

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

Total n=1,000 Tennessee registered voters ages 18+¹
Margin of Error: ± 3.8 percentage points for results based on Total [N=1,000]
Field Dates: May 9-23, 2019
Interview language: English

INTRODUCTION:

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

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

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

RBS LANDLINE:

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

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

RBS CELL:

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

CPAGEREF. [IF CPAGE=DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED:] Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey... Could you please tell me if you are under 18, 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, or 65 or older? [CONTINUE IF 18 OR OLDER]

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

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.

MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW (LANDLINE AND CELL)

[READ TO ALL:] Just for background purposes.

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

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

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

TREND INFORMATION

December 2018 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2018” conducted under the direction of SSRS from November 19-December 6, 2018 among 1,004 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

October 2018 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll - Midterm Race 2018” conducted under the direction of SSRS from October 8-13, 2018 among 800 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2018 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2018” conducted under the direction of SSRS from April 26-May 8, 2018 among 1,400 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2017 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2017” conducted under the direction of SSRS from November 16-December 5, 2017 among 1,013 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2017 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2017” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from May 4-15, 2017 among 1,005 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

November 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2016” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 14-29, 2016 among 1,005 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

October 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2016 Presidential Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from September 19-October 2, 2016 among 1,000 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2016 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2016” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from April 25-May 11, 2016 among 1,001 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

November 2015 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2015” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 11-23, 2015 among 1,013 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2015 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2015” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from April 23-May 9, 2015 among 1,001 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

November 2014 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Fall 2014” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 10-20, 2014 among 1,201 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 989 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2014 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Poll Spring 2014” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from April 28-May 14, 2014 among 1,505 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 1,245 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2013 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Legislature Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 20-December 5, 2013 among 1,002 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 860 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2013 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “End of Legislative Session 2013 Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from May 6-13, 2013 among 1,000 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 863 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

December 2012 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “Tennessee Looks to 2013 Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from November 27-December 9, 2012 among 1,001 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 893 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

May 2012 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2012 Tennessee Legislature Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from May 2-9, 2012 among 1,002 Tennessee adults age 18+, including 826 registered voters, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

February 2012 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2012 Tennessee Presidential Primaries Survey” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from February 16-22, 2012 among 1,508 registered voters in Tennessee, reached on either a landline or cell phone.

Notes: Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100%.

An asterisk () indicates less than 0.5%.*

Trends are based on all Registered voters unless otherwise indicated.

MAIN INTERVIEW

1. I'd like your views on some government organizations and elected officials. As I read each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job. (First,) Do you approve or disapprove of [INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]?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 2019 RVs ⁵	54	44	*	1	*
December 2018 RVs	52	44	1	2	1
October 2018 RVs	55	42	1	2	1
May 2018 RVs	53	44	1	2	1
December 2017 RVs	48	47	1	3	1
May 2017 RVs	52	42	3	3	1
<u>OBAMA TRENDS:</u>					
November 2016 RVs	40	57	*	2	*
May 2016 RVs	41	56	1	2	*
November 2015 RVs	36	62	*	1	1
May 2015 RVs	35	60	*	4	*
November 2014 RVs	34	63	*	3	1
May 2014 RVs	39	57	1	3	1
December 2013 RVs	28	69	1	2	*
May 2013 RVs	40	56	1	3	1
December 2012 RVs	45	51	1	2	1
May 2012 RVs	42	55	*	2	1
February 2012 RVs	41	53	1	4	2

Q1 continued...

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
b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing					
May 2019 RVs	26	67	1	5	1
December 2018 RVs	26	64	2	6	1
May 2018 RVs	24	71	1	4	*
December 2017 RVs	23	66	1	9	1
May 2017 RVs	31	60	2	7	*
November 2016 RVs	25	66	1	8	*
May 2016 RVs	22	72	1	5	1
November 2015 RVs	23	72	1	3	1
May 2015 RVs	23	70	1	5	1
November 2014 RVs	23	70	1	5	1
May 2014 RVs	22	69	1	7	1
December 2013 RVs	17	78	1	3	0
May 2013 RVs	21	71	1	6	2
December 2012 RVs	21	68	2	8	1
May 2012 RVs	27	66	1	5	1
c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing					
May 2019 RVs	52	32	3	13	1
December 2018 RVs	54	27	3	16	1
May 2018 RVs	56	33	2	8	1
December 2017 RVs	49	29	3	19	1
May 2017 RVs	53	31	3	12	1
November 2016 RVs	60	26	1	13	*
May 2016 RVs	52	36	2	10	1
November 2015 RVs	54	31	3	10	1
May 2015 RVs	55	30	2	12	1
November 2014 RVs	55	34	1	10	1
May 2014 RVs	49	34	2	13	2
December 2013 RVs	53	32	6	9	1
May 2013 RVs	51	30	4	14	1
December 2012 RVs	53	28	3	15	1
May 2012 RVs	51	33	1	14	1
February 2012 RVs	49	33	2	15	2

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

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	APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
f. The job Marsha Blackburn is doing as U.S. Senator					
May 2019 RVs	45	42	4	9	*
<u>BOB CORKER TRENDS:</u>					
December 2018 RVs	45	38	2	14	1
May 2018 RVs	49	43	1	7	1
December 2017 RVs	47	39	2	12	1
May 2017 RVs	52	32	3	12	1
November 2016 RVs	60	24	1	14	*
May 2016 RVs	48	35	2	15	1
November 2015 RVs	51	34	3	11	1
May 2015 RVs	53	32	2	13	1
November 2014 RVs	52	31	2	13	2
May 2014 RVs	49	32	3	15	1
December 2013 RVs	52	33	5	9	*
May 2013 RVs	55	30	1	13	1
December 2012 RVs	59	23	2	14	1
May 2012 RVs	52	31	1	16	1

2. Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?⁶

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

*Asked of a random half sample.

⁶ "Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation" was a new category introduced in the May 2018 poll. "The gap between the rich and everyone else" was a new category introduced in the November 2015 poll. "Social issues like abortion and gay rights" was a category offered in the May 2013 and December 2012 polls.

3. Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority of the Tennessee state government? [RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUS QUESTION AND EXCLUDE RESPONSE GIVEN IN PREVIOUS QUESTION IF CODES 1-6: (Health care), (Guns), (Immigration), (The economy, including jobs), (Education), (Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, or public transportation),] or something else?⁷

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

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

*Asked of a random half sample.

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

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	32	51	10	6	1	*	(498)
Dec 2018 RVs*	27	51	13	8	1	0	(501)
May 2018 RVs*	21	56	15	8	*	*	(691)
Dec 2017 RVs*	12	54	22	10	1	*	(507)
May 2017 RVs	7	62	21	7	3	*	(1,004)
Nov 2016 RVs	5	45	29	18	2	*	(1,005)
May 2016 RVs	4	45	30	21	*	*	(1,001)
Nov 2015 RVs	4	40	35	20	*	*	(1,013)
May 2015 RVs	4	44	31	21	*	*	(1,001)
Nov 2014 RVs	3	36	36	23	1	1	(989)
May 2014 RVs*	3	29	37	31	1	*	(573)
Dec 2013 RVs*	1	31	37	31	*	0	(431)
May 2013 RVs*	1	30	37	30	1	*	(453)
Dec 2012 RVs*	2	31	35	30	0	1	(467)
May 2012 RVs	1	22	39	37	1	1	(826)
Feb 2012 RVs	3	21	36	38	1	1	(1,508)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

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

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	21	61	12	4	2	1	(502)
Dec 2018 RVs*	21	61	12	4	2	*	(495)
May 2018 RVs*	16	64	14	4	1	*	(709)
Dec 2017 RVs*	14	57	20	7	2	*	(506)
May 2017 RVs	12	61	19	6	2	*	(1,004)
Nov 2016 RVs	9	57	24	9	2	*	(1,005)
May 2016 RVs	7	60	22	9	1	*	(1,001)
Nov 2015 RVs	6	55	28	10	1	*	(1,013)
May 2015 RVs	7	60	23	8	1	*	(1,001)
Nov 2014 RVs*	8	56	24	10	2	*	(530)
May 2014 RVs*	4	56	28	9	2	1	(672)
Dec 2013 RVs*	4	62	24	9	1	0	(429)
May 2013 RV*	5	47	33	12	2	1	(410)
Dec 2012 RVs*	3	50	30	13	3	*	(426)
May 2012 RVs	2	42	34	19	1	1	(826)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

4. 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?⁸

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	FOR THE BETTER	FOR THE WORSE	STAY THE SAME	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	40	35	24	1	*	(496)
Dec 2018 RVs*	40	36	23	1	*	(492)
May 2018 RVs*	41	31	27	1	*	(708)
Dec 2017 RVs	35	36	26	2	*	(1,013)
May 2017 RVs	41	31	23	4	*	(1,004)
Nov 2016 RVs	54	20	23	3	*	(1,005)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

5. Overall, how much of the time do you think President Trump tells the truth? [READ LIST]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	ALL OF THE TIME	MOST OF THE TIME	SOME OF THE TIME	RARELY	(VOL.) NEVER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	10	32	22	31	3	1	1	(504)
Dec 2018 RVs*	14	30	17	33	4	2	*	(512)
May 2018 RVs*	7	32	23	32	5	1	*	(692)
Dec 2017 RVs	9	30	25	29	4	2	1	(1,013)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

⁸ 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?"

6. 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]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	16	61	21	1	1	(489)
Dec 2018 RVs*	19	55	24	2	0	(501)
May 2018 RVs*	15	64	19	1	*	(686)
Dec 2017 RVs*	12	63	21	3	*	(507)
May 2017 RVs*	17	58	23	2	*	(498)
Nov 2016 RVs*	14	60	24	2	0	(522)
Oct 2016 RVs	9	64	24	1	2	(1,000)
May 2016 RVs*	10	64	24	2	1	(486)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

7. 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]

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	BASICALLY CONTENT	FRUSTRATED	ANGRY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	42	46	10	2	*	(511)
Dec 2018 RVs*	34	53	9	4	*	(503)
May 2018 RVs*	34	53	10	2	1	(714)
Dec 2017 RVs*	29	56	11	3	*	(506)
May 2017 RVs*	36	48	11	3	*	(506)
Nov 2016 RVs*	36	50	11	3	1	(483)
May 2016 RVs*	25	63	10	1	*	(515)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

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

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

	BIG PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a. Lack of quality of K-12 education in the public schools	40	31	25	3	*
b. Lack of access to good quality health care	43	27	28	2	*
c. Lack of well-paying jobs	40	37	21	1	0
d. Lack of quality roads and bridges	39	40	21	*	*
e. Issues caused by drug and alcohol addiction	69	24	5	1	0

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

9. Which of the following comes closest to your view of the future of the U.S. health care system? [READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]⁹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SHOULD BE REPEALED AND NOT REPLACED	THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SHOULD BE REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH A REPUBLICAN- SPONSORED ALTERNATIVE	LAWMAKERS SHOULD BUILD ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TO IMPROVE AFFORD- ABILITY AND ACCESS TO CARE	THE U.S. SHOULD ESTABLISH GUARAN- TEED UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH A SINGLE GOVERN- MENT PLAN	(VOL.) NONE OF THESE/ SOME- THING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	20	22	32	22	3	1	*	(491)
Dec 2018 RVs	17	21	32	23	3	4	1	(1,004)
Dec 2017 RVs	16	19	32	25	2	5	1	(1,013)
May 2017 RVs*	14	24	33	22	3	4	1	(512)
Nov 2016 RVs*	21	29	28	16	3	4	0	(493)
May 2016 RVs*	21	17	35	18	4	4	*	(485)

*Asked of a random half sample.

⁹ 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."

10. Tennessee is one of 14 states that has chosen not to expand Medicaid, which would allow more low-income uninsured adults to have health insurance. Overall, do you support or oppose Medicaid expansion in Tennessee?¹⁰

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	60	35	5	*	(509)
December 2018 RVs	66	28	5	*	(1,004)
May 2018 RVs	66	30	4	*	(1,400)

*Asked of a random half sample.

11. As you may know, a law was recently passed that offers Medicaid coverage for families with children with severe disabilities regardless of the family's income level. Overall, do you think Medicaid coverage in Tennessee should have been expanded to cover more families with children with severe disabilities, or do you think these families should be subject to the same income limits as all other state residents to qualify for Medicaid?

	EXPANDED TO COVER MORE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES	THESE FAMILIES SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME INCOME LIMITS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	72	23	5	1

12. Which comes closer to your views about childhood vaccinations, even if neither is exactly right?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-2 / HALF 2-1]

	PARENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE NOT TO VACCINATE THEIR CHILDREN, EVEN IF THAT MAY CREATE HEALTH RISKS FOR OTHER CHILDREN AND ADULTS	HEALTHY CHILDREN SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE VACCINATED IN ORDER TO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL RISK FOR OTHERS WHEN CHILDREN ARE NOT VACCINATED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	11	87	2	0

¹⁰ May 2018 question was slightly different: "one of 18 states"

13. Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose a state law that would prohibit abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected by a doctor or other medical professional?¹¹

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	FAVOR	NEITHER	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	41	15	41	3	1	(502)
May 2017 RVs	41	17	38	3	1	(1,005)

*Asked of a random half sample.

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

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION

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

*Asked of a random half sample.

15. As you may have heard, Tennessee's House Speaker Glen Casada admitted to sending sexually explicit text messages to a colleague in 2016. Do you think Casada should resign from office, or not?¹²

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	63	24	12	1	(511)

*Asked of a random half sample.

16. Would you favor or oppose the Tennessee state government providing tax breaks and other financial incentives to keep or attract businesses to the state?

	FAVOR	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	76	21	3	*

¹¹ May 2017 question was asked as part of a list question: "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?] / Prohibit abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected by a doctor or other medical professional"

¹² On May 21, 2019, Casada announced his plans to resign from office in June 2019.

17. Do you think same-sex couples should or should not have the legal right to adopt a child?

	SHOULD HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT	SHOULD NOT HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	59	36	4	1

18. As you may know, Governor Lee signed into law a school voucher program that would allow parents in Davidson and Shelby Counties to unenroll their child from public school and use state funds to pay for private school or other education-related expenses. Overall, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Governor Lee's school voucher program?

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	13	27	22	35	3	0

19. Currently, the law only allows school vouchers in Davidson and Shelby Counties. Do you think that these school vouchers should be allowed throughout Tennessee, or not?

BASED ON THOSE WHO SUPPORT GOVERNOR LEE'S SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs	90	8	2	*	(399)

20. When it comes to access to higher education, do you think colleges and universities (consider all applicants equally regardless of income), or do you think they (unfairly favor wealthier applicants)? [ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

	CONSIDER ALL APPLICANTS EQUALLY REGARDLESS OF INCOME	UNFAIRLY FAVOR WEALTHIER APPLICANTS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	35	56	8	1

21. Do you think access to higher education in the United States is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	BIG PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	42	33	23	2	*	(510)

*Asked of a random half sample.

22. Do you think access to higher education in Tennessee is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	BIG PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	30	38	30	2	0	(490)

*Asked of a random half sample.

23. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? (They should be allowed to stay in the country and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship...) (They should be allowed to stay in the country only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship...) or, (They should be required to leave the country).
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]¹³

	STAY AND APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP	STAY AS TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS	REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE U.S.	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs	54	20	24	2	*	(1,000)
Dec 2018 RVs*	57	19	22	1	1	(504)
May 2018 RVs*	56	16	26	2	*	(716)
Dec 2017 RVs*	58	17	22	2	1	(524)
Nov 2016 RVs*	51	18	28	3	*	(508)
May 2014 RVs	47	21	28	3	1	(1,245)
May 2013 RVs*	44	20	31	5	1	(417)
Dec 2012 RVs	48	15	32	3	2	(893)

*Asked of a random half sample.

¹³ Beginning in May 2018, response options were randomized half in order 1-3 and half in reverse order 3-1. 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."

24. As you may know, Tennessee currently has a population of around 6.8 million people. How many illegal immigrants do you think live in Tennessee? (DO NOT READ LIST)

MAY 2019
RVS

15	Less than 100,000
12	100,000 to less than 200,000
7	200,000 to less than 300,000
5	300,000 to less than 400,000
5	400,000 to less than 500,000
10	500,000 to less than 600,000
3	600,000 to less than 700,000
2	700,000 to less than 800,000
2	800,000 to less than 900,000
5	900,000 to less than 1 million
13	1 million to less than 1.5 million
3	1.5 million to less than 2 million
7	2 million or more
11	(VOL.) Don't know
1	(VOL.) Refused

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

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

	INCREASE EFFORTS TO FIND AND DEPORT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS	INCREASE EFFORTS TO PROSECUTE EMPLOYERS AND COMPANIES WHO EMPLOY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	27	62	8	4

[READ TO ALL:] Moving on...

26. How worried are you, if at all, about the effects of climate change? Would you say: [READ LIST]

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN CLIMATE CHANGE, PROBE: "If you had to pick one of these options, which one would you pick?" AND RE-READ QUESTION IF NECESSARY)

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

	VERY WORRIED	SOME- WHAT WORRIED	NOT TOO WORRIED	NOT AT ALL WORRIED	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	29	25	19	27	0	*	(513)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

27. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of coal-fired power plants to generate electricity?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	STRONG. SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONG. OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	22	20	12	22	20	4	*	(487)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

SCIBNFTS. People have frequently noted that scientific research has produced benefits and harmful results. Would you say that, on balance, [RANDOMLY INSERT ONE OPTION 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

	BENEFITS HAVE OUTWEIGHED THE HARMFUL RESULTS	HARMFUL RESULTS HAVE BEEN GREATER THAN ITS BENEFITS	(VOL.) ABOUT EQUAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	68	21	1	8	1	(491)
May 2018 RVs*	65	19	2	13	1	(730)
May 2017 RVs*	66	20	2	12	1	(469)

**Asked of a random half sample.*

MEDBNFTS. People have frequently noted that medical research has produced benefits and harmful results. Would you say that, on balance, [RANDOMLY INSERT ONE OPTION 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 NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	BENEFITS HAVE OUTWEIGHED THE HARMFUL RESULTS	HARMFUL RESULTS HAVE BEEN GREATER THAN ITS BENEFITS	(VOL.) ABOUT EQUAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	76	15	2	7	*	(509)
May 2018 RVs*	71	19	1	9	1	(670)
May 2017 RVs*	72	18	1	9	*	(535)

*Asked of a random half sample.

28. As you may know, some states automatically verify and then register eligible citizens to vote when they get a driver's license or interact with other government agencies, unless citizens opt out. Would you support or oppose a policy like this in Tennessee?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	66	32	2	*

29. The Tennessee legislature is considering whether to make it easier for Tennesseans with felony convictions to register to vote once they complete all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation. Those convicted of murder, rape, treason, or voter fraud would continue to be permanently banned from voting. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	74	24	2	*

30. Do you approve or disapprove of making betting on sporting events legal in Tennessee?

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED Q15

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	54	42	4	*	(489)
Dec 2018 RVs	47	43	9	1	(1,004)

*Asked of a random half sample.

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

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE

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

*Asked of a random half sample.

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

BASED ON A RANDOM HALF SAMPLE NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

	A GREAT DEAL	A FAIR AMOUNT	NOT MUCH	NONE AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs*	30	49	16	4	0	0	(509)

*Asked of a random half sample.

[READ TO ALL:] Switching gears...

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

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPEN- DENT	SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	25	35	25	14	*	*

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS DEMOCRATS

	STRONG DEMOCRAT	NOT A STRONG DEMOCRAT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs	69	31	0	0	(254)

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS REPUBLICANS

	STRONG REPUBLICAN	NOT A STRONG REPUBLICAN	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
May 2019 RVs	65	33	1	*	(363)

PARTY. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?

PARTYLN2. [IF INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE/DK/REFUSED, ASK:] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, Democratic Party or neither?

	DEMOCRAT / LEAN DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN / LEAN REPUBLICAN	NEITHER	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	32	49	18	1

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

	VERY CONSER- VATIVE	CONSER- VATIVE	MOD- ERATE	LIBERAL	VERY LIBERAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
May 2019 RVs	14	31	33	14	6	2	*

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.]