

TENNESSEE POLL FALL 2016

PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL FOR
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

TOPLINE RESULTS
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Total N=1,005 Tennessee registered voters¹

Margins of Error: ± 3.5 percentage points for results based on all Registered Voters [N=1,005]

Interviewing dates: November 14-29, 2016

Interview language: English only

Form split: approx. 50%/50%

LANDLINE INTRO:

Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University. May I please speak with [INSERT NAME FROM SAMPLE]? [ACCEPT ONLY THE NAMED RESPONDENT – NO REPLACEMENTS]

ONCE TARGET RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE:

[IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ANSWER PHONE, REPEAT: Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University.]

We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters on local and national issues and would like to include your opinions. You have been randomly selected to participate. Your answers will be kept completely confidential. This call may be recorded and monitored for quality purposes. [READ IF NECESSARY: This is not a sales call – we are only interested in your opinions.]

LANDLINE SCREENING INTERVIEW:

LLCELL. First I have to ask... Did I reach you on a cell phone?

[READ IF LLCELL=YES, CELL PHONE:] If you are now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention, I need to call you back later.

[GO TO MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW]

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.

CELL PHONE INTRO:

Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University. May I please speak with [INSERT NAME FROM SAMPLE]? [ACCEPT ONLY THE NAMED RESPONDENT – NO REPLACEMENTS]

[VOICEMAIL MESSAGE: LEAVE ONLY ONCE – THE FIRST TIME A CALL GOES TO VOICEMAIL:] Hello, I am calling for Vanderbilt University. We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters on local and national issues. This is NOT a sales call. I am sorry we missed you today and we will try to reach you again. [SCHEDULE CALLBACK]

ONCE TARGET RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE:

[IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ANSWER PHONE, REPEAT: Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University.]

We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters on local and national issues and would like to include your opinions. You have been randomly selected to participate. Your answers will be kept completely confidential. This call may be recorded and monitored for quality purposes. [READ IF NECESSARY: This is not a sales call – we are only interested in your opinions.]

[IF R SAYS DRIVING/UNABLE TO TAKE CALL:] Thank you. We will try you another time...

CELL PHONE SCREENING INTERVIEW:

CPCELL. First I have to ask... Did I reach you on a cell phone?

[READ IF CPCELL=YES, CELL PHONE:] If you are now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention, I need to call you back later.

[GO TO MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW]

MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW (LANDLINE AND CELL)

[READ TO ALL:] To begin, I need to ask you a few questions to make sure that you qualify for the survey.

RSTATE. Do you currently live in Tennessee? [CONTINUE IF RESPOND 'YES']

RCOUNTY. And in what county do you live? [CONTINUE IF VALID TN COUNTY GIVEN]

READ IF NECESSARY: 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.

RZIPCODE. Could you please tell me your zip code? [ENTER 5-DIGIT ZIP AND CONTINUE]

[IF DK/REFUSED, 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. Can you please tell me your zip code?

TREND INFORMATION

October 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2016 Presidential Poll” conducted 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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. (First,) Do you approve or disapprove of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]?²

	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK ³	(VOL.) REF ⁴
a. The job Barack Obama is doing as President					
November 2016 RVs	40	57	*	2	*
May 2016 RVs	41	56	1	2	*
November 2015 RVs	36	62	*	1	1
May 2015 RVs ⁵	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
b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing					
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

Q1 continued...

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

³ The abbreviation DK stands for "Don't know"

⁴ The abbreviation REF stands for "Refused"

⁵ The abbreviation RVs stands for "Registered voters"

Q1 continued...

	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					
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
d. The job Bill Haslam is doing as Governor					
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
e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator					
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 Bob Corker is doing as U.S. Senator					
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

- Q2. Thinking about President-elect Donald Trump... Is your overall opinion of Donald Trump very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

NOV 2016
RVS

25	Very favorable
35	Mostly favorable
12	Mostly unfavorable
25	Very unfavorable
0	(VOL.) Never heard of
3	(VOL.) Can't rate
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q3. Do you think President-elect Donald Trump will change the way things are done in Washington for the better, for the worse, or do you think the way things are done in Washington will pretty much stay the same?

NOV 2016
RVS

54	For the better
20	For the worse
23	Stay the same
3	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

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), (The gap between the rich and everyone else)] or something else?⁶

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

Q5. 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), (The gap between the rich and everyone else)] or something else?⁷

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELECTED A TOP PRIORITY IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRATION	GAP	GUN	SOCIAL ISSUES	OTHER (SPECIFY)	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=976]	25	24	26	9	7	5	n/a	2	1	*
May 2016 RVs [N=992]	30	17	24	11	8	6	n/a	3	1	*
Nov 2015 RVs [N=985]	30	19	23	11	6	5	n/a	4	1	*
May 2015 RVs [N=989]	27	22	31	13	n/a	4	n/a	2	1	*
Nov 2014 RVs [N=977]	31	26	28	9	n/a	3	n/a	2	1	*
May 2014 RVs [N=1,232]	28	27	29	7	n/a	4	n/a	3	2	*
Dec 2013 RVs [N=853]	32	23	29	7	n/a	4	n/a	4	1	0
Dec 2012 RVs [N=883]	25	28	30	6	6	3	6	1	1	*
May 2012 RVs [N=817]	24	33	30	9	n/a	2	n/a	1	1	*

⁶ "The gap between the rich and everyone else" was a new category introduced in the November 2015 poll. May 2013 trend was asked of a random half sample [N=506, including N=437 RVs]. "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the May 2013 and December 2012 polls.

⁷ "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the December 2012 poll.

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]⁸

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=1,005]	5	45	29	18	2	*
May 2016 RVs [N=1,001]	4	45	30	21	*	*
Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013]	4	40	35	20	*	*
May 2015 RVs [N=1,001]	4	44	31	21	*	*
Nov 2014 RVs [N=989]	3	36	36	23	1	1
May 2014 RVs [N=573]	3	29	37	31	1	*
Dec 2013 RVs [N=431]	1	31	37	31	*	0
May 2013 RVs [N=453]	1	30	37	30	1	*
Dec 2012 RVs [N=467]	2	31	35	30	0	1
May 2012 RVs [N=826]	1	22	39	37	1	1
Feb 2012 RVs [N=1,508]	3	21	36	38	1	1

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 IN SAME ORDER AS ECONUS]⁹

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=1,005]	9	57	24	9	2	*
May 2016 RVs [N=1,001]	7	60	22	9	1	*
Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013]	6	55	28	10	1	*
May 2015 RVs [N=1,001]	7	60	23	8	1	*
Nov 2014 RVs [N=530]	8	56	24	10	2	*
May 2014 RVs [N=672]	4	56	28	9	2	1
Dec 2013 RVs [N=429]	4	62	24	9	1	0
May 2013 RVs [N=410]	5	47	33	12	2	1
Dec 2012 RVs [N=426]	3	50	30	13	3	*
May 2012 RVs [N=826]	2	42	34	19	1	1

⁸ Trends were sometimes asked of all respondents or random half samples. Unless otherwise indicated, all respondents were asked this question. Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2014, December 2013, May 2013 and December 2012.

⁹ Trends were sometimes asked of all respondents or random half samples. Unless otherwise indicated, all respondents were asked this question. Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2014, May 2014, December 2013, May 2013 and December 2012.

- Q6. When you think about the future of the United States, which do you agree with more: [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-2]¹⁰

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

	THE COUNTRY'S BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US	THE COUNTRY'S BEST DAYS ARE BEHIND US	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
November 2016 RVs [N=522]	59	34	7	*
October 2016 RVs [N=1,000]	48	48	3	1
May 2016 RVs [N=486]	40	55	5	*

- Q7. When you think about the future of Tennessee, which do you agree with more: [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-2]¹¹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	THE STATE'S BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US	THE STATE'S BEST DAYS ARE BEHIND US	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
November 2016 RVs [N=483]	81	14	5	0
May 2016 RVs [N=515]	67	28	4	1

- Q8. Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS] (I would prefer my legislators 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 legislators pursue their own values and priorities even if it means they are unwilling to work with members of the other political party).¹²

	WORK WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER PARTY	PURSUE OWN VALUES AND PRIORITIES	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=1,005]	71	25	3	*
May 2016 RVs [N=1,001]	71	25	2	1
Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013]	70	26	2	1
May 2015 RVs [N=1,001]	70	26	3	1
Nov 2014 RVs [N=477]	77	19	1	2
Dec 2013 RVs [N=860]	74	22	3	*
Dec 2012 RVs [N=893]	74	21	3	2

¹⁰ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and May 2016.

¹¹ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and May 2016.

¹² Unless otherwise indicated, trends were asked of all respondents. November 2014 trend was asked of a random half sample [N=580 including 477 RVs]. In December 2012, the phrase "opposing political party" was used in place of the current wording "other political party."

- Q9. Some people say they are basically content with the way the NATIONAL GOVERNMENT works today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel? [RE-READ CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY]¹³

BASED ON THE SAME RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS ASKED Q6

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=522]	14	60	24	2	0
Oct 2016 RVs [N=1,000]	9	64	24	1	2
May 2016 RVs [N=486]	10	64	24	2	1

- Q10. To the extent that the NATIONAL government has failed to solve important problems, who do you think is MOST to blame? Democrats, Republicans, both equally or neither? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]¹⁴

BASED ON THE SAME RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS ASKED Q6

	DEM	REP	BOTH	NEITHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=522]	20	16	58	6	1	0
May 2016 RVs [N=486]	14	19	64	3	1	*

- Q11. Some people say they are basically content with the way the STATE GOVERNMENT works today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel? [RE-READ CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY]¹⁵

BASED ON THE SAME RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS ASKED Q7

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=483]	36	50	11	3	1
May 2016 RVs [N=515]	25	63	10	1	*

- Q12. To the extent that the STATE government has failed to solve important problems, who do you think is MOST to blame? Democrats, Republicans, both equally or neither? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]¹⁶

BASED ON THE SAME RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS ASKED Q7

	DEM	REP	BOTH	NEITHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=483]	16	16	58	8	2	*
May 2016 RVs [N=515]	11	23	60	4	2	*

¹³ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁴ Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁵ Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁶ Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and May 2016.

- Q13. I'd like to ask you about some different priorities for Donald Trump and Congress after he takes office as President next year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think each should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done. (First,) should [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?

What about... [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT AS NECESSARY TO BE SURE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS SCALE: Should this be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?]

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=481]

	TOP PRIORITY	IMPT. BUT LOWER PRIORITY	NOT TOO IMPT.	SHOULD NOT BE DONE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Reducing crime	60	34	4	1	1	0
b. Reducing health care costs	72	25	1	1	1	0
c. Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	80	17	1	1	*	0
d. Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington	43	41	9	4	2	0
e. Dealing with global climate change	25	45	16	11	2	0
f. Addressing race relations in this country	51	39	7	2	1	0

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=524]

	TOP PRIORITY	IMPT. BUT LOWER PRIORITY	NOT TOO IMPT.	SHOULD NOT BE DONE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
g. Dealing with global trade issues	44	43	8	1	3	*
h. Dealing with the issue of immigration	46	38	11	3	2	0
i. Strengthening the nation's economy	79	18	1	1	1	*
j. Dealing with the problems of poor people	55	38	5	1	2	*
k. Strengthening the U.S. military	59	30	7	3	1	*
l. Reducing gun violence	42	38	12	6	3	*

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

- Q14. Given what you know about the Affordable Care Act that passed in 2010, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable view of it, or have you not heard enough about it to form an opinion?¹⁷

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

	GENERALLY FAVORABLE	GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE	HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=512]	24	49	26	1	0
May 2016 RVs [N=516]	24	49	27	*	*
Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013]	24	50	25	1	*
May 2015 RVs [N=513]	26	44	29	1	0
Nov 2014 RVs [N=989]	20	44	35	1	*
May 2014 RVs [N=1,245]	21	41	37	n/a	1
Dec 2013 RVs [N=860]	15	51	33	n/a	*
May 2013 RVs [N=863]	16	40	43	1	*
Dec 2012 RVs [N=893]	18	28	52	1	1

- Q15. Which of the following comes closest to your view of the future of the U.S. health care system? [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]¹⁸

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

NOV 2016 RVS		MAY 2016 RVS
21	The Affordable Care Act should be repealed and NOT replaced	21
29	The Affordable Care Act should be repealed and replaced with a Republican-sponsored alternative	17
28	Lawmakers should build on the Affordable Care Act to improve affordability and access to care	35
16	The U.S. should establish guaranteed universal health coverage through a single government plan	18
3	(VOL.) None of these/Something else	4
4	(VOL.) Don't know	4
0	(VOL.) Refused	*
[N=493]		[N=485]

¹⁷ Unless otherwise indicated, trends were asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016, May 2016, and May 2015. In May 2013, question was asked separately, each of independent random half samples in different placements in the survey; combined trend results are shown here. In December 2012, question was asked separately of Form 1 and Form 2 respondents in different placements in the survey; combined trend results are shown here.

¹⁸ In May 2016, the categories referred to "the health care law." Beginning with the November 2016 poll, "the health care law" was replaced with "the Affordable Care Act."

- Q16. Overall, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE].
Next, overall, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: [INSERT NEXT ITEM].

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=504]

	AGREE	DISAGREE	(VOL.) NEITHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. The United States is a country where anyone, regardless of their background, can work hard, succeed, and be comfortable financially.	74	25	1	1	0
b. The widening gap between the incomes of the wealthy and everyone else is undermining the idea that every American has the opportunity to move up to a better standard of living.	58	41	1	*	0

- Q17. To reduce crime in Tennessee, some people think more money and resources should be spent on better access to quality education and job training to help address social and economic differences. Others think more money and resources should be spent on law enforcement with more prisons, police, and judges. Which of the following comes closer to what you think the state should do to reduce crime? [READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS 1-2]¹⁹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

NOV 2016 RVS		MAY 2016 RVS	NOV 2015 RVS
68	Provide better access to quality education and job training to address social and economic differences	69	69
28	Increase law enforcement	25	26
4	(VOL.) Don't know	4	3
*	(VOL.) Refused	2	1
[N=501]		[N=501]	[N=1,013]

¹⁹ May 2016 question wording was slightly different: "...to help address social and economic differences. Others think more money and resources should be spent on law enforcement with more prisons, police, and judges..." etc. November 2015 trend was asked of all respondents [N=1,013 RVs]. November 2015 response options were read in order and question wording was: "To reduce crime in Tennessee, some people think more money and resources should be spent on better access to quality education and job training to help address social or economic differences. Others feel there would be less crime if more money and resources were spent on increasing the size of law enforcement with more prisons, police, and judges. Which comes closer to your view?"

- Q18. Now I have some questions about how some groups in our society get along... In general, how well do you think [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE] get along with each other these days -- would you say very well, pretty well, not too well, or not at all well? What about how well [INSERT NEXT ITEM] get along? [READ IF NECESSARY: Just in general, do (ITEM) get along very well, pretty well, not too well, or not at all well these days?]

	VERY WELL	PRETTY WELL	NOT TOO WELL	NOT AT ALL WELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Whites and Hispanics in Tennessee	15	65	14	2	4	*
b. Blacks and Hispanics in Tennessee	13	49	16	3	17	1
c. Blacks and whites in Tennessee	15	63	16	3	2	*

- Q19. How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you [READ]²⁰

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

NOV 2016 RVS		MAY 2016 RVS	NOV 2015 RVS	MAY 2015 RVS	NOV 2014 RVS
23	Strongly support	23	21	16	15
9	Somewhat support	7	12	10	7
20	Neither support nor oppose	14	14	14	23
7	Somewhat oppose	8	8	7	7
38	Strongly oppose	46	44	52	47
2	(VOL.) Don't know	1	1	*	1
*	(VOL.) Refused	*	*	*	1
[N=515]		[N=511]	[N=1,013]	[N=517]	[N=499]

- Q20. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the death penalty for those convicted of first-degree murder?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=490]

NOV 2016 RVS	
47	Strongly support
21	Somewhat support
15	Somewhat oppose
10	Strongly oppose
6	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

²⁰ Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016, May 2016, May 2015 and November 2014. November 2014 question wording was: "How much do you favor or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose?"

Q21. Overall, do you think that women in America have equal job opportunities as men, or not?

NOV 2016		MAY 2014	
RVS		RVS	
50	Yes	49	
48	No	49	
1	(VOL.) Don't know	2	
0	(VOL.) Refused	*	

Q22. In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

NOV 2016	
RVS	
40	Good thing
49	Bad thing
1	(VOL.) Neither good nor bad
1	(VOL.) Both equally
9	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

Q23. Would you say that people who move to the United States LEGALLY from other countries HELP the United States more than they hurt it, OR HURT the United States more than they help it?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=497]

NOV 2016	
RVS	
74	Help the United States more than they hurt it
21	Hurt the United States more than they help it
5	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q24. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? They should be allowed to stay in the country and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship... They should be allowed to stay in the country only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship... or, They should be required to leave the country.²¹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

NOV 2016 RVS		MAY 2014 RVS	MAY 2013 RVS	DEC 2012 RVS
51	Stay and apply for citizenship	47	44	48
18	Stay as temporary guest workers	21	20	15
28	Required to leave the U.S.	28	31	32
3	(VOL.) Don't know	3	5	3
*	(VOL.) Refused	1	1	2
[N=508]		[N=1,245]	[N=417]	[N=893]

[READ TO ALL:] Thinking about education in the state of Tennessee...

- Q25. How important is it for public school students in grades 3 to 12 to take tests each school year to know if they are meeting the state's education standards in reading, writing, and math?
[READ]²²

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

NOV 2016 RVS		MAY 2016 RVS	NOV 2015 RVS
54	Very important	49	52
31	Somewhat important	32	33
11	Not too important	11	10
4	Not important at all	7	4
*	(VOL.) Don't know	1	1
*	(VOL.) Refused	*	*
[N=492]		[N=1,001]	[N=499]

²¹ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and May 2013. December 2012 question wording was: "Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship... They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship... or, They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S."

²² Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016 and November 2015.

- Q26. Do you think public school teachers in Tennessee are currently being paid too much, not enough or about the right amount?²³

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

NOV 2016 RVS		DEC 2013 RVS	DEC 2012 RVS
2	Too much	2	3
68	Not enough	64	65
25	About the right amount	29	28
5	(VOL.) Don't know	5	4
*	(VOL.) Refused	0	*
[N=513]		[N=429]	[N=411]

- Q27. "Tennessee Promise" is a needs-based state-funded scholarship program for students who meet the eligibility requirements. The program covers tuition at all in-state colleges and technical schools that offer a two-year degree. Overall, do you think the state should (increase) its funding for this program, (decrease) it, or keep the funding at its current level? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=498]

NOV 2016 RVS	
43	Increase funding
6	Decrease funding
46	Keep funding at its current level
5	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

- Q28. Do you think the Tennessee state government currently invests too much, too little or about the right amount of money in making the state's universities and colleges affordable?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=507]

NOV 2016 RVS	
10	Too much
52	Too little
31	About the right amount
7	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

²³ Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016, December 2013 and December 2012. Prior to November 2016, question wording was: "Do you think public school teachers are currently being paid too much, not enough or about the right amount?"

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

Q29. Overall, would you say the roads and bridges where you live are in excellent condition, good condition, only fair condition or poor condition?

NOV 2016 RVS	
5	Excellent
39	Good
37	Only fair
18	Poor
*	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

Q30. 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? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]²⁴

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

NOV 2016 RVS		MAY 2016 RVS	NOV 2015 RVS
5	Easier	4	5
38	Harder	35	40
55	Stay the same	56	54
1	(VOL.) Don't know	3	1
*	(VOL.) Refused	1	*
[N=478]		[N=505]	[N=503]

Q31. Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]²⁵

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	IT SHOULD BE LEGAL FOR PERSONAL USE	IT SHOULD BE LEGAL ONLY FOR MEDICINAL USE	IT SHOULD NOT BE LEGAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs [N=527]	33	42	23	2	*
May 2016 RVs [N=496]	31	45	22	1	1
Nov 2015 RVs [N=511]	26	48	25	1	*
May 2015 RVs [N=488]	24	48	25	2	*
Nov 2014 RVs [N=495]	29	42	26	1	2
May 2014 RVs [N=637]	32	44	22	2	*

²⁴ Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016, May 2016 and November 2015.

²⁵ Question was asked of a random half sample in November 2016, May 2016, November 2015, May 2015, and November 2014. May 2014 trend was asked of all Form 2 respondents [N=769, including N=637 RVs].

- Q32. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to allow college students ages 21 or older to carry handguns on college campuses in Tennessee if they have a valid concealed carry permit?

NOV 2016 RVS	
42	Good idea
55	Bad idea
2	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q33. Next... Should all online retailers that are based OUTSIDE of Tennessee be required to charge Tennessee residents the sales tax on their internet purchases like in-state businesses, or not?

NOV 2016 RVS	
38	Yes, should be required to charge sales tax
57	No, should NOT be required to charge sales tax
4	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

[READ TO ALL:] As you may know, Tennessee is a pay-as-you-go state when it comes to transportation projects like road construction or maintenance. This method means the state does not take on debt for future transportation projects. Well-maintained roadways are important to economic growth and public safety but recently, state officials have said that current funding sources are not enough to maintain Tennessee's roads and bridges.

- Q34. Would you be willing or not willing to pay 2 cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth and public safety?²⁶

BASED ON A RANDOM ONE-THIRD SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED Q35 OR Q36

NOV 2016 RVS		NOV 2015 RVS
67	Yes, willing	66
31	No, not willing	33
1	(VOL.) Don't know	1
0	(VOL.) Refused	*
[N=326]		[N=356]

²⁶ November 2015 question wording was slightly different: "...if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges..."

- Q35. Would you be willing or not willing to pay 8 cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth and public safety?²⁷

BASED ON A RANDOM ONE-THIRD SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED Q34 OR Q36

NOV 2016 RVS		MAY 2016 RVS	NOV 2015 RVS
55	Yes, willing	46	54
44	No, not willing	52	45
1	(VOL.) Don't know	2	1
0	(VOL.) Refused	*	*
[N=322]		[N=349]	[N=310]

- Q36. Would you be willing or not willing to pay 15 cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth and public safety?²⁸

BASED ON A RANDOM ONE-THIRD SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED Q34 OR Q35

NOV 2016 RVS		NOV 2015 RVS
47	Yes, willing	46
52	No, not willing	53
1	(VOL.) Don't know	1
*	(VOL.) Refused	*
[N=357]		[N=347]

²⁷ May 2016 and November 2015 question wording was slightly different: "...if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges..."

²⁸ November 2015 question wording was slightly different: "...if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges..."

[READ TO ALL:] Moving on...

TP1. Do you think of yourself as part of the Tea Party movement?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs	13	81	2	3	*
Oct 2016 RVs	13	81	3	3	1
May 2016 RVs	14	78	2	4	*
Nov 2015 RVs	15	77	3	5	1
May 2015 RVs	15	75	4	6	*
Nov 2014 RVs	14	79	3	3	*
May 2014 RVs	15	76	3	6	1
Dec 2013 RVs	16	76	5	3	*
May 2013 RVs	15	74	4	6	1
Dec 2012 RVs	14	72	6	7	1
May 2012 RVs	15	79	1	5	1
Feb 2012 RVs	14	80	4	2	*

TP2. In general, do you support the Tea Party movement's ideas?²⁹

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT'S IDEAS ARE	(VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Nov 2016 RVs	33	52	7	3	5	*
May 2016 RVs	34	48	8	3	5	1
Nov 2015 RVs	33	50	8	4	5	1
May 2015 RVs	33	43	14	5	4	1
Nov 2014 RVs	34	50	8	4	3	2
May 2014 RVs	34	47	10	4	5	1
Dec 2013 RVs	40	43	8	6	2	*
May 2013 RVs	37	42	9	5	6	1
Dec 2012 RVs	31	46	11	6	5	2
May 2012 RVs	37	46	6	2	7	1

²⁹ For the current poll and trends, this question was asked of all respondents except those who said they have never heard of the Tea Party in the previous question. Results shown here have been recalculated to combine all those who volunteered in either question that they have never heard of the Tea Party.

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

NOV 2016 RVS	
23	Democrat
35	Republican
30	Independent
11	Something else
1	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

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 [N=238]

NOV 2016 RVS	
67	Strong Democrat
33	Not a Strong Democrat
0	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

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 [N=366]

NOV 2016 RVS	
63	Strong Republican
36	Not a Strong Republican
1	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

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?

NOV 2016 RVS	
30	Democrat / Lean Democrat
49	Republican / Lean Republican
21	Neither
*	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

QREP1. Thinking about the leaders of the Republican party today, would you say the Republican party as a whole represents your views on most issues, or not?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS OR REPUBLICAN-LEARNERS [N=505]

NOV 2016	
RVS	
70	Yes
27	No
3	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

QREP2. To help them better represent the views of people like you, do you think the Republican party should adopt positions that are more (conservative), more moderate, or more (liberal) on most issues? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

BASED ON REPUBLICANS OR REPUBLICAN-LEARNERS WHO SAY THE GOP TODAY DOES NOT REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS/DK/REFUSED [N=155]

NOV 2016	
RVS	
62	More conservative
29	More moderate
4	More liberal
4	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

BASED ON NON-LEANING INDEPENDENTS [N=193]

NOV 2016	
RVS	
31	More conservative
37	More moderate
18	More liberal
12	(VOL.) Don't know
2	(VOL.) Refused

QDEM1. Thinking about the leaders of the Democratic party today, would you say the Democratic party as a whole represents your views on most issues, or not?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS OR DEMOCRATIC-LEARNERS [N=307]

NOV 2016	
RVS	
75	Yes
24	No
1	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

QDEM2. To help them better represent the views of people like you, do you think the Democratic party should adopt positions that are more (conservative), more moderate, or more (liberal) on most issues? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS OR DEMOCRATIC-LEANERS WHO SAY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TODAY DOES NOT REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS/DK/REFUSED [N=78]³⁰

NOV 2016 RVS	
21	More conservative
48	More moderate
24	More liberal
7	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

BASED ON NON-LEANING INDEPENDENTS [N=193]

NOV 2016 RVS	
38	More conservative
39	More moderate
12	More liberal
10	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

[READ TO ALL:] A few last questions for statistical purposes only...

IDEO3. How would you generally describe your views on most political matters? Are you: [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-5 / HALF 5-1]

NOV 2016 RVS	
17	Very conservative
35	Conservative
27	Moderate
13	Liberal
5	Very liberal
1	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

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.]

³⁰ The margin of error for the results based on these N=78 respondents is plus or minus 13.2 percentage points.