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1,005 registered voters in Tennessee

MoE: +/- 3.5 percentage points
Obama Approval Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
Nov. 2016 Poll: N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5 %
Approval of President-Elect Donald Trump
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Approval of Haslam & State Legislature Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

- Governor Bill Haslam
  - Poll Av. = 64%

- Tennessee State Legislature
  - Poll Av. = 52%

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
Nov. 2016 Poll: N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5 %
Approval of Tennessee Senators Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Poll Av. = 51%
Poll Av. = 52%

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
Nov. 2016 Poll: N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5 %
Approval of State Leaders by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Top 3 Priorities of TN State Government Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?

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Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
Nov. 2016 Poll: N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5 %
Perceptions of the Economy
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
Nov. 2016 Poll: N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Perceptions of the U.S. Economy by Trump Favorability
Among TN Registered Voters

- Very or fairly good: 71% Favorable toward Trump, 39% Unfavorable toward Trump
- Very or fairly bad: 60% Favorable toward Trump, 27% Unfavorable toward Trump

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Beliefs about How President-Elect Trump Will Change Washington
Among TN Registered Voters

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?

- 54% for the better
- 20% for the worse
- 23% stay the same
- 3% don't know

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Optimism About the Future of Nation & State
Among TN Registered Voters

% “BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US”

May 2016


Nov. 2016

United States
Tennessee

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Optimism About the Future of Nation & State by Partisanship
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
May 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Feelings Toward the National and State Government
Among TN Registered Voters

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/-3.5%

**National Government**

- May 2016: 64% Basically content, 24% Frustrated, 10% Angry
- Oct. 2016: 64% Basically content, 24% Frustrated, 14% Angry
- Nov. 2016: 60% Basically content, 24% Frustrated, 16% Angry

**State Government**

- May 2016: 63% Basically content, 25% Frustrated, 10% Angry
- Oct. 2016: 36% Basically content, 10% Frustrated, 11% Angry
- Nov. 2016: 50% Basically content, 11% Frustrated, 10% Angry
Priorities for President-Elect Trump and Congress
Among TN Registered Voters

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<td>Reducing health care costs</td>
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<td>Reducing crime</td>
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<td>Strengthening the military</td>
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<td>Dealing with the problems of poor people</td>
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<td>Addressing race relations</td>
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<td>Strengthening the nation’s economy</td>
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<td>Dealing with global trade issues</td>
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<td>Reducing the influence of special interests</td>
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<td>Reducing gun violence</td>
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<td>Dealing with global climate change</td>
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Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2016
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As you may know, Tennessee is a pay-as-you-go state when it comes to transportation projects like road maintenance. This method means the state does not take on debt for future transportation projects. Well-maintained roadways are important to economic growth and public safety but recently, state officials have said that current funding sources are not enough to maintain Tennessee’s roads and bridges.

Would you be willing or not willing to pay [x] cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth?

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
November 2016 Poll: N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Future of the Health Care System Over Time
Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following comes closest to your view of the future of the U.S. health care system?

- Affordable Care Act should be repealed and NOT replaced
- Affordable Care Act should be repealed and replaced with a Republican-sponsored alternative
- Lawmakers should build on existing health care law to improve affordability and access to care
- U.S. should establish guaranteed universal health coverage through a single government plan

May 2016: 21% 21%
November 2016: 17% 28%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
November 2016
N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%
Views on Same-Sex Marriage
Among TN Registered Voters

How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you:

- Strongly or somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Strongly or somewhat oppose

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
May 2016 Poll: N=515; MoE: +/- 4.96%
Views on Marijuana Legalization

Among TN Registered Voters

Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults?

- It should be legal for personal use
- It should be legal only for medicinal use
- It should not be legal

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
November 2016 Poll: N=527; MoE: +/-4.9%
Attitudes Toward Legal Immigrants

Among TN Registered Voters

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?

- **74%** Help the United States more than they hurt it
- **21%** Hurt the United States more than they help it

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
November 2016
N=497; MoE: +/- 5.05%
Attitudes Toward Legal Immigrants by Trump Favorability
Among TN Registered Voters

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?

- 70% Favorable toward Trump, 81% Unfavorable toward Trump
- 25% Favorable toward Trump, 13% Unfavorable toward Trump
- 5% Favorable toward Trump, 6% Unfavorable toward Trump

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
November 2016
N=497; MoE: +/- 5.05%
Views on Illegal Immigrants
Among TN Registered Voters

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

![Graph showing the percentage of registered voters' views on illegal immigrants from December 2012 to November 2016. The graph displays three options: Stay and apply for citizenship (red line), Stay as temporary guest workers (purple line), and Required to leave the U.S. (orange line). The graph indicates a slight increase in the percentage of voters who support staying and applying for citizenship over the years.]

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
November 2016 Poll: N=508; MoE: +/- 5.0%
Attitudes Toward Handguns on Campus

Among TN Registered Voters

Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to allow college students ages 21 or older to carry handguns on college campuses in Tennessee if they have a valid concealed carry permit?

Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
November 2016 Poll: N=1,005; MoE: +/- 3.5%