

**VANDERBILT POLL: November 2011**

**Q1**

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

White/Caucasian.....	983	69%
Hispanic/Latino .....	84	6%
African American/Black.....	280	20%
Asian American/Asian .....	13	1%
Native American.....	11	1%
Other .....	24	2%
Don't Know .....	4	0%
Declined .....	22	2%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q3**

GENDER

Male.....	693	49%
Female .....	730	51%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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?

Approve.....	561	39%
Disapprove .....	764	54%
I need to wait and see .....	49	3%
Don't Know .....	38	3%
Declined .....	11	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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?

Approve.....	288	20%
Disapprove .....	878	62%
I need to wait and see .....	112	8%
Don't Know .....	137	10%
Declined .....	8	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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?

Approve.....	580	41%
Disapprove .....	414	29%
I need to wait and see .....	172	12%
Don't Know .....	250	18%
Declined .....	8	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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?

Approve.....	761	53%
Disapprove .....	309	22%
I need to wait and see .....	182	13%
Don't Know .....	166	12%
Declined .....	5	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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?

Approve.....	719	51%
Disapprove .....	388	27%
I need to wait and see .....	111	8%
Don't Know .....	198	14%
Declined .....	7	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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?

Approve.....	650	46%
Disapprove .....	388	27%
I need to wait and see .....	126	9%
Don't Know .....	248	17%
Declined .....	12	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q10A**

In March of next year, Tennessee will hold a Republican primary election. Do you intend to vote in that primary?

Yes.....	823	58%
No.....	492	35%
Don't Know .....	107	7%
Declined .....	2	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

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**Q10B**

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

Mitt Romney .....	109	11%
Rick Perry.....	76	8%
Michele Bachman.....	54	6%
Newt Gingrich.....	55	6%
Herman Cain.....	184	19%
Ron Paul.....	60	6%
Rick Santorum.....	7	1%
Would rather have another choice.....	123	13%
Don't Know .....	264	28%
Declined .....	18	2%
N=.....	950	100%

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**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?

Yes, it is a reason.....	782	55%
No, it is not a reason.....	504	35%
Rarely Follow.....	108	8%
Don't Know .....	24	2%
Declined .....	6	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

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**Q12A**

What do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?

Health Care.....	197	14%
Guns .....	18	1%
Immigration.....	90	6%
The economy, including jobs .....	846	59%
Education.....	240	17%
Don't Know.....	25	2%
Declined to answer .....	7	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

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**Q12B**

What do you think should be the second highest priority of the Tennessee state government?

Health Care.....	383	28%
Guns .....	44	3%
Immigration.....	155	11%
The economy, including jobs .....	319	23%
Education.....	478	34%
Don't Know.....	8	1%
Declined to answer .....	3	0%
N=.....	1390	100%

**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 .....	531	37%
Somewhat important.....	504	35%
Not very important .....	120	8%
Unimportant .....	83	6%
Don't Know .....	170	12%
Declined .....	16	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q21B**

Some Christians believe that the Mormon religion is a cult, do you:

Agree .....	155	22%
Disagree.....	393	55%
Don't Know .....	137	19%
Declined .....	35	5%
N=.....	720	100%

**Q22**

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

Very closely.....	167	12%
Fairly closely .....	569	40%
Not too closely.....	484	34%
Not too closely at all.....	193	14%
Don't Know .....	10	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q26A**

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.....	81	11%
Legal in most.....	190	27%
Illegal in most.....	218	31%
Illegal in all.....	182	26%
Don't Know .....	23	3%
Declined .....	16	2%
N=.....	709	100%

**Q 26B**

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.....	131	18%
Somewhat pro-choice .....	95	13%
Somewhat pro-life .....	81	11%
Definitely pro-life.....	355	49%
Don't Know .....	42	6%
Declined .....	18	2%
N=.....	721	100%

**Q37A**

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

Obama .....	281	39%
Perry .....	285	40%
Independent .....	124	17%
Don't Know .....	23	3%
N=.....	713	100%

**Q37B**

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, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	242	34%
Perry .....	192	27%
Independent .....	165	23%
Don't Know .....	101	14%
Declined .....	16	2%
N=.....	716	100%

**Q38A**

If the 2012 presidential election were held today and the candidates were President Barack Obama, the Democrat and Former CEO Herman Cain, the Republican, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	264	37%
Cain .....	291	41%
Independent .....	129	18%
Don't Know .....	29	4%
N=.....	713	100%

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**Q38B**

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, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	271	38%
Cain .....	216	30%
Independent .....	127	18%
Don't Know .....	88	12%
Declined .....	14	2%
N=.....	715	100%

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**Q39A**

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, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	273	38%
Romney .....	299	42%
Independent .....	112	16%
Don't Know .....	29	4%
N=.....	713	100%

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**Q39B**

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, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	256	36%
Romney .....	178	25%
Independent .....	166	23%
Don't Know .....	101	14%
Declined .....	14	2%
N=.....	716	100%

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**Question 40A**

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, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	157	33%
Romney .....	131	28%
Bloomberg .....	68	14%
Don't Know .....	98	21%
Declined .....	21	4%
N=.....	475	100%

**Question 40B**

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, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	162	34%
Romney .....	134	28%
Buffett.....	88	18%
Don't Know .....	75	16%
Declined .....	16	3%
N=.....	474	100%

**Question 40C**

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, who would you vote for?

Obama .....	184	38%
Romney .....	167	35%
Baldwin .....	41	8%
Don't Know .....	61	13%
Declined .....	29	6%
N=.....	481	100%

**Q41**

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

Republican.....	964	68%
Democrat .....	231	16%
Don't Know .....	220	15%
Declined .....	8	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q42**

How much of the time do you feel that you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

Just about always.....	26	2%
Most of the time .....	180	13%
Only some of the time .....	800	56%
Or, never.....	392	28%
Don't Know.....	23	2%
Declined to answer .....	1	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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.....	180	13%
Most of the time .....	516	36%
Only some of the time .....	592	42%
Or, never.....	100	7%
Don't Know.....	30	2%
Declined to answer .....	5	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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.....	115	8%
Most of the time .....	429	30%
Only some of the time .....	677	48%
Or, never.....	172	12%
Don't Know.....	30	2%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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.....	118	8%
Most of the time .....	424	30%
Only some of the time .....	631	44%
Or, never.....	210	15%
Don't Know.....	38	3%
Declined to answer .....	2	0%
N=.....	1423	100%



**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?

Generally favorable .....	345	24%
Generally unfavorable .....	685	48%
Don't Know .....	373	26%
Declined .....	20	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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 .....	589	41%
Oppose.....	650	46%
Don't Know .....	173	12%
Declined .....	10	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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 build defense system.....	708	50%
Oppose trying to build a defense system.....	530	37%
Don't Know .....	164	12%
Declined .....	21	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**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:

The lack of a third party .....	38	3%
Too much money in politics .....	595	42%
The news media.....	161	11%
The lack of good Democrat and Republican candidates .....	176	12%
Some other reason .....	379	27%
Don't know.....	68	5%
Declined .....	7	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q50**

Before taxes, was your total household income in 2010 under or over 45,000?

Under .....	747	52%
Over .....	597	42%
Don't Know .....	33	2%
Declined .....	46	3%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q50A**

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

Under 15,000 .....	212	30%
Between 15,000 and 30,000 .....	277	39%
Between 30,000 and 45,000 .....	197	28%
Don't Know .....	8	1%
Declined .....	8	1%
N=.....	702	100%

**Q50B**

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

Between 45,000 and 75,000 .....	331	51%
Between 75,000 and 100,000 .....	155	24%
Over 100,000.....	143	22%
Don't Know .....	5	1%
Declined .....	13	2%
N=.....	646	100%

**Q53**

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

Owned with mortgage .....	721	51%
Owned without mortgage .....	418	29%
Rented.....	232	16%
Occupied without rent .....	33	2%
Don't know.....	12	1%
Decline to Answer .....	8	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q55**

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

Landline more.....	798	56%
Cell phone more .....	432	30%
About the same.....	182	13%
Don't know.....	8	1%
Decline to Answer .....	2	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q56**

Would state records show that you are currently registered to vote?

Yes.....	1256	88%
No.....	156	11%
Don't Know .....	11	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q57**

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

Democrat .....	487	34%
Republican.....	367	26%
Independent .....	330	23%
Something else .....	173	12%
Don't know.....	50	4%
Decline to Answer .....	16	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q58A (If Q57=1)**

Would you call yourself a: (Strong means "Whatever strong means to you.")

Strong Democrat.....	282	60%
Not a Strong Democrat.....	182	39%
Don't Know .....	5	1%
Declined .....	2	0%
N=.....	471	100%

**Q58B (If Q57 = 2)**

Would you call yourself a: (Strong means "Whatever strong means to you.")

Strong Republican .....	225	57%
Not a strong Republican .....	158	40%
Don't Know .....	9	2%
Declined .....	1	0%
N=.....	393	100%

**Q58C: (If Q57 = 3)**

Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican.....	138	41%
Democrat .....	111	33%
Don't Know .....	71	21%
Declined .....	15	4%
N=.....	335	100%

**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:

Conservative.....	649	46%
Moderate.....	489	34%
Liberal .....	176	12%
Don't know.....	100	7%
Declined .....	9	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

**Q60**

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

Yes.....	108	15%
No.....	548	77%
Don't know what it is.....	37	5%
Don't Know .....	19	3%
N=.....	712	100%

**Q61**

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

Yes.....	253	35%
No.....	336	47%
Don't know what it is.....	59	8%
Don't Know .....	56	8%
Declined .....	8	1%
N=.....	712	100%

**Q60A**

Do you think of yourself as part of the Occupy Wall Street movement?

Yes.....	97	14%
No.....	544	76%
Don't know what it is.....	47	7%
Don't Know .....	21	3%
Declined .....	6	1%
N=.....	715	100%

**Q61A**

In general, do you support the Occupy Wall Street movement's ideas?

Yes.....	219	31%
No.....	336	47%
Don't know what it is.....	97	14%
Don't Know .....	56	8%
Declined .....	8	1%
N=.....	715	100%

**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 .....	1166	82%
Somewhat important.....	180	13%
Not important at all.....	41	3%
Don't Know .....	32	2%
Declined .....	4	0%
N=.....	1423	100%

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**Q64**

How much school have you completed? (Select category closest to stated answer.)

Less than High School.....	136	10%
High School Diploma or GED .....	482	34%
Vocational or Technical School .....	106	7%
Some College .....	312	22%
College .....	255	18%
Graduate .....	133	9%
N=.....	1423	100%

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**Q66**

How often do you attend church, mosque, synagogue or other place of worship?

Never .....	159	11%
Rarely .....	232	16%
Less than once a week .....	170	12%
Once a week .....	473	33%
More than once a week.....	368	26%
Don't know.....	12	1%
Decline to Answer .....	9	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

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**Q67**

Would you call yourself a born-again Christian, that is, have you personally had a conversion experience related to Jesus Christ?

Yes.....	975	69%
No.....	402	28%
Don't Know .....	26	2%
Declined .....	20	1%
N=.....	1423	100%

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