VANDERBILT POLL: November 2011

Hello, I'm calling for the Vanderbilt Poll. This is a new survey asking Tennesseans their opinions and thoughts about topics like the economy, and important decisions that are being made in our state. My name is [S1] and your phone number has been randomly selected to complete the new survey. Have I reached a home or apartment?

I'm supposed to talk to the adult member of this household who had their birthday most recently - even if he or she isn't at home right now. Thinking only of the people living here who are at least 18 years old, who was the last one to have a birthday? May I speak with him/her?

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Q1
For statistical purposes only, could you please tell me your race or ethnic background?

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Q2
How old are you? [Open ended]

Q3
GENDER (by observation)

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[Randomize Order of Q4 through Q9. Read Intro for first question only (unless if asked).]

Q4
(I'd like your views on some government officials. As I read each name, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job.) Barack Obama as President?

[Read only Approve or Disapprove (if needed)]
Approve ........................................................................................ 1
Disapprove .................................................................................... 2
I need to wait and see ................................................................... 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q5
(I'd like your views on some government officials. As I read each name, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job.) The US Congress?

[Read only Approve or Disapprove (if needed)]
Approve ........................................................................................ 1
Disapprove .................................................................................... 2
I need to wait and see ................................................................... 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q6
(I'd like your views on some government officials. As I read each name, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job.) The Tennessee State Legislature?

[Read only Approve or Disapprove (if needed)]
Approve ........................................................................................ 1
Disapprove .................................................................................... 2
I need to wait and see ................................................................... 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q7
(I'd like your views on some government officials. As I read each name, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job.) Bill Haslam as Governor?

[Read only Approve or Disapprove (if needed)]
Approve ........................................................................................ 1
Disapprove .................................................................................... 2
I need to wait and see ................................................................... 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9
Q8
(I’d like your views on some government officials. As I read each name, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job.) Lamar Alexander as US Senator?

[Read only Approve or Disapprove (if needed)]
Approve........................................................................................ 1
Disapprove.................................................................................... 2
I need to wait and see ................................................................... 3
Don’t know................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q9
(I’d like your views on some government officials. As I read each name, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job.) Bob Corker as US Senator?

[Read only Approve or Disapprove (if needed)]
Approve........................................................................................ 1
Disapprove.................................................................................... 2
I need to wait and see ................................................................... 3
Don’t know................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q10
If the Tennessee Republican Presidential Primary were held today, who would you vote for?

[Randomize order of 1-7]
Mitt Romney................................................................................. 1
Rick Perry..................................................................................... 2
Michele Bachman......................................................................... 3
Newt Gingrich.............................................................................. 4
Herman Cain................................................................................. 5
Ron Paul....................................................................................... 6
Rick Santorum............................................................................ 7
Would rather have another choice ................................................ 8
Don’t Know.................................................................................. 9
Declined to answer ..................................................................... 10

Q11
People can use the news in different ways. How about you? Do you, personally, follow the news because...you feel you have a social or civic obligation to stay informed, or is this not really a reason for you?
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| Q14 | What grade would you give public schools in your local school district? |

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Q15
One issue facing the state of Tennessee is how to select judges. Since 1970, judges on the Tennessee Supreme Court have been chosen by the Governor from a list of qualified candidates put forward by a nominating convention. The State Legislature is currently debating whether Tennessee should have voters elect judges. Some support this change because citizens rather than the governor would choose judges. Others oppose this change because it judges would have to campaign for election and it may politicize the judicial process. Which do you think – who how should judges be chosen, or haven’t you thought much about it?

[Rotate 1,2]
The Governor chooses judges ...................................................... 1
Voters choose judges in elections ................................................. 2
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q16
Thinking of your finances these days, would you say that you and your family in your home are:

Better off financially ................................................................. 1
Worse off financially................................................................. 2
About the same ............................................................................. 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q17
Looking ahead to the next year, do you think that a year from now, you and your family in your home will be:

Better off financially ................................................................. 1
Worse off financially................................................................. 2
About the same ............................................................................. 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q18
Some policymakers support increasing government spending during a bad economy to stimulate economic growth. Other policymakers oppose more government spending during a bad economy because it increases the budget deficit. How about you? Do you support or oppose increasing government spending during a bad economy to try to stimulate economic growth?
Support increasing government spending ........................................ 1
Oppose increasing government spending ..................................... 2
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q18a
Do you think public school teachers in the state of Tennessee are over or under paid?

Overpaid....................................................................................... 1
Underpaid.................................................................................... 2
Don’t know.................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q19A [1/2 of the sample get Q19A and ½ the same get Q19B]
To strengthen our economy, some people think the government needs to regulate the excesses of big corporations. Other people disagree, arguing that we have less government regulation of big corporations. [rotate the order of these two statements]. Which view comes closer to your opinion, or haven’t you given this issue much thought?

Need more regulation of big corporations................................. 1
Need less regulation of big corporations...................................... 2
Don’t know.................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q19B [1/2 sample]
To strengthen our economy, some people think the government needs to regulate the excesses of Wall Street. Other people disagree, arguing that we less government regulation of Wall Street. [rotate the order of these two statements]. Which view comes closer to your opinion, or haven’t you given this issue much thought?

More regulation of Wall Street .................................................... 1
Less regulation of Wall Street ..................................................... 2
Don’t know.................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q20
Every 10 years, the state legislature uses information from the U.S. Census to draw new boundaries for districts in the state house, state senate, and in Congress. How important do you think it is that communities and cities are placed in the same district as much as possible when redistricting?
Very important ................................................................. 1  
Somewhat important......................................................... 2  
Not very important ......................................................... 3  
Unimportant........................................................................ 4  
Don’t know........................................................................... 8  
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9  

Q21A [1/2 of the sample get Q21A and ½ the same get Q21B]
Some believe that the Mormon religion is a cult, do you:
Agree .................................................................................. 1  
Disagree ................................................................................ 2  
Don’t know........................................................................... 8  
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9  

Q21B [1/2 Sample]
Some Christians believe that the Mormon religion is a cult, do you:
Agree .................................................................................. 1  
Disagree ................................................................................ 2  
Don’t know........................................................................... 8  
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9  

Q22
How closely do you follow news about the Tennessee state legislature and governor? Do you follow it:

[Rotate 1-4]
Very closely ........................................................................ 1  
Fairly closely ....................................................................... 2  
Not too closely ..................................................................... 3  
Not too closely at all............................................................. 4  
Don’t know........................................................................... 8  
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9  

Q23
As you may know, the Tennessee State Legislature recently passed a law limiting the ability of teachers’ unions to negotiate employment contracts for school teachers. How much do you approve or disapprove of this recent law?

[Rotate 1-5]
Strongly approve ............................................................... 1  
Somewhat approve .............................................................. 2  
Somewhat approve .............................................................. 3  
Somewhat disapprove ......................................................... 4  
Strongly disapprove.............................................................. 5  
Don’t know........................................................................... 8  
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9
Q24A: [1/3rd of the sample get Q24A, 1/3rd of Sample get Q24B and 1/3rd get Q24C]
Now looking ahead to next year's (2012) federal budget, do you think it should or should not...include higher income taxes on millionaires?

Yes ................................................................................................ 1
No .................................................................................................. 2
Don’t know .................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ......................................................................... 9

Q25B [1/3rd sample]
Now looking ahead to next year's (2012) federal budget, do you think it should or should not...include higher income taxes on the rich?

Yes ................................................................................................ 1
No .................................................................................................. 2
Don’t know .................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ......................................................................... 9

Q25C [1/3rd sample]
Now looking ahead to next year's (2012) federal budget, do you think it should or should not...include higher income taxes people making more than $250,000 a year?

Yes ................................................................................................ 1
No .................................................................................................. 2
Don’t know .................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ......................................................................... 9

Q26A [1/2 sample get Q26A and ½ get Q26B]
The Tennessee State Legislature will put an amendment to the state constitution on the ballot in 2014 concerning abortion. Do you think abortion should be:

Legal in all cases .......................................................................... 1
Legal in most cases ....................................................................... 2
Illegal in most cases ..................................................................... 3
Illegal in all cases ......................................................................... 4
Don’t know .................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ......................................................................... 9

Q26B [1/2 sample]
The Tennessee State Legislature will put an amendment to the state constitution on the ballot in 2014 concerning abortion. On the issue of abortion, would you say you are:
Definitely pro-choice ................................................................. 1
Somewhat pro-choice ............................................................. 2
Somewhat pro-life ................................................................. 3
Definitely pro-life ................................................................. 4
Don't know ............................................................................. 8
Decline to Answer ............................................................... 9

For the following questions:
[10% Go Directly to Question 28]
[22% Get Questions 27A1 and then Question 28]
[23% Get Questions 27A1, Question 17A2, and then Question 28]
[22% Get Questions 27B1, 27B2, and then Question 28]
[23% Get Questions 27B1, 27B2, 27B3, and then Question 28]

Q27A1
Based on state standards, what percent of elementary and middle school students in Tennessee do you think performed at grade level or better on Tennessee’s end-of-grade math tests?

[Rotate 1-5]
Between 80 and 100% ............................................................. 1
Between 60 and 79% ............................................................. 2
Between 40 and 59% ............................................................. 3
Between 20 and 39% ............................................................. 4
Between 0 and 19% ............................................................. 5
Don't know ............................................................................. 8
Decline to Answer ............................................................... 9

Q27A2
You thought that [FILL RESPONSE FROM 17A1] of elementary and middle school students in Tennessee last year performed at grade level or better on Tennessee’s end-of-grade math tests. The actual percentage of students performing at grade level or better on Tennessee’s end-of-grade math tests was 34%.

Q27B1
Based on state standards, what percent of elementary and middle school students in Tennessee do you think performed at grade level or better on Tennessee’s end-of-grade math tests? [Rotate order, high-to-low]

[Rotate 1-5]
Between 80 and 100% ............................................................. 1
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Between 40 and 59% ............................................................. 3
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Q27B2
Now thinking about the performance of white and black elementary and middle school students, historically white students have performed more strongly on state math tests than black students. What do you think was the difference between the percentage of white students and black students who performed at grade level or better on Tennessee’s end-of-year math tests?

[Rotate 1-9]
No difference in performance....................................................... 1
0-5% more white kids than black kids were at grade level ....... 2
6 to 10% more white kids than black kids were at grade level..... 3
11 to 15% more white kids than black kids were at grade level... 4
16 to 20% more white kids than black kids were at grade level... 5
21 to 25% more white kids than black kids were at grade level… 6
26 to 30% more white kids than black kids were at grade level... 7
31 to 35% more white kids than black kids were at grade level... 8
More than 35% more white kids than black kids were at grade Level................................................................. 9
Don’t know................................................................................. 10
Decline to Answer..................................................................... 11

Q27B3:
You thought that [FILL RESPONSE FROM 17B1] of elementary and middle school students in Tennessee last year performed at grade level or better on Tennessee’s end-of-grade math tests. The actual percentage of students performing at grade level or better on Tennessee’s end-of-grade math tests was 34%. You also thought that [FILL RESPONSE FROM 17B2]. Actually, the gap between the performance of white kids at grade level and the percentage of black kids at grade level on the Tennessee state math tests was 22 percentage points.

Q 28
What grade would you give public schools in Tennessee?

A ................................................................................................... 1
B ................................................................................................... 2
C ................................................................................................... 3
D ................................................................................................... 4
Or, F ............................................................................................. 5
Don't Know/Missing................................................................. 8
Decline to Answer..................................................................... 9

Q29
What grade would you give the Tennessee Department of Education?
### Q30
What grade would you give your local public school board?

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### Q31
Should teachers whose students do well on tests get paid more than teachers whose students do poorly on those tests?

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### Q32
Congress may vote on whether or not to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act in the next few months. Do you think Congress should reauthorize No Child Left Behind in a form close to its current one?

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### Q33
Should the state of Tennessee spend more money to expand its voluntary pre-K program?

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### Q34
Should the state of Tennessee provide publicly-funded tuition vouchers for families to send their
children to private schools?

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**Q35**
Should Tennessee have more charter schools, which are independently-run public schools that operate under fewer restrictions than traditional public schools?

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**Q36**
Should Tennessee pay higher salaries to teachers who work in schools with large low-income populations?

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**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q37, Q38, Q39 and Q40]**

**Q37A [1/2 Sample asked Q37A and ½ Sample asked Q37B]**

If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Texas Governor Rick Perry, the Republican, for whom would you vote for?

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**Q37B [½ sample]**

If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat, Texas Governor Rick Perry the Republican, or a qualified Independent candidate, for whom would you vote for?

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Q38A [1/2 Sample asked Q38A and ½ Sample asked Q38B]
If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat and Former CEO Herman Cain, the Republican, for whom would you vote for?

Barack Obama……………………………………………………………………………..1
Herman Cain…………………………………………………………………………...2
Don’t Know………………………………………………………………………………..8
Decline to Answer…………………………………………………………………………9

Q38B [½ sample]
If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat, Former CEO Herman Cain, the Republican, or a qualified Independent candidate, for whom would you vote for?

Barack Obama……………………………………………………………………………..1
Herman Cain…………………………………………………………………………...2
Independent candidate……………………………………………………………………..3
Don’t Know………………………………………………………………………………..8
Decline to Answer…………………………………………………………………………9

Q39A [1/2 Sample asked Q39A and ½ Sample asked Q39B]
If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat and Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote for?

Barack Obama………………………………………………………………………….1
Mitt Romney……………………………………………………………………………2
Don’t Know…………………………………………………………………………….8
Decline to Answer…………………………………………………………………………9

Q39B [½ sample]
If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat, Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, the Republican, or a qualified Independent candidate, for whom would you vote for?

Barack Obama……………………………………………………………………………..1
Mitt Romney……………………………………………………………………………2
Independent candidate……………………………………………………………………..3
Don’t Know………………………………………………………………………………..8
Decline to Answer…………………………………………………………………………9

Question 40A: [1/3rd asked Q40A, 1/3rd asked Q40B, and 1/3rd asked Q40C]
There has been some talk about an independent candidate running for president in 2012. We want to get your thoughts on this possibility. If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat, Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, the Republican, and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, for whom would you vote for?
vote for?

Barack Obama……………………………………………………………………………..1
Mitt Romney……………………………………………………………………………….2
Michael Bloomberg………………………………………………………………………..3
Don’t Know………………………………………………………………………………..8
Decline to Answer……………………………………………………………………….9

**Question 40B: [1/3rd sample]**

There has been some talk about an independent candidate running for president in 2012. We want to get your thoughts on this possibility. If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat, Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, the Republican, and wealthy businessman Warren Buffett, for whom would you vote for?

Barack Obama……………………………………………………………………………..1
Mitt Romney……………………………………………………………………………….2
Warren Buffett……………………………………………………………………………3
Don’t Know………………………………………………………………………………..8
Decline to Answer……………………………………………………………………….9

**Question 40C: [1/3rd sample]**

There has been some talk about an independent candidate running for president in 2012. We want to get your thoughts on this possibility. If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat, Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, the Republican, and Hollywood Actor, Alec Baldwin, for whom would you vote for?

Barack Obama……………………………………………………………………………..1
Mitt Romney……………………………………………………………………………….2
Alec Baldwin…………………………………………………………………………....3
Don’t Know………………………………………………………………………………..8
Decline to Answer……………………………………………………………………….9

**Q41**
What political party do you think has a majority of the seats in the Tennessee state house?

Republican……………………………………………………………………………….1
Democrat………………………………………………………………………………….2
Don’t know……………………………………………………………………………….8
Decline to Answer……………………………………………………………………….9

**Q42**
How much of the time do you feel that you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?
Q43
How much of the time do you feel that you can trust the Department of Defense to do what is right?

Just about always ................................................................. 1
Most of the time ................................................................. 2
Only some of the time ....................................................... 3
Or, never ........................................................................... 4
Don’t know ......................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9

Q44
How much of the time do you feel that you can trust the Department of Health and Human Services to do what is right?

Just about always ................................................................. 1
Most of the time ................................................................. 2
Only some of the time ....................................................... 3
Or, never ........................................................................... 4
Don’t know ......................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9

Q45
How much of the time do you feel that you can trust the Environmental Protection Agency to do what is right?

Just about always ................................................................. 1
Most of the time ................................................................. 2
Only some of the time ....................................................... 3
Or, never ........................................................................... 4
Don’t know ......................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................................. 9

Q46
As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?
Q47
There's a proposal system called 'cap and trade' that some say would lower the pollution levels that lead to global warming. With Cap and Trade, the government would issue permits limiting the amount of greenhouse gases companies can put out. Companies that did not use all their permits could sell them to other companies. The idea is that many companies would find ways to put out less greenhouse gases, because that would be cheaper than buying permits. Would you support or oppose this system?

Support ................................................................. 1
Oppose ................................................................. 2
Don’t know ......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer .............................................. 9

Q48
Some people feel the U.S. should try to develop a ground and space based missile defense system to protect the U.S. from missile attack. Others oppose such an effort because they say it would be too costly and might interfere with existing arms treaties with the Russians. Which position comes closer to your view:

Try to develop missile defense .................................. 1
Oppose trying to develop a missile defense system ........ 2
Don’t know .......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer .................................................. 9

Q49
A lot of people think this country is on the wrong track and many reasons have been given for the current problems facing our nation. Which of the following reasons do you think is most responsible:

[Rotate]
The lack of a third party ........................................... 1
Too much money in politics ..................................... 2
The news media ..................................................... 3
The lack of good Democrat and Republican candidates ....... 4
Some other reason ................................................. 4
Don’t know .......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer .................................................. 9

Q50
Before taxes, was your total household income in 2010 under or over 45,000?
Q 50A
(If 50 = Under) Was it: (Read Choices)(Before taxes)

Under ............................................................................................ 1
Between 15,000 and 30,000 ......................................................... 2
Between 30,000 and 45,000 ......................................................... 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q50B
(If 50 = Over) Was it: (Read Choices)(Before taxes)

Between 45,000 and 75,000 ......................................................... 1
Between 75,000 and 100,000 ....................................................... 2
Over 100,000 ................................................................................ 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q51
How many years have you lived in Tennessee? [# of years]

Q52
How many years have you lived in your current residence? [# of years]

Q53
Is this house, apartment, or mobile home: owned with mortgage, owned without mortgage, rented, occupied without rent?

[Rotate 1-3]
Owned with mortgage ................................................................. 1
Owned without mortgage ......................................................... 2
Rented ......................................................................................... 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ........................................................................ 9

Q54
How would you rate the condition of the United States economy these days? Is it:

[Rotate 1-4]
Very Good ......................................................... 1
Fairly Good ......................................................... 2
Fairly Bad ......................................................... 3
Bad ................................................................. 4
Don’t know ......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................. 9

Q55
When you use a telephone at home, are you more likely to use a land line or a wireless phone?

Land line more ................................................. 1
Cell phone more ................................................. 2
About the same ................................................. 3
Don’t know ......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................. 9

Q56
Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes ................................................................. 1
No ................................................................. 2
Don’t know ......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................. 9

Q57
Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a:

Democrat ......................................................... 1
Republican ......................................................... 2
Independent ......................................................... 3
Something Else ......................................................... 4
Don’t know ......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................. 9

Q58A (If Q57 = 1)
Would you call yourself a: (Strong means “Whatever strong means to you.”)

Strong Democrat ......................................................... 1
Not a Strong Democrat ......................................................... 2
Don’t know ......................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ............................................. 9

Q58B (If Q57 = 2)
Would you call yourself a: (Strong means “Whatever strong means to you.”)
Strong Republican ................................................................. 1
Not a Strong Republican ......................................................... 2
Don’t know ................................................................................ 8
Decline to Answer ....................................................................... 9

Q58C: (If Q57 = 3)
Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican Party ....................................................................... 1
Democratic Party ....................................................................... 2
Don’t know ................................................................................ 8
Decline to Answer ....................................................................... 9

Q59
We hear a lot of talk these days about conservatives and liberals. How would you generally describe your views on most political matters? Are you:

[Rotate 1-3]
Conservative ............................................................................... 1
Moderate ........................................................................................ 2
Liberal .......................................................................................... 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ....................................................................... 9

Q60
Do you think of yourself as part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes .............................................................................................. 1
No ................................................................................................. 2
Don’t know what the Tea Party is ................................................ 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ....................................................................... 9

Q61
In general, do you support the Tea Party movement’s ideas?

Yes .............................................................................................. 1
No ................................................................................................. 2
Don’t know what the Tea Party is ................................................ 3
Don’t know ................................................................................... 8
Decline to Answer ....................................................................... 9

Q62
Do you feel voting in elections is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country?
Very important ................................................................. 1
Somewhat Important ....................................................... 2
Not important ................................................................. 3
Don’t know ................................................................. 8
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CLOSE:
THANK YOU again for sharing your thoughts and opinions! This survey is being conducted by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt University. Newspapers will report the results soon. Have a nice rest of the day.