

**Vanderbilt University  
Tennessee Poll - Spring 2021  
Topline Results  
May 25, 2021**

Total n=1,000 Tennessee registered voters ages 18+<sup>1</sup>  
Margin of Error: ± 3.7 percentage points for results based on Total  
Field Dates: May 3-20, 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]

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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.

#### TREND INFORMATION

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]?<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 Joe Biden is doing as					
President					
May 2021 RVs <sup>5</sup>	39	58	1	1	*
December 2020 RVs <sup>6</sup>	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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<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"

<sup>6</sup> Item wording: The job Joe Biden is doing as President-elect

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
<b>b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing</b>					
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
<b>c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing</b>					
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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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
d. The job Bill Lee is doing as Governor					
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					
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					
May 2021 RVs	49	32	4	15	1
December 2020 RVs* <sup>7</sup>	50	22	12	14	1
g. The job Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health is doing					
May 2021 RVs	54	40	*	6	*
December 2020 RVs* <sup>8</sup>	60	27	1	10	1
May 2020 RVs <sup>9</sup>	65	24	2	9	*
h. The job Kamala Harris is doing as Vice President					
May 2021 RVs	37	55	3	4	1

\*Asked of a half sample.

<sup>7</sup> Item wording: The job Bill Haggerty is doing as Senator-elect

<sup>8</sup> Item wording: The job Dr. Anthony Fauci is doing as the Director of the National Institutes of Health

<sup>9</sup> Item wording: The job Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health is doing as a leading public health expert

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)
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)
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
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?

[ROTATE ORDER OF ECONUS AND ECONTN]

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

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
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)
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. Now I'm going to read you some statements. For each, please tell me whether you agree or disagree. First/Next, [ITEM]. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

	AGREE	DISAGREE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. I am proud to be a Tennessean.	91	8	1	*	(1,000)
b. I am proud to be an American.	94	5	*	0	(1,000)
c. People like me don't have any say about what the state government does.	45	54	1	*	(1,000)
d. People like me don't have any say about what the U.S. government does.	56	43	1	*	(1,000)
e. I am able to find the information I need to stay informed about what is happening in Tennessee.	87	13	*	0	(1,000)
f. I am able to find the information I need to stay informed about what is happening in the United States.	79	21	*	0	(1,000)
g. The COVID-19 pandemic is largely over, and we should go back to the way things were.	51	47	1	*	(1,000)
h. People who live in cities have the same problems as people who live in rural areas.	20	79	2	0	(1,000)
i. I am good friends with someone who belongs to a different political party.	84	15	1	*	(1,000)
j. Joe Biden won the 2020 presidential general election fair and square.*	54	44	2	1	(475)
k. Joe Biden stole the 2020 presidential general election.*	40	53	5	2	(525)

\*Asked of a half sample.

[ROTATE ORDER OF Q8D AND Q8R]

Q8D. Overall, would you say the Democratic Party's policies are (misguided and dangerous for the country), OR (misguided but not dangerous for the country)? [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

	MISGUIDED AND DANGEROUS	MISGUIDED BUT NOT DANGEROUS	(VOL.) DON'T CONSIDER THE PARTY'S POLICIES TO BE MISGUIDED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs (All)	55	23	16	5	2
May 2021 RVs (Dem)	8	48	39	3	2
May 2021 RVs (Ind/Other)	52	22	15	8	2
May 2021 RVs (Rep)	87	9	2	2	0

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	MIS- GUIDED AND DAN- GEROUS	MIS- GUIDED BUT NOT DAN- GEROUS	(VOL.) DON'T CONSIDER PARTY'S POLICIES TO BE MIS- GUIDED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	FAVOR- ABLE VIEW OF PARTY	NEVER HEARD OF PARTY/NO OPINION
Dec 2021 RVs (All)*	36	15	1	2	*	41	5
Dec 2021 RVs (Dem)*	3	4	*	1	*	90	1
Dec 2021 RVs (Ind/Other)*	36	18	2	3	*	35	6
Dec 2021 RVs (Rep)*	65	20	*	2	0	8	4

\*Question was asked of RVs who have a very/mostly unfavorable view of the Democratic Party (n=558). Results shown here have been recalculated based on total respondents. Options read in order, not rotated.

Q8R. Overall, would you say the Republican Party's policies are (misguided and dangerous for the country), OR (misguided but not dangerous for the country)? [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

	MISGUIDED AND DANGEROUS	MISGUIDED BUT NOT DANGEROUS	(VOL.) DON'T CONSIDER THE PARTY'S POLICIES TO BE MISGUIDED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs (All)	33	38	22	4	2
May 2021 RVs (Dem)	80	14	3	2	2
May 2021 RVs (Ind/Other)	33	41	17	6	3
May 2021 RVs (Rep)	5	51	39	4	1

### TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	MIS- GUIDED AND DAN- GEROUS	MIS- GUIDED BUT NOT DAN- GEROUS	(VOL.) DON'T CONSIDER PARTY'S POLICIES TO BE MIS- GUIDED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	FAVOR- ABLE VIEW OF PARTY	NEVER HEARD OF PARTY/NO OPINION
Dec 2021 RVs (All)*	35	10	2	2	*	48	4
Dec 2021 RVs (Dem)*	77	10	0	*	*	11	2
Dec 2021 RVs (Ind/Other)*	32	13	3	3	*	43	4
Dec 2021 RVs (Rep)*	3	5	2	2	0	86	2

\*Question was asked of RVs who have a very/mostly unfavorable view of the Republican Party (n=498). Results shown here have been recalculated based on total respondents. Options read in order, not rotated.

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

Q9. How satisfied are you with [ITEM]? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER] [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>10</sup>

	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						
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						
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. How leaders of your city or town have responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
May 2021 RVs	36	39	14	10	1	*
December 2020 RVs	28	38	18	14	1	0
May 2020 RVs	30	45	14	9	2	*
d. How the people in your local community have responded to the coronavirus pandemic						
May 2021 RVs	31	39	20	10	1	0
Dec 2020 RVs	23	38	22	17	1	*
May 2020 RVs	28	38	20	13	1	*

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

Q10. Which one of the following do you think should be a higher priority for the Tennessee state government? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	ADDRESSING THE IMPACT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ECONOMY, INCLUDING JOBS	ADDRESSING THE IMPACT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF TENNESSEANS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	60	37	3	*	(498)
Dec 2020 RVs*	41	55	4	*	(490)
May 2020 RVs*	50	48	3	*	(509)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q11. How worried, if at all, are you that you or someone in your family will contract the coronavirus? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>11</sup>

	VERY WORRIED	SOME-WHAT WORRIED	NOT TOO WORRIED	NOT WORRIED AT ALL	(VOL.) ALREADY HAP-PENED	(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)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q12. When you go to a store or public places where you encounter other people, how often do you wear a mask or face covering? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	ALWAYS	USUALLY	OCCA-SIONALLY	RARELY	NEVER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs	58	17	10	7	8	0	*
Dec 2020 RVs	76	11	5	3	4	*	*

Q13. 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?

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

<sup>11</sup> May 2020: Response options were read in order.



Q14. How much of a public health problem, if at all, is the coronavirus pandemic in your local community?  
[OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>12</sup>

	EXTREME- LY LARGE PROBLEM	LARGE PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	5	25	50	19	1	0	(510)
Dec 2020 RVs	19	43	30	6	2	*	(1,007)
May 2020 RVs	5	23	53	17	1	0	(1,000)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q15. How much of an economic problem, if at all, is the coronavirus pandemic in your local community?  
[OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>13</sup>

	EXTREME- LY LARGE PROBLEM	LARGE PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	8	29	45	16	1	*	(490)
Dec 2020 RVs	14	45	33	6	2	*	(1,007)
May 2020 RVs	19	45	28	6	2	*	(1,000)

\*Asked of a half sample.

<sup>12</sup> May 2020: Response options were read in order.

<sup>13</sup> May 2020: Response options were read in order.

Q16A. Since the pandemic began, many students in Tennessee missed school for an extended period of time or had to attend school in a non-traditional manner like through online classes. How concerned, if at all, are you about diminished learning for our elementary school students? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONCERN-ED	SOME-WHAT CONCERN-ED	NOT TOO CONCERN-ED	NOT AT ALL CONCERN-ED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	62	28	6	3	0	*	(336)

*\*Asked of a third sample.*

Q16B. Since the pandemic began, many students in Tennessee missed school for an extended period of time or had to attend school in a non-traditional manner like through online classes. How concerned, if at all, are you about diminished learning for our middle school students? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONCERN-ED	SOME-WHAT CONCERN-ED	NOT TOO CONCERN-ED	NOT AT ALL CONCERN-ED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	53	35	7	5	*	0	(337)

*\*Asked of a third sample.*

Q16C. Since the pandemic began, many students in Tennessee missed school for an extended period of time or had to attend school in a non-traditional manner like through online classes. How concerned, if at all, are you about diminished learning for our high school students? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONCERN-ED	SOME-WHAT CONCERN-ED	NOT TOO CONCERN-ED	NOT AT ALL CONCERN-ED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	55	30	8	5	1	0	(327)

*\*Asked of a third sample.*

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

Q17. Based on your total family income, how worried are you right now about each of the following financial matters? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER] [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]<sup>14</sup>

	VERY WOR-RIED	MOD-ERATELY WOR-RIED	NOT TOO WOR-RIED	NOT WOR-RIED AT ALL	(VOL.) DOES NOT APPLY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
<b>a. Not having enough money to pay for emergencies, like medical care or car repairs, in the event of a serious accident</b>							
May 2021 RVs	12	20	32	35	n/a	*	*
Dec 2020 RVs	15	26	29	29	n/a	*	*
May 2020 RVs	18	26	29	27	n/a	0	0
Dec 2019 RVs	20	32	27	22	*	*	0
<b>b. Not having enough to pay your normal monthly bills, like housing, food and transportation</b>							
May 2021 RVs	6	16	27	50	n/a	*	*
Dec 2020 RVs	12	18	31	39	n/a	*	*
May 2020 RVs	11	20	29	40	n/a	0	0
Dec 2019 RVs	10	22	32	36	*	*	0
<b>c. Not having enough in savings for things like retirement or your or your child's education</b>							
May 2021 RVs	15	27	26	31	n/a	*	*
Dec 2020 RVs	19	25	26	28	n/a	*	*
May 2020 RVs	18	27	25	29	n/a	*	*
Dec 2019 RVs	22	31	24	23	1	*	0

<sup>14</sup> May 2020 and December 2019: Question wording was "Based on your total family income, how concerned are you right now about each of the following financial matters?" Response options were read in order.

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

Q18. Do you think race relations in the United States are: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	GENERALLY GOOD	GENERALLY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	38	60	2	*	(479)
Dec 2020 RVs*	37	58	4	1	(501)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q19. Do you think race relations in Tennessee are: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	GENERALLY GOOD	GENERALLY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	63	33	4	*	(521)
Dec 2020 RVs*	64	32	4	*	(506)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q20. How much, if at all, do you think the legacy of slavery affects the position of black people in American society today? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	A GREAT DEAL	A FAIR AMOUNT	NOT MUCH	NOT AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	30	25	25	17	2	1	(499)
Dec 2020 RVs	25	28	20	24	3	*	(1,000)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q21. Do you have (a favorable), (an unfavorable), or neither favorable nor unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement? [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

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

	VERY FAVOR- ABLE	SOME- WHAT FAVOR- ABLE	NEITHER FAVOR- ABLE NOR UN- FAVOR- ABLE	SOME- WHAT UN- FAVOR- ABLE	VERY UN- FAVOR- ABLE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	19	11	18	10	37	3	2	(501)
Dec 2020 RVs	20	15	17	11	31	4	1	(1,000)

\*Asked of a half sample.

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

Q22. Do you approve or disapprove of a law that would make it legal for people age 21 and older to carry a handgun without a permit in Tennessee?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs	39	59	1	*

Q23. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.  
[OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	IMMIGRANTS TODAY STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THEIR HARD WORK AND TALENTS	IMMIGRANTS TODAY ARE A BURDEN ON OUR COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY TAKE OUR JOBS, HOUSING, AND HEALTH CARE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs	56	36	5	2

Q24. In March, an economic plan called the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was passed by Congress and signed by President Biden. The plan provides low-income families with a \$3,600 credit per child for children age 5 or younger, or a \$3,000 credit per child for children ages 6 to 17. Do you approve or disapprove of this child tax credit?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	62	35	3	0	(509)

*\*Asked of a half sample.*

Q25. Some have talked about a plan that would provide low-income families with a \$3,600 credit per child for children age 5 or younger, or a \$3,000 credit per child for children ages 6 to 17. Do you approve or disapprove of this child tax credit?

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	63	34	2	*	(491)

*\*Asked of a half sample.*

Q26. Do you (approve) or (disapprove) of the American Jobs Plan, President Biden's proposal that would invest about 2.3 trillion dollars to upgrade the country's infrastructure over the next ten years, including improving roads and bridges, electric grids, drinking water, and access to broadband internet? [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

[THEN PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]

	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOME-WHAT APPROVE	SOME-WHAT DIS-APPROVE	STRONGLY DIS-APPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	36	21	11	30	2	*	(501)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q27. Do you (approve) or (disapprove) of investing about 2.3 trillion dollars to upgrade the country's infrastructure over the next ten years, including improving roads and bridges, electric grids, drinking water, and access to broadband internet? [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

[THEN PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]

	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOME-WHAT APPROVE	SOME-WHAT DIS-APPROVE	STRONGLY DIS-APPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	43	30	11	15	1	*	(499)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q28. Individuals who lose their job in Tennessee currently receive \$275 a week for 26 weeks from the Tennessee state government. Some have proposed changing the law so the number of weeks a person receives unemployment benefits will be based on the state's unemployment rate, where the minimum would be 12 weeks and the maximum would be 20 weeks. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

	AGREE	DISAGREE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	58	37	4	*	(471)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q29. Do you agree or disagree with the practice of withdrawing support for, or "canceling," public figures and companies after they have done or said something considered objectionable or offensive?

	AGREE	DISAGREE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2021 RVs*	31	62	5	2	(529)

\*Asked of a half sample.

Q30. Do you (support) or (oppose) requiring students to play on the team that matches their gender at the time of birth if they want to play in middle and high school sports? [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

[THEN PROBE: Do you (support/oppose) strongly or somewhat?]

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs	60	12	9	15	3	1

Q31. Do you happen to remember the name of the Tennessee governor before Governor Bill Lee? Was it: [NAMES READ IN RANDOM ORDER; "NOT SURE" ALWAYS LAST]

	BILL HAGGERTY	PHIL BREDESEN	JOHN J. HOOKER	BILL HASLAM	OR ARE YOU NOT SURE	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs	5	11	*	57	27	*

Q32. Did you receive a stimulus check from the U.S. government because of the pandemic, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs*	81	18	*	*

Q33. In the past few years, have you lost or ended any friendships or other relationships because of disagreements you had about political or election news, or has this not happened?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs*	16	83	*	*



[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]

MAY 2021	
RVS	
60	NET Employed
53	Full-time
7	Part-time
40	NET Not employed for pay
24	Retired
5	A homemaker
2	A student
2	Unemployed but looking for work
3	Unemployed and not looking for work
3	(VOL.) Disabled/Handicapped
*	(VOL.) Don't know/Refused NOTW

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

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPEN- DENT	SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2021 RVs	23	37	27	12	1	1

**(Asked of those who self-identify as Democrats, N=246)**

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
May 2021 RVs	64	35	1	*

**(Asked of those who self-identify as Republicans, N=341)**

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
May 2021 RVs	67	32	1	0

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
May 2021 RVs	31	52	16	2

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
May 2021 RVs	16	32	34	10	5	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.]