



**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
TENNESSEE POLL FALL 2019  
TOPLINE RESULTS**

Total n=1,000 Tennessee registered voters ages 18+<sup>1</sup>  
Margin of Error: ± 3.8 percentage points for results based on Total  
Field Dates: November 19-December 5, 2019  
Interview language: English

**INTRODUCTION:**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_ and I'm calling on behalf of Vanderbilt University. This is not a sales call. We're conducting a survey about important issues. This call may be monitored or recorded for quality assurance.

[READ IF NECESSARY: We're not selling anything; We're just doing an opinion poll on interesting subjects for research purposes only.]

[READ IF NECESSARY: I am calling from SSRS, a national research firm, on behalf of Vanderbilt University.]

**RBS LANDLINE:**

LLS1. May I please speak with the YOUNGEST [RANDOMIZE: (MALE / FEMALE)], age 18 or older, who is now at home? [READ IF NECESSARY: Your phone number has been randomly selected to complete the survey. We are not selling anything.]

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

**RBS CELL:**

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

CPAGEREF. [IF CPAGE=DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED:] Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey... Could you please tell me if you are under 18, 18 to 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]

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

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<sup>1</sup> Beginning in May 2015, polls used sample from the list of registered voters in Tennessee. All previous polls used RDD methodology with landline and cell phone samples.



MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW (LANDLINE AND CELL)

[READ TO ALL:] Just for background purposes.

RSTATE. What state do you currently live in? [CONTINUE IF TENNESSEE]

RCOUNTY. And in what county do you live? [IF DK/REFUSED OR IF NECESSARY, PROBE ONCE: "This question helps us to accurately determine what part of the state people who complete the survey live in and is used only for classification purposes. You cannot be contacted based on this information."] [CONTINUE]

REGIST. These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far? [CONTINUE IF REGISTERED VOTER]

#### TREND INFORMATION

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

1. I'd like your views on some government organizations and elected officials. As I read each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job. (First,) Do you approve or disapprove of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]?<sup>2</sup>

	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK <sup>3</sup>	(VOL.) REF <sup>4</sup>
a. The job Donald Trump is doing as President					
December 2019 RVs <sup>5</sup>	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

Q1 continued...

<sup>2</sup> February 2012 question wording was slightly different: "I'd like your views on some government officials. As I read each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job. (First,) Do you approve or disapprove of [INSERT ITEMS IN ORDER]?"

<sup>3</sup> The abbreviation DK stands for "Don't know"

<sup>4</sup> The abbreviation REF stands for "Refused"

<sup>5</sup> The abbreviation RVs stands for "Registered voters"

**Q1 continued...**

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

**Q1 continued...**

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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
<b>d. The job Bill Lee is doing as Governor</b>					
December 2019 RVs	62	19	6	11	1
May 2019 RVs	61	23	8	9	*
<u>HASLAM TRENDS:</u>					
December 2018 RVs	61	25	3	10	1
October 2018 RVs	63	23	5	8	*
May 2018 RVs	66	26	1	7	*
December 2017 RVs	63	24	2	11	1
May 2017 RVs	61	29	1	8	*
November 2016 RVs	68	21	1	10	*
May 2016 RVs	63	28	2	6	1
November 2015 RVs	65	25	3	6	1
May 2015 RVs	67	21	2	10	*
November 2014 RVs	70	23	1	5	1
May 2014 RVs	58	31	2	9	2
December 2013 RVs	61	27	4	7	1
May 2013 RVs	63	23	2	11	1
December 2012 RVs	68	19	2	9	1
May 2012 RVs	64	22	2	10	1
February 2012 RVs	61	21	3	13	1
<b>e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator</b>					
December 2019 RVs	46	34	5	15	1
May 2019 RVs	46	35	5	14	1
December 2018 RVs	48	31	3	17	1
May 2018 RVs	53	34	2	11	*
December 2017 RVs	44	37	1	17	*
May 2017 RVs	50	34	2	13	*
November 2016 RVs	60	25	1	14	*
May 2016 RVs	48	33	2	15	1
November 2015 RVs	52	33	3	11	1
May 2015 RVs	49	36	3	12	1
November 2014 RVs	51	34	1	12	2
May 2014 RVs	49	33	2	14	1
December 2013 RVs	49	35	5	11	1
May 2013 RVs	53	28	1	15	2
December 2012 RVs	55	24	2	18	1
May 2012 RVs	56	26	2	14	1

**Q1 continued...**

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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
f. The job Marsha Blackburn is doing as U.S. Senator					
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

2. Now I'm going to read the names of candidates for U.S. Senator for Tennessee. Some of these you may recognize and others you may not. (First,) have you heard of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE], or not?<sup>6</sup>

	YES, HAVE HEARD OF	NO, HAVE NOT HEARD OF	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. James Mackler				
December 2019 RVs	9	91	*	*
December 2017 RVs	10	90	*	0
b. Bill Haggerty				
December 2019 RVs	41	58	1	*
c. Manny Sethi				
December 2019 RVs	6	94	*	*

<sup>6</sup> December 2017 question wording was slightly different: "Now I'm going to read the names of potential candidates for U.S. Senator for Tennessee."



3. Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?<sup>7</sup>

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	GAP	SOCIAL ISSUES	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	16	24	28	6	16	6	n/a	n/a	3	1	*
May 2019 RVs	17	25	25	10	17	3	n/a	n/a	2	1	*
Dec 2018 RVs*	16	30	21	8	15	5	n/a	n/a	3	1	*
May 2018 RVs	21	20	25	6	18	4	n/a	n/a	5	1	*
Dec 2017 RVs	29	28	22	6	n/a	4	7	n/a	3	1	*
May 2017 RVs	30	30	21	6	n/a	2	6	n/a	2	2	0
Nov 2016 RVs	36	24	21	6	n/a	3	5	n/a	3	2	*
May 2016 RVs	31	18	29	8	n/a	3	7	n/a	5	*	*
Nov 2015 RVs	31	17	24	13	n/a	3	5	n/a	5	1	*
May 2015 RVs	44	19	24	7	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	2	1	*
Nov 2014 RVs	40	20	27	6	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	4	*	1
May 2014 RVs	48	18	27	3	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	2	1	*
Dec 2013 RVs	48	17	28	2	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	2	1	*
May 2013 RVs*	50	15	18	6	n/a	3	n/a	4	4	1	*
Dec 2012 RVs	60	10	18	4	n/a	1	n/a	4	1	1	*
May 2012 RVs	60	12	21	4	n/a	*	n/a	n/a	1	*	1

\*Asked of a random half sample.

<sup>7</sup> "Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation" was a new category introduced in the May 2018 poll. "The gap between the rich and everyone else" was a new category introduced in the November 2015 poll. "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the May 2013 and December 2012 polls.

4. Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUS QUESTION AND EXCLUDE RESPONSE GIVEN IN PREVIOUS QUESTION IF CODES 1-6: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?<sup>8</sup>

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

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDU- CA- TION	IMMI- GRA- TION	INFRA- STRUC- TURE	GUNS	GAP	SO- CIAL ISSUES	OTHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs	20	20	26	8	17	6	n/a	n/a	2	*	*	(991)
May 2019 RVs	21	21	26	8	15	6	n/a	n/a	3	*	*	(994)
Dec 2018 RVs*	20	20	23	10	16	7	n/a	n/a	3	*	0	(494)
May 2018 RVs	22	17	26	7	17	8	n/a	n/a	3	1	*	(1,387)
Dec 2017 RVs	25	28	23	8	n/a	5	8	n/a	2	1	*	(997)
May 2017 RVs	25	25	25	10	n/a	4	7	n/a	2	1	*	(985)
Nov 2016 RVs	25	24	26	9	n/a	5	7	n/a	2	1	*	(976)
May 2016 RVs	30	17	24	11	n/a	6	8	n/a	3	1	*	(992)
Nov 2015 RVs	30	19	23	11	n/a	5	6	n/a	4	1	*	(985)
May 2015 RVs	27	22	31	13	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	2	1	*	(989)
Nov 2014 RVs	31	26	28	9	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	2	1	*	(977)
May 2014 RVs	28	27	29	7	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	3	2	*	(1,232)
Dec 2013 RVs	32	23	29	7	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	4	1	0	(853)
Dec 2012 RVs	25	28	30	6	6	3	6	6	1	1	*	(883)
May 2012 RVs	24	33	30	9	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	1	1	*	(817)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

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ECONUS. How would you rate the condition of the United States economy these days? Is it: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE*

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

ECONTN. How would you rate the condition of the Tennessee state economy these days? Is it: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]

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

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

5. Which comes closer to your opinion? [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-2 / HALF 2-1]

*BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE*

	IN TODAY'S ECONOMY, EVERYONE HAS A FAIR CHANCE TO GET AHEAD IN THE LONG RUN	IN TODAY'S ECONOMY, IT'S MAINLY JUST A FEW PEOPLE AT THE TOP WHO HAVE A CHANCE TO GET AHEAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	56	40	4	0	(469)

*\*Asked of a random half sample.*

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q6, Q7, Q8]

6. How much trust and confidence do you have in your fellow Tennesseans when it comes to making decisions about the important issues facing our state?  
[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]

	A GREAT DEAL	A FAIR AMOUNT	NOT MUCH	NONE AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	14	50	28	7	1	0

7. How much trust and confidence do you have in the Tennessee State Legislature when it comes to making decisions about the important issues facing our state?  
[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]

	A GREAT DEAL	A FAIR AMOUNT	NOT MUCH	NONE AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	7	54	28	9	2	0

8. How much trust and confidence do you have in Governor Bill Lee when it comes to making decisions about the important issues facing our state?  
[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]

	A GREAT DEAL	A FAIR AMOUNT	NOT MUCH	NONE AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	20	49	18	8	5	*

9. Compared to five years ago, do you think things in your local community have: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q5

	GOTTEN BETTER	STAYED THE SAME	GOTTEN WORSE	(VOL.) I HAVE NOT LIVED IN MY COMMUNITY LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	43	32	22	2	1	0	(531)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

10. How much of a problem, if at all, is each of the following in your local community? First, [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? Is this a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem in your local community?

Next, [INSERT ITEM]? [READ IF NECESSARY: Is this a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem in your local community?]

*EACH RESPONDENT RECEIVED A RANDOM SET OF THREE ITEMS*

	BIG PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. Lack of quality of K-12 education in the public schools						
December 2019 RVs	38	31	29	3	0	(601)
May 2019 RVs	40	31	25	3	*	(1,000)
b. Lack of access to good quality health care						
December 2019 RVs	40	30	29	1	0	(586)
May 2019 RVs	43	27	28	2	*	(1,000)
c. Lack of well-paying jobs						
December 2019 RVs	40	32	26	1	*	(584)
May 2019 RVs	40	37	21	1	0	(1,000)
d. Lack of quality roads and bridges						
December 2019 RVs	34	43	23	0	0	(615)
May 2019 RVs	39	40	21	*	*	(1,000)
e. Issues caused by drug and alcohol addiction						
December 2019 RVs	69	23	6	1	0	(614)
May 2019 RVs	69	24	5	1	0	(1,000)

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

11. Overall, do you think Roe versus Wade -- the 1973 Supreme Court decision that established a constitutional right to abortion -- (was the right decision and should be upheld), or (was the wrong decision and should be overturned)? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

	RIGHT DECISION, SHOULD BE UPHELD	WRONG DECISION, SHOULD BE OVERTURNED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs	54	39	5	2	(1,000)
May 2019 RVs*	51	42	6	1	(498)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

12. Do you think Tennessee should spend time and money on passing a law that restricts abortion but violates federal law in an effort to get the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider its position on Roe versus Wade, or do you think Tennessee should not spend time and money on this effort?

BASED ON THOSE WHO THINK ROE-V-WADE SHOULD BE OVERTURNED

	YES, SHOULD SPEND TIME AND MONEY ON THIS	NO, SHOULD NOT SPEND TIME AND MONEY ON THIS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs	65	28	6	1	(442)

13. Tennessee has nearly one billion dollars in unspent money from federal grants to help support spending on anti-poverty and child care programs in the state. What comes closest to your opinion about what the state of Tennessee should do with most of the money it has received from the federal government? [READ LIST; RANDOMIZE 1-4 WITH 5 AND 6 ALWAYS LAST IN ORDER]

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS NONE, ALL, DEPENDS, DK, OR REFUSED, PROBE: "If you had to pick one of these options, which one would you pick?")

	INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT BEING GIVEN TO UN- EMPLOYED INDIVI- DUALS	INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JOB TRAINING OPPORTU- NITIES	HELP SUBSIDIZE CHILD CARE FOR LOW- INCOME PARENTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED	CREATE PRO- GRAMS TO HELP FIGHT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC	DO NOTHING AND CONTINUE TO SAVE THE MONEY IN A RAINY- DAY FUND	RETURN THE MONEY TO THE FEDERAL GOV'T	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	5	27	41	16	5	3	2	1

14. In general, do you think laws in Tennessee should be changed to make it (easier) or (harder) to buy a gun, or should the laws for gun sales stay the same as they are now? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	EASIER	HARDER	STAY THE SAME	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	6	45	47	2	*	(502)
Nov 2015 RVs*	5	40	54	1	*	(503)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

15. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. (First, [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? What about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose (ITEM)?])

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	FAVOR	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a. Laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns					
Dec 2019 RVs*	86	12	2	*	(498)
Nov 2015 RVs	84	14	2	1	(1,013)
b. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks					
Dec 2019 RVs*	86	13	1	0	(498)
Nov 2015 RVs	84	15	1	*	(1,013)
c. A ban on assault-style weapons					
Dec 2019 RVs*	51	47	2	0	(498)
Nov 2015 RVs	51	46	2	*	(1,013)
d. Creating a database to track all gun sales <sup>9</sup>					
Dec 2019 RVs*	68	30	2	*	(498)
Nov 2015 RVs	62	37	1	*	(1,013)

<sup>9</sup> November 2015 item wording was: "Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales"



16. Thinking now about property taxes that are used to support local schools in your community, do you think: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]

	PROPERTY TAXES SHOULD BE INCREASED TO HELP IMPROVE TEACHER PAY AND PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS	PROPERTY TAXES SHOULD BE KEPT THE SAME	PROPERTY TAXES SHOULD BE DECREASED, EVEN IF IT MEANS CUTTING TEACHER PAY AND STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	35	54	9	2	*

17. How much have you heard or read about the possibility of Tennessee receiving a federal block grant, which would change how it gets money from the federal government to fund health care for low-income individuals and those with disabilities? [READ LIST]

	A LOT	SOME	NOT MUCH	NOTHING AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	9	17	26	48	1	0

18. What do you think is the better option for how the state receives federal funding for its Medicaid program, TennCare? Should Tennessee (continue to receive federal funding that can increase or decrease, depending on the state's needs but has stricter federal guidelines), or should it (switch to receiving federal block grants that provide a fixed amount of money that cannot be increased but allows the state more flexibility in how it spends the money), or do you not know enough to say? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

	CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MONEY AS IT CURRENTLY DOES	SWITCH TO BLOCK GRANTS	DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	27	14	59	1

19. Which approach do you think the federal government should take to decrease the amount of illegal immigration: [READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-2 / HALF 2-1]

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS NEITHER/BOTH/DEPENDS OR DK/REFUSED, PROBE: "If you had to pick one of these options, which one would you pick?")

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	INCREASE EFFORTS TO FIND AND DEPORT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS	INCREASE EFFORTS TO PROSECUTE EMPLOYERS AND COMPANIES WHO EMPLOY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	29	55	11	5	(489)
May 2019 RVs	27	62	8	4	(1,000)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

20. As you may know, beginning in October 2020, the U.S. Government is requiring all adults who want to use their driver's license as I.D. to fly to have a new type of license that meets stricter security standards. These new licenses are called "Real ID" and Tennessee just started to issue these licenses in July. Do you currently have a Real ID Tennessee license, or not?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	18	80	2	0	(494)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

21. Do you think a bust of Confederate Calvary General and founder of the KKK Nathan Bedford Forrest should be displayed in the State Legislature building, removed and placed in a museum, or removed and not displayed?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	DISPLAYED IN STATE LEGISLATURE BUILDING	REMOVED AND PLACED IN A MUSEUM	REMOVED AND NOT DISPLAYED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	20	47	29	4	1	(506)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

22. Would you (support) or (oppose) raising the legal age to buy cigarettes and other tobacco products from age 18 to age 21 in Tennessee? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	68	31	2	0

23. In general, how much attention do you pay to issues and news related to politics in Tennessee -- a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or none at all?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q19

	A GREAT DEAL	A FAIR AMOUNT	NOT MUCH	NONE AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	19	49	26	5	0	0	(511)
May 2019 RVs*	22	51	24	3	0	0	(491)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

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

24. Based on your total family income, how concerned are you right now about each of the following financial matters? First, [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? Are you very worried, moderately worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

Next, [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? [IF NECESSARY: Are you very worried, moderately worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?]

	VERY WORRIED	MODERATELY WORRIED	NOT TOO WORRIED	NOT WORRIED AT ALL	(VOL.) DOES NOT APPLY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Not having enough money to pay for emergencies, like medical care or car repairs, in the event of a serious accident	20	32	27	22	*	*	0
b. Not having enough to pay your normal monthly bills, like housing, food and transportation	10	22	32	36	*	*	0
c. Not having enough in savings for things like retirement or your or your child's education	22	31	24	23	1	*	0

25. In the past 12 months, have you put off or postponed getting health care you needed because of the COST, or not?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	24	76	*	0	(522)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

26. In the past 12 months, have you put off or postponed getting health care you needed because there were no doctors near where you live who accept your insurance, or not?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	10	90	*	*	(478)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

27. Do you, yourself, currently have any loans or outstanding debt, or not? This includes things like a mortgage, car loan, student loan, medical or credit card bills, etc.

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	73	26	*	1

28. Which of the following types of debt do you hold? Do you currently have (INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE), or not?

BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE LOANS OR OUTSTANDING DEBT (N=686)

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Unpaid medical bills	28	71	*	1
b. Credit card debt	53	46	0	1
c. Unpaid legal bills	3	96	0	1
d. A car loan	51	48	0	1
e. A loan owed to a payday lender	8	91	0	1
f. A student loan	26	73	1	1
g. A home mortgage	55	44	0	1
h. Some other type of loan or outstanding debt (SPECIFY)	18	80	1	2

29. How long do you have to drive to get to the grocery store where you get food? (READ LIST)

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	LESS THAN 10 MINUTES	10 TO LESS THAN 20 MINUTES	20 TO LESS THAN 30 MINUTES	30 MINUTES OR MORE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	60	26	8	5	1	*	(490)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

30. If you were sick and needed to see a doctor, how long would you have to drive to get to the closest doctor's office or hospital? (READ LIST)

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	LESS THAN 10 MINUTES	10 TO LESS THAN 20 MINUTES	20 TO LESS THAN 30 MINUTES	30 MINUTES TO LESS THAN AN HOUR	AN HOUR OR MORE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs*	40	35	13	7	4	*	0	(510)

\*Asked of a random half sample.

[READ TO ALL:] Switching gears...

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

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPEN- DENT	SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	30	36	23	10	1	*

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS DEMOCRATS

	STRONG DEMOCRAT	NOT A STRONG DEMOCRAT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs	65	34	1	0	(248)

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

*BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS REPUBLICANS*

	STRONG REPUBLICAN	NOT A STRONG REPUBLICAN	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Dec 2019 RVs	66	32	1	*	(404)

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 2019 RVs	37	49	14	*

31. Thinking about the recent news about President Trump and his offer to trade military aid to Ukraine for investigating Former Vice President Joe Biden, which statement comes closest to what you believe: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]

	PRESIDENT TRUMP DID NOTHING WRONG IN ASKING UKRAINE TO INVESTIGATE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN	PRESIDENT TRUMP DID SOMETHING WRONG, BUT WHAT HE DID IS NOT AN IMPEACHABLE OFFENSE	PRESIDENT TRUMP BROKE THE LAW AND HE SHOULD BE IMPEACHED, BUT NOT REMOVED FROM OFFICE	PRESIDENT TRUMP BROKE THE LAW AND HE SHOULD BE IMPEACHED AND REMOVED FROM OFFICE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	34	16	7	35	6	2

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

	VERY CONSER- VATIVE	CONSER- VATIVE	MOD- ERATE	LIBERAL	VERY LIBERAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec 2019 RVs	14	31	33	14	5	3	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.]