs*	12	26	33	11	9	n/a	8	*	(494)
e. Republicans in general Dec 2021 RVs*	1	5	24	32	29	n/a	8	0	(494)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q24. To what extent do you think personally owning and operating an electric vehicle would help or harm each of the following? What about for [ITEM]? Would personally owning and operating an electric vehicle: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF] [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

	SIGNIFI- CANTLY HELP	SOME- WHAT HELP	NEITHER HARM NOR HELP	SOME- WHAT HARM	SIGNIFI- CANTLY HARM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. Your personal finances Dec 2021 RVs*	8	14	42	11	18	5	*	(508)
b. The U.S. economy Dec 2021 RVs*	13	21	34	11	17	3	*	(508)
c. The Tennessee state economy Dec 2021 RVs*	9	22	41	9	14	4	*	(508)
d. The health of your neighborhood Dec 2021 RVs*	10	25	47	6	8	3	1	(508)
e. American public health Dec 2021 RVs*	16	30	39	4	7	3	*	(508)

*Asked of a half sample.

[READ TO ALL:] Next, we'd like to get your views on some issues about public education that are being discussed today.

Q25. In general, how important to you and your family is having access to a good quality K-12 public school education? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER]

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT TOO IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	84	7	3	5	1	*

Q26. Thinking about education in Tennessee... what grade would you give the performance of public preschools, kindergartens, and elementary schools in your school district? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER]

	A, EXCELLENT	B, GOOD	C, AVERAGE	D, BELOW AVERAGE	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	15	29	33	12	3	8	*	(345)

*Asked of a third sample.

Q27. Thinking about education in Tennessee... What grade would you give the performance of public middle schools in your school district? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER]

	A, EXCELLENT	B, GOOD	C, AVERAGE	D, BELOW AVERAGE	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	13	29	29	16	4	9	*	(337)

*Asked of a third sample.

Q28. Thinking about education in Tennessee... What grade would you give the performance of public high schools in your school district? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER]

	A, EXCELLENT	B, GOOD	C, AVERAGE	D, BELOW AVERAGE	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	16	32	28	14	4	6	0	(320)

*Asked of a third sample.

Q29. Schools in Tennessee receive funding from a combination of sources. Where do you think local public schools get most of their funding from? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	THE STATE GOVERNMENT	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	21	53	20	6	*

Q30. Do you think the amount of funding a school district receives from the state: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS BEING TAUGHT REGARDLESS OF STUDENT NEED	SHOULD BE BASED ON STUDENT NEED, WITH MORE FUNDING PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS THAT HAVE MORE STUDENT NEED SUCH AS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	32	63	4	1	(333)

**Asked of a third sample.*

Q31. Do you think the amount of funding a school district receives from the state: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS BEING TAUGHT REGARDLESS OF STUDENT NEED	SHOULD BE BASED ON STUDENT NEED, WITH MORE FUNDING PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS THAT HAVE MORE STUDENT NEED SUCH AS FOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LEARNERS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	41	53	5	*	(353)

**Asked of a third sample.*

Q32. Do you think the amount of funding a school district receives from the state: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS BEING TAUGHT REGARDLESS OF STUDENT NEED	SHOULD BE BASED ON STUDENT NEED, WITH MORE FUNDING PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS THAT HAVE MORE STUDENT NEED SUCH AS FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	26	70	4	0	(316)

**Asked of a third sample.*

Q33. In terms of the amount of funding that school districts get from the state, do you believe your local public schools receive: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	TOO MUCH	ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT	TOO LITTLE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	4	26	61	9	*

Q34. Should schools receive additional funding if they show measurable success in educating students with higher needs, such as students with disabilities and English-language learners?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	79	17	4	1	(486)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q35. Suppose Tennessee were to provide funding to a public school based on student need, rather than the total number of students at the school. For each of the following, please tell me whether you would support, neither support nor oppose, or oppose the state providing more funding to a school with a larger population of this group of students. [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

	SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Students living in poverty Dec 2021 RVs	84	9	6	1	*
b. English-language learners Dec 2021 RVs	66	19	13	2	*
c. Students with disabilities Dec 2021 RVs	89	6	3	1	*
d. Low-achieving students Dec 2021 RVs	75	14	10	1	0
e. Gifted or high-achieving students Dec 2021 RVs	63	22	14	1	*

Q36. In general, would you support or oppose school funding being given directly from the Tennessee state government to students and their families so they can use the money to pay for schooling of their choice, including homeschooling or public, charter, or private schools, or do you not know enough to say?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2021 RVs*	31	35	33	*	(516)

*Asked of a half sample.

[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 2021	
RVS	
60	NET Employed
53	Full-time
8	Part-time
39	NET Not employed for pay
26	Retired
4	A homemaker
2	A student
2	Unemployed but looking for work
1	Unemployed and not looking for work
4	(VOL.) Disabled/Handicapped
*	(VOL.) Don't know/Refused NOTW

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

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPEN- DENT	SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	22	36	27	14	0	1

(Asked of those who self-identify as Democrats, N=224)

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

	STRONG DEMOCRAT	NOT A STRONG DEMOCRAT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	67	33	0	0

(Asked of those who self-identify as Republicans, N=349)

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

	STRONG REPUBLICAN	NOT A STRONG REPUBLICAN	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2021 RVs	72	27	1	*

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 2021 RVs	30	52	18	*

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 2021 RVs	16	30	34	12	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.]