

**Vanderbilt University
Tennessee Poll – Spring 2023
Topline results
April 26, 2023**

Total n=1,003 TN registered voters ages 18+¹
Margin of Error: ± 3.6 percentage points for results based on Total
Field Dates: April 19-23, 2023
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?

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- 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]

*Notes: Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100%.
An asterisk (*) indicates less than 0.5%.
Question text in parentheses was rotated or randomized.
Trends are based on all Registered voters unless otherwise indicated.*

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.

MAIN INTERVIEW

Q1. We'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					
April 2023 RVs	30	66	*	3	*
November 2022 RVs	35	62	1	2	1
May 2022 RVs	31	64	2	3	*
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 May 2012 to November 2022 question wording was: "I'd like your views on some government organizations and elected officials ". 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					
April 2023 RVs	20	71	3	4	1
November 2022 RVs	24	67	2	6	2
May 2022 RVs	21	71	1	6	1
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					
April 2023 RVs	43	48	2	6	1
November 2022 RVs	55	34	2	8	1
May 2022 RVs	50	36	2	12	*
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					
April 2023 RVs	53	43	1	3	1
November 2022 RVs	57	37	1	4	1
May 2022 RVs	56	36	2	6	*
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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	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					
April 2023 RVs	46	45	2	8	*
November 2022 RVs	48	41	1	9	1
May 2022 RVs	47	42	1	10	*
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	*
<u>Bob Corker Trends:</u>					
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					
April 2023 RVs	42	35	5	17	1
November 2022 RVs	44	33	2	20	1
May 2022 RVs	46	31	3	19	*
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

FV1. Next... We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people and groups. As I read each name, please say if you have (a favorable) or (an unfavorable) opinion of these people or groups. [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF, ITEMS READ IN RANDOM ORDER]

	VERY FAVOR-ABLE	SOME-WHAT FAVOR-ABLE	NEITHER FAVOR-ABLE NOR UNFAVOR-ABLE	SOME-WHAT UNFAVOR-ABLE	VERY UNFAVOR-ABLE	DON'T YOU KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THEM TO SAY	(VOL.) REF
a. The National Rifle Association, or N-R-A April 2023 RVs	29	17	5	9	32	8	0
b. U.S. colleges and universities in general April 2023 RVs	16	31	9	19	14	10	*
c. U.S. journalists April 2023 RVs	9	22	12	17	28	13	*
d. CEOs of major corporations April 2023 RVs	2	16	17	23	20	21	2
e. Planned Parenthood April 2023 RVs	26	18	8	8	29	10	1
f. Vanderbilt University April 2023 RVs	35	25	8	5	5	21	*
g. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville April 2023 RVs	26	30	11	4	4	25	*

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)
April 2023 RVs*	16	26	35	23	1	*	(501)
Nov 2022 RVs*	25	21	32	20	1	*	(596)
May 2022 RVs*	22	19	32	25	2	*	(505)
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)
April 2023 RVs*	4	7	29	60	*	0	(502)
Nov 2022 RVs*	5	7	28	59	*	0	(584)
May 2022 RVs*	5	7	27	61	1	0	(495)
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 and jobs, excluding inflation), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation), (Inflation), (Abortion)], or something else? [OPTIONS READ IN RANDOM ORDER]

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	ABORTI- ON	INFLA- TION	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	19	11	18	4	10	16	4	13	3	*	*

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	ECON- OMY	HEALT H- CARE	EDU- CA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA STRUC -TURE	GUNS	COVID -19	INFLA- TION	ABOR- TION	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2022 RVs	16	8	19	4	12	5	*	19	10	4	2	*

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 and jobs, excluding inflation), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation), (the COVID-19 pandemic), (Inflation), (Abortion)] or something else?

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	COVID- 19 PAN- DEMIC	INFLA- TION	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2022 RVs	16	12	22	7	14	4	2	19	2	2	*

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 and jobs, excluding inflation), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation), (the COVID-19 pandemic), (Inflation),] or something else?

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	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	*

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), (the COVID-19 pandemic),] or something else?

*Asked of a half sample.

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

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Q4. Which of the following do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?
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TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- 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.

	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)
April 2023 RVs*	2	25	35	37	*	*	(503)
Nov 2022 RVs*	2	27	34	36	*	0	(577)
May 2022 RVs*	3	24	39	34	1	*	(490)
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)
April 2023 RVs*	12	48	26	13	1	0	(500)
Nov 2022 RVs*	11	53	24	10	2	*	(603)
May 2022 RVs*	12	52	24	10	2	*	(510)
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. Based on what you know about the nearly 250-year history of the United States, how confident, if at all, are you about the country's ability to overcome the challenges facing America today? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONFIDENT	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	NOT TOO CONFIDENT	NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	15	40	30	14	1	*

NATIONAL TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	VERY CONFIDENT	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	NOT TOO CONFIDENT	NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
March 2023 ^{^*}	11%	46%	32%	11%	0%	0%

[^]Question wording: Based on what you know about the nearly 250-year history of the United States, how confident, if at all, are you about the country's ability to overcome the challenges facing America today? [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

^{*}Asked of a nationally representative group of 1027 respondents as a part of Vanderbilt's Unity Poll insert of the SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus, fielded March 3 – March 7, 2023.

Q8. 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)
April 2023 RVs	74	23	1	1	(1003)
Nov 2022 RVs [*]	69	28	2	1	(583)
May 2022 RVs [*]	65	31	3	1	(508)
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."

Q9. 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 IDEAS, BUT 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)
April 2023 RVs*	28	8	45	5	11	2	1	(503)
Nov 2022 RVs*	28	7	37	8	18	1	*	(597)
May 2022 RVs*	25	6	44	5	16	3	1	(492)
Dec 2021 RVs*	34	6	38	4	15	3	1	(504)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q10. 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]

	TENNESSEE DEMO- CRATS ARE A DANGER TO OUR STATE AND MUST BE DEFEATED AT ANY COST	TENNESSEE DEMO- CRATS HAVE MISTAKEN IDEAS, BUT THEY ARE NOT A DANGER TO OUR STATE	BOTH PARTIES HAVE MISTAKEN IDEAS	TENNESSEE REPUBLI- CANS HAVE MISTAKEN IDEAS, BUT THEY ARE NOT A DANGER TO OUR STATE	TENNESSEE REPUBLI- CANS ARE A DANGER TO OUR STATE AND MUST BE DEFEATED AT ANY COST	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	16	13	40	7	22	1	1	(500)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q11. As you may know, the Republican supermajority in the Tennessee State House recently voted to expel two Democrat lawmakers – one from Nashville and one from Memphis – for a breach in "decorum" after they led a gun control protest on the House floor following the Covenant School shootings. Do you (strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree) (strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, somewhat agree, or strongly agree) with the decision to expel these legislators? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONGLY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	29	17	10	39	4	*

[READ TO ALL:] Now we have a few questions about policies that are being discussed in Tennessee...

Q12. How much do you (support) or (oppose) each of the following as a way to prevent school shootings?
[OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF, ITEMS READ IN RANDOM ORDER]

	STRONG- LY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONG- LY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. Passing "red flag" laws that temporarily restrict access to guns for individuals who are at high risk of harming themselves or others								
April 2023 RVs*	58	17	6	8	11	1	0	(503)
b. Passing laws that would require gun owners to securely store their firearms to protect against unauthorized access or else face penalties for failing to secure their guns								
April 2023 RVs*	50	17	7	7	17	1	1	(503)
e. Banning assault-style weapons								
April 2023 RVs*	37	13	8	9	33	1	0	(503)

*Asked of a half sample.

Note: There are no items c-d.

Q13. How much do you (support) or (oppose) each of the following as a way to prevent gun-related violence?
[OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF, ITEMS READ IN RANDOM ORDER]

	STRONG- LY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONG- LY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. Passing "red flag" laws that temporarily restrict access to guns for individuals who are at high risk of harming themselves or others April 2023 RVs*	56	16	5	8	14	1	*	(500)
b. Passing laws that would require gun owners to securely store their firearms to protect against unauthorized access or else face penalties for failing to secure their guns April 2023 RVs*	47	17	7	12	17	1	*	(500)
e. Banning assault-style weapons April 2023 RVs*	36	8	7	10	38	1	*	(500)

*Asked of a half sample.

Note: There are no items c-d.

Q13X. As you may know, Governor Bill Lee recently signed an executive order aimed at strengthening background checks for firearm purchases. How much do you (support) or (oppose) this executive order? Do you: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOME-WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME-WHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	60	22	8	4	6	1	0

[READ TO ALL:] Switching gears...

Q14. Do you think a person who helps a Tennessee citizen to get an abortion in another state should be charged with a crime, or not?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	22	73	3	1

Q15. Do you think abortion should be illegal after 15 weeks except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	65	30	3	2	(501)
Nov 2022 RVs*	69	27	3	1	(594)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q16. Do you think abortion should be legal in Tennessee if it would prevent the death of or "serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman"?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	82	13	4	2	(502)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q17. Mifepristone is a drug in the form of a pill that can be taken to end a pregnancy, sometimes called "medication abortion." This abortion pill has been available for use in the United States since 2000 when it received approval from the Food and Drug Administration. Do you think FDA approval for this medication abortion pill should be: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	UPHELD	REVOKED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	59	33	6	1

Q18. How much do you (approve) or (disapprove) of the way the state legislature handles laws that affect the LGBTQ community in Tennessee? Do you: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	12	23	15	32	16	3

Q19. Do you think "adult cabaret entertainment" and drag-shows should be banned on public properties or in locations where it could be viewed by a minor?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	63	35	1	1	(501)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q20. Overall, do you (support) or (oppose) legislation that would place restrictions on transgender Americans' access to health care? [THEN PROBE: Do you (support/oppose) strongly or somewhat?] [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	14	11	21	45	4	4	(502)
Nov 2022 RVs*	14	11	18	49	5	2	(597)
May 2022 RVs**	13	18	15	49	4	2	(382)

*Asked of a half sample.

**Asked of a half sample interviewed April 29-May 14.

[READ TO ALL:] Now thinking about the 2024 presidential election...

GOPNOM24. If you had to choose one of the following, who would you prefer as the Republican candidate for president in 2024? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP	FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	41	38	12	9	(501)
Nov 2022 RVs	28	58	7	7	(1180)

*Asked of a half sample.

GOPNOM24A. If you had to choose one of the following, who would you prefer as the Republican candidate for president in 2024? [OPTIONS READ IN RANDOM ORDER, SOMEONE ELSE ALWAYS LAST]

	PRES- IDENT DONALD TRUMP	FLORIDA GOVER- NOR RON DESAN- TIS	FORMER VICE PRESI- DENT MIKE PENCE	FORMER SOUTH CARO- LINA GOVER- NOR NIKKI HALEY	FOR- MER ARKAN -SAS GOVER -NOR ASA HUTCH -INSON	U.S. SENA- TOR OF SOUTH CARO- LINA TIM SCOTT	OR SOMEONE ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	29	17	11	10	7	7	9	7	4	(502)

*Asked of a half sample.

Q22. If the 2024 presidential general election were being held today, who would you vote for? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF, SOMEONE ELSE ALWAYS LAST]

	PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN	PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP	SOME- ONE ELSE	(VOL.) WOULD NOT VOTE FOR PRESIDENT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	26	42	31	*	1	1	(502)

*Asked of a half sample.

(Asked of those who would vote for someone other than Biden or Trump)

Q22X. Would you say that your choice for another candidate for president in 2024 is: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MORE BECAUSE YOU SUPPORT THAT SPECIFIC CANDIDATE	MORE BECAUSE YOU OPPOSE BOTH BIDEN AND TRUMP	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	30	65	4	1	(153)

Q23. If the 2024 presidential general election were being held today, who would you vote for? [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF, SOMEONE ELSE ALWAYS LAST]

	PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN	FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS	SOME- ONE ELSE	(VOL.) WOULD NOT VOTE FOR PRESIDENT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	24	33	40	1	2	1	(501)

(Asked of those who would vote for someone other than Biden or DeSantis)

Q23X. Would you say that your choice for another candidate for president in 2024 is: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MORE BECAUSE YOU SUPPORT THAT SPECIFIC CANDIDATE	MORE BECAUSE YOU OPPOSE BOTH BIDEN AND DESANTIS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	50	45	4	1	(177)

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

Q24. 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, EXCEL- LENT	B, GOOD	C, AVER- AGE	D, BELOW AVER- AGE"	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	16	28	27	11	10	6	1	(332)
Nov 2022 RVs*	13	35	29	13	3	6	1	(381)
May 2022 RVs*	17	35	27	12	5	4	1	(336)
Dec 2021 RVs*	15	29	33	12	3	8	*	(345)

*Asked of a third sample.

Q25. 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, EXCEL- LENT	B, GOOD	C, AVER- AGE	D, BELOW AVER- AGE"	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	7	29	32	15	9	7	1	(341)
Nov 2022 RVs*	13	26	38	13	4	6	*	(430)
May 2022 RVs*	14	25	35	15	4	6	1	(321)
Dec 2021 RVs*	13	29	29	16	4	9	*	(337)

*Asked of a third sample.

Q26. 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, EXCEL- LENT	B, GOOD	C, AVER- AGE	D, BELOW AVER- AGE"	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
April 2023 RVs*	13	22	38	16	5	6	*	(330)
Nov 2022 RVs*	9	28	36	14	4	9	0	(369)
May 2022 RVs*	11	32	33	12	8	4	0	(343)
Dec 2021 RVs*	16	32	28	14	4	6	0	(320)

*Asked of a third sample.

[READ TO ALL:] Now on a different topic...

Q27. The state legislature has passed legislation this session to reduce the local authority of the Metro Nashville Government, including cutting the size of its city council by half and requiring Nashville to redraw its district boundaries. How do you feel about the state's decision? Do you: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF, DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY ALWAYS LAST]

	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	7	7	6	22	57	*

Q28. On political matters, do you (support), neither support nor oppose, or (oppose) the Make America Great Again movement, also known as the MAGA movement? [THEN PROBE: Would that be strongly or somewhat (support/oppose)?] [OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES WERE ROTATED]

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	30	14	10	5	37	3	1
Nov 2022 RVs	28	15	9	7	36	4	1

[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]

APRIL 2023	
RVS	
61	NET Employed
54	Full-time
7	Part-time
39	NET Not employed for pay
25	Retired
5	A homemaker
2	A student
1	Unemployed but looking for work
3	Unemployed and not looking for work
2	(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
April 2023 RVs	22	38	29	10	1	1

(Asked of those who self-identify as Democrats, N=243)

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
April 2023 RVs	71	27	2	0

(Asked of those who self-identify as Republicans, N=377)

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
April 2023 RVs	73	27	*	*

(Asked of Republicans or Republican-leaning independents, N=513)

PTYMAGA. When it comes to political matters, do you consider yourself to be: [OPTIONS READ IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MORE OF A SUPPORTER OF THE MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN OR MAGA MOVEMENT	MORE OF A SUPPORTER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
April 2023 RVs	44	53	3	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
April 2023 RVs	32	51	17	1

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
April 2023 RVs	16	31	29	12	9	2	*

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.]