

TENNESSEE POLL SPRING 2015

PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL FOR
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

TOPLINE RESULTS
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Total N=1,001 Tennessee registered voters¹

Margins of Error: ± 4.3 percentage points for results based on all Registered Voters [N=1,001]

Interviewing dates: April 23-May 9, 2015

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. [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:] We're interested in learning more about people with cell phones. 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 The Spring 2015 poll 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. [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:] We're interested in learning more about people with cell phones. 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?

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 RESPOND 'YES, REGISTERED']

TREND INFORMATION

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					
Current 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					
Current 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
c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing					
Current 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...

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
d. The job Bill Haslam is doing as Governor					
Current 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					
Current 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
f. The job Bob Corker is doing as U.S. Senator					
Current 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. 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?⁶

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

- Q3. Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE AND EXCLUDE RESPONSE GIVEN IN PREVIOUS QUESTION IF CODES 1-5: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education)] or something else?⁷

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

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

- Q4. Now thinking back to what the State Legislature accomplished over the past five months, would you say that it: [READ]

CURRENT
RVS

25	Spent enough time on issues that you care about, OR
63	Did not spend enough time on issues that you care about?
11	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

⁶ May 2013 trend was asked of a random half sample [N=506, including N=437 RVs]. May 2013 and December 2012 question wording was: "Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? Do you think it should be... [RANDOMIZE: (the economy, including jobs), (education), (health care), (immigration), (social issues like abortion and gay rights), (guns)] or something else?"

⁷ December 2012 question wording was: "Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE AND EXCLUDE RESPONSE GIVEN IN PREVIOUS QUESTION: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education)] or something else?"

Q5. 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
Current 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

Q6. 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 Q5]⁹

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Current 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 May 2014, December 2013, May 2013 and December 2012 trends were each asked of a random half sample [May 2014 N=700 including N=573 RVs / December 2013 N=502 including N=431 RVs / May 2013 N=532 including N=453 RVs / December 2012 N=532 including N=467 RVs]. May 2012 trend was asked of Total respondents. February 2012 trend was asked of Total registered voters.

⁹ November 2014, May 2014, December 2013, May 2013 and December 2012 trends were each asked of a random half sample [November 2014 N=561 including N=530 RVs / May 2014 N=805 including N=672 RVs / December 2013 N=500 including N=429 RVs / May 2013 N=468 including N=410 RVs / December 2012 N=469 including N=426 RVs]. May 2012 trend was asked of Total respondents including 826 RVs.

- Q7. 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).¹⁰

CURRENT RVS		NOV 2014 RVS	DEC 2013 RVS	DEC 2012 RVS
70	Work with members of other party	77	74	74
26	Pursue own values and priorities	19	22	21
3	(VOL.) Don't know	1	3	3
1	(VOL.) Refused	2	*	2

THERE IS NO Q8.

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

- Q9. 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?¹¹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=513]

	GENERALLY FAVORABLE	GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE	HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Current RVs	26	44	29	1	0
Nov 2014 RVs	20	44	35	1	*
May 2014 RVs	21	41	37	n/a	1
Dec 2013 RVs	15	51	33	n/a	*
May 2013 RVs	16	40	43	1	*
Dec 2012 RVs	18	28	52	1	1

¹⁰ November 2014 trend was asked of a random half sample [N=580 including 477 RVs]. December 2013 and December 2012 trends were asked of Total respondents and results shown here are for Total RVs. In December 2012, the phrase "opposing political party" was used in place of the current wording "other political party."

¹¹ November 2014, May 2014, December 2013 trends were asked of Total respondents and results shown here are for Total RVs. 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.

- Q10. Given what you know about President Obama's 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?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=488]

CURRENT RVS	
23	Generally favorable
58	Generally unfavorable
16	Haven't heard enough about it
1	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

COMBINED Q9 AND Q10

- Q9. 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?
- Q10. Given what you know about President Obama's 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?¹²

	GENERALLY FAVORABLE	GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE	HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Current RVs	25	51	23	1	*
Nov 2014 RVs	20	44	35	1	*
May 2014 RVs	21	41	37	n/a	1
Dec 2013 RVs	15	51	33	n/a	*
May 2013 RVs	16	40	43	1	*
Dec 2012 RVs	18	28	52	1	1

- Q11. Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]¹³

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

CURRENT RVS		NOV 2014 RVS	MAY 2014 RVS
24	It should be legal for personal use	29	32
48	It should be legal only for medicinal use, OR	42	44
25	It should not be legal?	26	22
2	(VOL.) Don't know	1	2
*	(VOL.) Refused	2	*
[N=488]		[N=495]	[N=637]

¹² Footnote for Q9 also applies here.

¹³ May 2014 trend was asked of all Form 2 respondents [N=769, including N=637 RVs].

- Q12. Some Republicans in the Tennessee State Legislature have expressed support for a bill that would legalize marijuana for limited medicinal purposes in the state. The bill was delayed to next year's legislative session. Would you support a measure that would allow adults in Tennessee to use marijuana for medicinal purposes, or would you oppose it?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=513]

CURRENT RVS	
63	Support, allow marijuana to be legalized for medicinal purposes
35	Oppose, do not legalize marijuana for any purpose
2	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q13. How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you [READ]¹⁴

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

CURRENT RVS		NOV 2014 RVS
16	Strongly support	15
10	Somewhat support	7
14	Neither support nor oppose	23
7	Somewhat oppose, OR	7
52	Strongly oppose?	47
*	(VOL.) Don't know	1
*	(VOL.) Refused	1
[N=517]		[N=499]

- Q14. Which comes closest to your view about relationships of same-sex couples? Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry... Same-sex couples should be allowed to form civil unions, but not legally marry... OR, there should be no legal recognition of same-sex relationships.¹⁵

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

CURRENT RVS		NOV 2014 RVS	DEC 2013 RVS	MAY 2013 RVS
27	Legally marry	32	32	32
22	Civil unions, not marriage	25	20	17
48	No legal recognition	39	45	46
3	(VOL.) Don't know	2	2	3
1	(VOL.) Refused	3	*	2
[N=484]		[N=490]	[N=436]	[N=414]

¹⁴ November 2014 question wording was slightly different: "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?"

¹⁵ November 2014, December 2013 and May 2013 questions were each asked of a random half sample [November 2014 N=598 including 490 RVs / December 2013 N=501 including 436 RVs / May 2013 N=480 including N=414 RVs].

- Q15. If a business provides wedding services or products, such as catering or flowers, should it be allowed to refuse those services to same-sex couples for religious reasons, or should it be required to provide those services as it would to all other customers?

CURRENT
RVS

57	Allowed to refuse services
38	Required to provide services
4	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q16. If a person has a disease that cannot be cured and is living in pain, do you think doctors should be allowed to assist the patient by some painless means to end their life if the patient and his or her family request it?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=519]

CURRENT
RVS

55	Yes
38	No
5	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q17. Recently, the State Legislature discussed a bill about a person's right to die. Which of the following comes closest to your view about what a person with an INCURABLE DISEASE should be able to do? [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-4/4-1]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=482]

CURRENT
RVS

28	Doctors should be allowed to painlessly end the person's life if the person requests it
25	Doctors should be allowed to painlessly end the person's life only if the person and the person's family request it
12	The person should be allowed to have their life ended by any means they desire
31	There are no circumstances under which an individual should be allowed to end their life
3	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q18. Thinking now about the situation with Iran... Suppose there were an agreement in which the United States and other countries would lift some of their economic sanctions against Iran. In exchange, Iran would place restrictions on its nuclear program that makes it harder for it to produce nuclear weapons. Would you support or oppose such an agreement?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=505]

CURRENT RVS	
49	Support
38	Oppose
10	(VOL.) Don't know
4	(VOL.) Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:] Now turning to issues that are being discussed in Tennessee...

- Q19. Many public officials in Tennessee are considering implementing "Insure Tennessee," a program proposed by Governor Haslam that would expand health insurance coverage to 280,000 low-income people without health insurance in the state. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose expanding health care coverage for low-income people in the state?

CURRENT RVS	
35	Strongly support
29	Somewhat support
13	Neither support nor oppose
9	Somewhat oppose, OR
10	Strongly oppose?
3	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q20. Recently, the State Legislature and Governor Haslam disagreed over "Insure Tennessee." Some argue that the legislature was right to not bring the proposal to a vote because some elected officials disagreed with parts of the program. Others say that the full legislature should have been able to vote on the program so that everyone could express their opinions. Do you think that the full legislature should vote on Insure Tennessee, or do you think that a vote isn't needed?

CURRENT RVS	
78	Full legislature should vote
15	Vote isn't needed
5	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

Q21. Last November, Tennesseans voted in favor of Amendment 1, which allows the state legislature to make laws regulating abortion within the state. As I read this list, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each of the following in Tennessee. (First,) what about a state law that would [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? [READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose this?]¹⁶

	FAVOR	NEITHER	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Require women seeking abortions to wait two days after an in-person consultation before having the procedure					
Current RVs	60	10	28	2	*
November 2014 RVs	55	12	30	2	1
b. Prohibit private health insurance plans from covering abortion costs					
Current RVs	33	16	48	2	1
November 2014 RVs	25	18	53	2	1
c. Require second trimester abortions to be performed in a hospital					
Current RVs	45	14	38	2	1
November 2014 RVs	49	15	32	3	1
d. Require women seeking abortions to have an ultrasound before having the procedure					
Current RVs	52	13	33	2	*
November 2014 RVs	47	17	34	2	1
e. Outlaw abortion altogether, even in cases of rape, incest, and when the mother's life is in danger					
Current RVs	25	10	63	2	1
November 2014 RVs	21	10	67	1	1

¹⁶ November 2014 question wording specified "On Election Day." May 2015 wording was changed to "Last November."

- Q22. Thinking about education in the state of Tennessee... Would you favor or oppose opening more charter schools? Charter schools are public, and function independently of the local district as long as they meet certain standards set by the state government.¹⁷

CURRENT RVS		DEC 2013 RVS	MAY 2013 RVS	DEC 2012 RVS
67	Favor	70	66	64
26	Oppose	27	24	26
6	(VOL.) Don't know	4	8	7
1	(VOL.) Refused	*	2	3
[N=1,001]		[N=432]	[N=395]	[N=435]

- Q23. A state program called the "Tennessee Promise" makes tuition at all community and technical colleges in Tennessee free for two years for graduating high school seniors in the state. Funding for this program is provided by the Tennessee Lottery. Do you support or oppose this program?¹⁸

CURRENT RVS		MAY 2014 RVS
89	Support	86
10	Oppose	12
1	(VOL.) Don't know	2
0	(VOL.) Refused	*

- Q24. Of the following state education initiatives, which do you think is MOST important? [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-4]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=489]

CURRENT RVS	
24	Developing challenging education standards
17	Creating better tests to more accurately measure student achievement
29	Improving teacher performance in schools
25	Improving the state's lowest performing schools
1	(VOL.) Other (SPECIFY)
3	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

¹⁷ December 2013, May 2013 and December 2012 trends were each asked of a random half sample [December 2013 N=501 including 432 RVs / May 2013 N=457 including N=395 RVs / December 2012 N=492 including N=435 RVs]. December 2013 question wording was: "Thinking about education in the state of Tennessee... Would you favor or oppose opening more charter schools in the state? Charter schools are public, and function independently of the local district as long as they meet certain standards set by the state government."

¹⁸ May 2014 trend was asked of Form 2 respondents [N=769 including 637 RVs]. Trend question wording was: "A new state law called the "Tennessee Promise" was recently passed, making tuition at all community and technical colleges in Tennessee free for graduating high school seniors in the state. The program will be funded by the Tennessee Lottery. Do you support or oppose this law?"

- Q25. As you may know, in the last few years, states have been deciding whether to use one set of education standards across the states that would require students to learn critical thinking and problem solving skills in math and reading and improve their writing skills. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to set benchmarks to guide teaching and learning. How much do you support or oppose the use of these standards in Tennessee? Would you say you...[READ]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=512]

CURRENT
RVS

30	Strongly support
31	Somewhat support
12	Neither support nor oppose
10	Somewhat oppose, OR
13	Strongly oppose these standards?
3	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q26. As you may know, teachers are usually evaluated by supervisors and school administrators to assess their performance in the classroom. In your opinion, how important is each of the following reasons for evaluating a teacher's performance in the classroom? (First,) how important is [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? [READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Is this very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important a reason for evaluating a teacher's performance in the classroom?]

	VERY IMPT.	SOME- WHAT IMPT.	NOT TOO IMPT.	NOT AT ALL IMPT.	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Helping teachers improve their ability to teach	84	13	1	*	1	*
b. Using teacher performance to determine salaries or bonuses	48	38	6	6	1	*
c. Documenting ineffectiveness that could lead to a teacher's dismissal	69	25	3	1	1	*

THERE IS NO Q27.

- Q28. Congress is currently considering a bi-partisan bill that would fix portions of No Child Left Behind. This bill would allow states full control over developing their own state education standards and testing and would also update and strengthen charter school programs. Would you support or oppose these revisions to No Child Left Behind?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED Q18 [N=496]

CURRENT RVS	
76	Support
20	Oppose
4	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:] On a different topic...

- Q29. Elected officials in Tennessee are considering raising the gas tax for the first time in more than 25 years. Revenues from the tax will help fund improvements to roads throughout the state. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose an increase in the gas tax, or haven't you heard enough about it?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=492]

CURRENT RVS	
10	Strongly favor
18	Somewhat favor
5	Neither favor nor oppose
11	Somewhat oppose
32	Strongly oppose
25	Haven't heard enough
*	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q30. Elected officials in Tennessee are considering raising the gas tax for the first time in more than 25 years. Revenues from the tax will help fund improvements to roads throughout the state as well as develop mass transit alternatives that would relieve traffic. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose an increase in the gas tax, or haven't you heard enough about it?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=509]

CURRENT
RVS

10	Strongly favor
12	Somewhat favor
5	Neither favor nor oppose
13	Somewhat oppose
37	Strongly oppose
23	Haven't heard enough
*	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

COMBINED Q29 AND Q30

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CURRENT
RVS

10	Strongly favor
15	Somewhat favor
5	Neither favor nor oppose
12	Somewhat oppose
34	Strongly oppose
24	Haven't heard enough
*	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

Q31. The Tennessee State Legislature is considering legislation on a number of issues related to gun control. Would you favor or oppose each of the following measures? (First,) Do you favor [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE], or do you oppose this?

	FAVOR	OPPOSE	(VOL.) WAIT AND SEE/TOO EARLY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Allowing Tennesseans to purchase a gun without having a background check	9	90	1	*	*
b. Allowing Tennesseans to have firearms in public parks	44	53	1	2	*
c. Allowing Tennesseans to carry guns openly or concealed in public without a permit	21	78	*	1	*
d. Banning guns on any property owned, used, or operated by schools	42	55	*	3	*
e. Banning anyone carrying a gun from coming within 250 feet of a school	50	48	1	1	1
f. Allowing Tennesseans to take their guns to all of the same places allowed for off-duty police	49	45	2	4	*

Q32. The Tennessee State Legislature recently considered a law making the Bible the official state book. Do you support or oppose recognizing the Bible as the state book of Tennessee?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=502]

CURRENT RVS	
61	Support
35	Oppose
3	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q33. The Tennessee State Legislature recently considered a law making the Bible the official state book. Some elected officials opposed this bill because they believe the Bible deserves more respect than being listed beside the state song or state bird. Others wanted to acknowledge the importance of the Bible. Do you support or oppose recognizing the Bible as the state book of Tennessee?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=499]

CURRENT
RVS

58	Support
39	Oppose
1	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

COMBINED Q32 AND Q33

- Q32. The Tennessee State Legislature recently considered a law making the Bible the official state book. Do you support or oppose recognizing the Bible as the state book of Tennessee?
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CURRENT
RVS

60	Support
38	Oppose
2	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q34. Would you support or oppose requiring patrol officers in your area to wear small video cameras whenever they're on duty?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=505]

CURRENT
RVS

86	Support
12	Oppose
1	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q35. There is currently a state law requiring all motorcycle riders to wear a helmet regardless of age. Would you support or oppose a law making it legal for adults age 21 or over to ride a motorcycle WITHOUT a helmet?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=496]

CURRENT RVs	
22	Support
75	Oppose
2	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:] 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
Current 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
February 2012 RVs	14	80	4	2	*

- TP2. In general, do you support the Tea Party movement's ideas?¹⁹

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT'S IDEAS ARE	(VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Current 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

¹⁹ 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]

CURRENT RVS	
26	Democrat
33	Republican
25	Independent
14	Something else
2	(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=266]

CURRENT RVS	
58	Strong Democrat
42	Not a Strong Democrat
1	(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=356]

CURRENT RVS	
61	Strong Republican
35	Not a Strong Republican
2	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(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?

CURRENT RVS	
32	Democrat / Lean Democrat
48	Republican / Lean Republican
19	Neither
1	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] 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] {IDEO3}

CURRENT RVS	
14	Very conservative
35	Conservative
30	Moderate
14	Liberal
4	Very liberal
3	(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.]