

TENNESSEE POLL SPRING 2017

PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL FOR
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

TOPLINE RESULTS
MAY 16, 2017

Total N=1,004 Tennessee registered voters¹

Margin of Error: ± 3.3 percentage points for results based on all Registered Voters [N=1,004]

Interviewing dates: May 4-15, 2017

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. This is NOT a sales call. 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...

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

November 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University "Tennessee Poll Fall 2016" conducted November 14-29, 2016 among 1,005 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

October 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University "2016 Presidential Poll" conducted 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 Donald Trump is doing as President					
May 2017 RVs	52	42	3	3	1
<u>OBAMA TRENDS:</u>					
November 2016 RVs	40	57	*	2	*
May 2016 RVs	41	56	1	2	*
November 2015 RVs	36	62	*	1	1
May 2015 RVs 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					
May 2017 RVs	31	60	2	7	*
November 2016 RVs	25	66	1	8	*
May 2016 RVs	22	72	1	5	1
November 2015 RVs	23	72	1	3	1
May 2015 RVs	23	70	1	5	1
November 2014 RVs	23	70	1	5	1
May 2014 RVs	22	69	1	7	1
December 2013 RVs	17	78	1	3	0
May 2013 RVs	21	71	1	6	2
December 2012 RVs	21	68	2	8	1
May 2012 RVs	27	66	1	5	1

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					
May 2017 RVs	53	31	3	12	1
November 2016 RVs	60	26	1	13	*
May 2016 RVs	52	36	2	10	1
November 2015 RVs	54	31	3	10	1
May 2015 RVs	55	30	2	12	1
November 2014 RVs	55	34	1	10	1
May 2014 RVs	49	34	2	13	2
December 2013 RVs	53	32	6	9	1
May 2013 RVs	51	30	4	14	1
December 2012 RVs	53	28	3	15	1
May 2012 RVs	51	33	1	14	1
February 2012 RVs	49	33	2	15	2
d. The job Bill Haslam is doing as Governor					
May 2017 RVs	61	29	1	8	*
November 2016 RVs	68	21	1	10	*
May 2016 RVs	63	28	2	6	1
November 2015 RVs	65	25	3	6	1
May 2015 RVs	67	21	2	10	*
November 2014 RVs	70	23	1	5	1
May 2014 RVs	58	31	2	9	2
December 2013 RVs	61	27	4	7	1
May 2013 RVs	63	23	2	11	1
December 2012 RVs	68	19	2	9	1
May 2012 RVs	64	22	2	10	1
February 2012 RVs	61	21	3	13	1
e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator					
May 2017 RVs	50	34	2	13	*
November 2016 RVs	60	25	1	14	*
May 2016 RVs	48	33	2	15	1
November 2015 RVs	52	33	3	11	1
May 2015 RVs	49	36	3	12	1
November 2014 RVs	51	34	1	12	2
May 2014 RVs	49	33	2	14	1
December 2013 RVs	49	35	5	11	1
May 2013 RVs	53	28	1	15	2
December 2012 RVs	55	24	2	18	1
May 2012 RVs	56	26	2	14	1

Q1 continued...

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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
f. The job Bob Corker is doing as U.S. Senator					
May 2017 RVs	52	32	3	12	1
November 2016 RVs	60	24	1	14	*
May 2016 RVs	48	35	2	15	1
November 2015 RVs	51	34	3	11	1
May 2015 RVs	53	32	2	13	1
November 2014 RVs	52	31	2	13	2
May 2014 RVs	49	32	3	15	1
December 2013 RVs	52	33	5	9	*
May 2013 RVs	55	30	1	13	1
December 2012 RVs	59	23	2	14	1
May 2012 RVs	52	31	1	16	1

- Q2. Do you think President Donald Trump is changing 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?⁶

MAY 2017 RVS		NOV 2016 RVS
41	For the better	54
31	For the worse	20
23	Stay the same	23
4	(VOL.) Don't know	3
*	(VOL.) Refused	*

- Q3. Now I'm going to read the names of potential candidates for Tennessee governor. Some of these you may recognize and others you may not. First, have you heard of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE], or not? Next, [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [READ IF NECESSARY: Have you heard of (ITEM), or not?]

ITEMS A-H: BASED ON TOTAL

ITEM I: BASED ON MAY 9-15 INTERVIEWS [N=846]⁷

	YES, HAVE HEARD OF	NO, HAVE NOT HEARD OF	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Karl Dean	38	62	*	0
b. Randy Boyd	26	73	*	0
c. Mae Beavers	28	72	*	0
d. Beth Harwell	34	66	*	*
e. Bill Lee	14	86	0	0
f. Craig Fitzhugh	8	91	*	0
g. Mark Norris	14	86	1	0
h. Diane Black	49	51	0	0
i. Mark Green	21	78	1	0

⁶ November 2016 question wording was: "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?"

⁷ Mark Green was added after the interviewing period had begun.

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?⁸

	ECON- OMY	HEALTH CARE	EDUCA- TION	IMMI- GRATION	GAP	GUNS	SOCIAL ISSUES	OTHER (SPECIFY)	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs	30	30	21	6	6	2	n/a	2	2	0
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?⁹

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
May 2017 RVs [N=985]	25	25	25	10	7	4	n/a	2	1	*
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	*

⁸ "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.

⁹ "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]¹⁰

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=1,004]	7	62	21	7	3	*
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]¹¹

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=1,004]	12	61	19	6	2	*
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

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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. 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
May 2017 RVs [N=1,004]	73	23	3	1
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

- Q7. 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 A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=498]	17	58	23	2	*
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

- Q8. 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 Q7

	DEM	REP	BOTH	NEITHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=498]	21	21	51	4	2	*
Nov 2016 RVs [N=522]	20	16	58	6	1	0
May 2016 RVs [N=486]	14	19	64	3	1	*

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."

¹³ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁴ Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

- Q9. 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 REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED Q7

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=506]	36	48	11	3	*
Nov 2016 RVs [N=483]	36	50	11	3	1
May 2016 RVs [N=515]	25	63	10	1	*

- Q10. 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 REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED Q7

	DEM	REP	BOTH	NEITHER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=506]	14	15	61	7	2	*
Nov 2016 RVs [N=483]	16	16	58	8	2	*
May 2016 RVs [N=515]	11	23	60	4	2	*

¹⁵ Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

¹⁶ Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, November 2016 and May 2016.

Q11. I'd like to ask you about some different priorities for Donald Trump and Congress. 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?¹⁷

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

	TOP PRIORITY	IMPT. BUT LOWER PRIORITY	NOT TOO IMPT.	SHOULD NOT BE DONE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Reducing crime						
May 2017 RVs [N=522]	61	33	5	1	1	*
November 2016 RVs [N=481]	60	34	4	1	1	0
b. Reducing health care costs						
May 2017 RVs [N=522]	74	22	2	1	1	*
November 2016 RVs [N=481]	72	25	1	1	1	0
c. Defending the country from future terrorist attacks						
May 2017 RVs [N=522]	73	22	2	2	*	*
November 2016 RVs [N=481]	80	17	1	1	*	0
d. Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington						
May 2017 RVs [N=522]	45	33	13	6	2	*
November 2016 RVs [N=481]	43	41	9	4	2	0
e. Dealing with global climate change						
May 2017 RVs [N=522]	27	40	18	12	2	*
November 2016 RVs [N=481]	25	45	16	11	2	0
f. Addressing race relations in this country						
May 2017 RVs [N=522]	43	39	11	4	2	*
November 2016 RVs [N=481]	51	39	7	2	1	0

Q11 continued...

¹⁷ November 2016 question wording was: "I'd like to ask you about some different priorities for Donald Trump and Congress after he takes office as President next year..."

Q11 continued...

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS

	TOP PRIORITY	IMPT. BUT LOWER PRIORITY	NOT TOO IMPT.	SHOULD NOT BE DONE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
g. Dealing with global trade issues						
May 2017 RVs [N=482]	32	55	9	3	1	*
November 2016 RVs [N=524]	44	43	8	1	3	*
h. Dealing with the issue of immigration						
May 2017 RVs [N=482]	41	41	11	4	2	*
November 2016 RVs [N=524]	46	38	11	3	2	0
i. Strengthening the nation's economy						
May 2017 RVs [N=482]	76	21	1	1	*	*
November 2016 RVs [N=524]	79	18	1	1	1	*
j. Dealing with the problems of poor people						
May 2017 RVs [N=482]	56	37	4	1	1	*
November 2016 RVs [N=524]	55	38	5	1	2	*
k. Strengthening the U.S. military						
May 2017 RVs [N=482]	51	37	9	3	1	0
November 2016 RVs [N=524]	59	30	7	3	1	*
l. Reducing gun violence						
May 2017 RVs [N=482]	44	37	9	7	2	1
November 2016 RVs [N=524]	42	38	12	6	3	*

Q12. Which ONE of these countries or entities, if any, poses the greatest threat to U.S. National Security? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

MAY 2017 RVS	
34	ISIS
28	North Korea
21	Russia
5	China
5	Iran
1	Syria
1	The European Union
*	(VOL.) The United States
*	(VOL.) Other country (SPECIFY)
1	(VOL.) No one country
3	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q13. Now I'm going to read you a few phrases. For each, please tell me if you think it describes Donald Trump, or not. (First,/Next,) [INSERT ITEMS; ALWAYS ASK a FIRST; RANDOMIZE REMAINING ITEMS]. [READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN IF NECESSARY: Would you say this describes Donald Trump, or not?]

	YES, DESCRIBES TRUMP	NO, DOESN'T DESCRIBE TRUMP	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Cares about what people like me think	45	53	2	*
b. Cares about what people in rural areas in the U.S. think	49	49	1	*
c. Cares about what people in urban areas in the U.S. think	49	48	2	*

- Q14. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you think it describes you, or not. (First,/Next,) [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]. [READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN IF NECESSARY: Would you say this describes you, or not?]

	YES, DESCRIBES ME	NO, DOESN'T DESCRIBE ME	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. I enjoy talking about politics with someone who has a different political view than me	56	43	1	0
b. I can affect political outcomes	49	50	2	*

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

SCIBNFTS. People have frequently noted that scientific research has produced benefits and harmful results. Would you say that, on balance, [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES: (the benefits of scientific research have outweighed the harmful results, or have the harmful results of scientific research been greater than its benefits) / (the harmful results of scientific research have been greater than its benefits, or have the benefits of scientific research outweighed the harmful results)]?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=469]

MAY 2017

RVS

66	Benefits have outweighed the harmful results
20	Harmful results have been greater than its benefits
2	(VOL.) About equal
12	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

MEDBNFTS. People have frequently noted that medical research has produced benefits and harmful results. Would you say that, on balance, [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES: (the benefits of medical research have outweighed the harmful results, or have the harmful results of medical research been greater than its benefits) / (the harmful results of medical research have been greater than its benefits, or have the benefits of medical research outweighed the harmful results)]?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=535]

MAY 2017	
RVS	
72	Benefits have outweighed the harmful results
18	Harmful results have been greater than its benefits
1	(VOL.) About equal
9	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

Q15. 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?¹⁸

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

MAY 2017		NOV 2016	
RVS		RVS	
50	Good thing	40	
39	Bad thing	49	
2	(VOL.) Neither good nor bad	1	
4	(VOL.) Both equally	1	
5	(VOL.) Don't know	9	
1	(VOL.) Refused	0	
[N=504]		[N=1,005]	

Q16. In general, do you think that free trade between the U.S. and other countries has been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=500]

MAY 2017	
RVS	
58	Good thing
35	Bad thing
1	(VOL.) Neither good nor bad
2	(VOL.) Both equally
3	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

¹⁸ Unless otherwise indicated, trends were asked of all respondents.

- Q17. 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?¹⁹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

	GENERALLY FAVORABLE	GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE	HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=492]	29	43	26	2	*
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

- Q18. 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]²⁰

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

MAY 2017 RVS		NOV 2016 RVS	MAY 2016 RVS
14	The Affordable Care Act should be repealed and NOT replaced	21	21
24	The Affordable Care Act should be repealed and replaced with a Republican-sponsored alternative	29	17
33	Lawmakers should build on the Affordable Care Act to improve affordability and access to care	28	35
22	The U.S. should establish guaranteed universal health coverage through a single government plan	16	18
3	(VOL.) None of these/Something else	3	4
4	(VOL.) Don't know	4	4
1	(VOL.) Refused	0	*
[N=512]		[N=493]	[N=485]

¹⁹ Unless otherwise indicated, trends were asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, 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.

²⁰ 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."

Q19. Thinking about the future of the U.S. health care system, please tell me whether you support or oppose each of the following. (First,) do you support or oppose [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Allowing health insurance companies to decide whether to provide coverage based on a person's medical history	19	79	2	*
b. Allowing young adults to stay on their parents' health insurance plans until age 26	79	20	1	*
c. Health insurance companies providing coverage for treatment services for alcohol or drug addiction	78	19	2	*
d. Allowing health insurance companies to charge different rates for the same benefits based on a person's medical history	20	78	2	*

Q20. As you may know, the state legislature has discussed bills that would further regulate 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?]

	FAVOR	NEITHER	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Prohibit abortions for women who are 20 weeks pregnant or more, except in cases of medical emergency	57	12	29	2	*
b. Charge physicians with a felony if they perform abortions on women who are 20 weeks pregnant or more	41	15	40	3	1
c. Prohibit abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected by a doctor or other medical professional	41	17	38	3	1

- Q21. Now thinking about children of undocumented immigrants who are brought to this country when they are young... If these children attend Tennessee public schools, graduate from a Tennessee high school and are accepted at one of Tennessee's public colleges and universities, do you think they should be eligible for the in-state tuition rate, or shouldn't they?

MAY 2017

RVS

66	Yes, they should be eligible
30	No, they should NOT be eligible
3	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q22. Thinking about higher education in Tennessee, do you support or oppose a state-funded scholarship program that would allow all Tennessee adults to attend a community college tuition-free? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=499]

MAY 2017

RVS

56	Strongly support
27	Somewhat support
8	Somewhat oppose
8	Strongly oppose
1	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

- Q23. Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? [READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]²¹

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
May 2017 RVs [N=505]	31	47	21	1	1
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	*

²¹ Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, 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].

Q24. How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you [READ]²²

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=1,004]	22	9	19	5	42	2	*
Nov 2016 RVs [N=515]	23	9	20	7	38	2	*
May 2016 RVs [N=511]	23	7	14	8	46	1	*
Nov 2015 RVs [N=1,013]	21	12	14	8	44	1	*
May 2015 RVs [N=517]	16	10	14	7	52	*	*
Nov 2014 RVs [N=499]	15	7	23	7	47	1	1

Q25. 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

	HELP THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN THEY HURT IT	HURT THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN THEY HELP IT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=454]	70	22	8	1
Nov 2016 RVs [N=497]	74	21	5	*

Q26. Which comes closest to your view about undocumented 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.²³

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

	STAY AND APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP	STAY AS TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS	REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE U.S.	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs [N=550]	56	20	23	1	*
Nov 2016 RVs [N=508]	51	18	28	3	*
May 2014 RVs [N=1,245]	47	21	28	3	1
May 2013 RVs [N=417]	44	20	31	5	1
Dec 2012 RVs [N=893]	48	15	32	3	2

²² 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?"

²³ Unless otherwise indicated, question was asked of all respondents. Question was asked of a random half sample in May 2017, November 2016 and May 2013. Beginning in May 2017, question wording was "undocumented immigrants" instead of "illegal immigrants." 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."

- Q27. How much do you support or oppose a temporary ban on all Muslims traveling to the United States? Do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose a temporary ban?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

MAY 2017 RVS		MAY 2016 RVS
24	Strongly support	24
16	Somewhat support	15
12	Neither support nor oppose	11
14	Somewhat oppose	20
31	Strongly oppose	28
2	(VOL.) Don't know	2
1	(VOL.) Refused	0
[N=516]		[N=485]

- Q28. How much do you support or oppose increasing deportations of undocumented immigrants in the state of Tennessee? Do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

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

MAY 2017 RVS	
31	Strongly support
22	Somewhat support
14	Neither support nor oppose
14	Somewhat oppose
17	Strongly oppose
2	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

- Q29. In general, how much of what you see, hear, or read in the news media these days do you think you can believe? [READ]

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

MAY 2017 RVS	
5	All or Almost all of it
17	Most of it
43	Only some of it
32	Very little of it
2	(VOL.) None of it
1	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

- Q30. Do you think that expanding high-speed internet access to rural areas in Tennessee should be a top priority for Tennessee's state and local governments, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION [N=500]

MAY 2017 RVS	
23	Top priority
48	Important but lower priority
19	Not too important
8	Should not be done
2	(VOL.) Don't know
*	(VOL.) Refused

[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
May 2017 RVs	11	85	2	2	*
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?²⁴

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT'S IDEAS ARE	(VOL.) NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2017 RVs	30	56	7	3	3	1
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

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

MAY 2017 RVS	
26	Democrat
32	Republican
30	Independent
10	Something else
1	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(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=258]

MAY 2017 RVS	
65	Strong Democrat
33	Not a Strong Democrat
2	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

²⁴ 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.

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=327]

MAY 2017
RVS

66	Strong Republican
34	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?

MAY 2017
RVS

34	Democrat / Lean Democrat
46	Republican / Lean Republican
19	Neither
1	(VOL.) Don't know/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-LEANERS [N=471]

MAY 2017
RVS

71	Yes
28	No
2	(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-LEANERS WHO SAY THE GOP TODAY DOES NOT REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS/DK/REFUSED [N=134]

MAY 2017

RVS

54	More conservative
35	More moderate
5	More liberal
5	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

BASED ON NON-LEANING INDEPENDENTS [N=190]

MAY 2017

RVS

28	More conservative
40	More moderate
16	More liberal
14	(VOL.) Don't know
3	(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-LEANERS [N=343]

MAY 2017

RVS

76	Yes
22	No
2	(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=79]²⁵

MAY 2017	
RVS	
20	More conservative
40	More moderate
25	More liberal
15	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

BASED ON NON-LEANING INDEPENDENTS [N=190]

MAY 2017	
RVS	
27	More conservative
43	More moderate
15	More liberal
11	(VOL.) Don't know
3	(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]

MAY 2017	
RVS	
15	Very conservative
33	Conservative
31	Moderate
13	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.]

²⁵ The margin of error for the results based on these N=79 respondents is plus or minus 11.8 percentage points.