

PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL
FOR
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

TENNESSEE POLL FALL 2015

FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE
NOVEMBER 11, 2015

Total n=1,000 Tennessee registered voters
Field Dates: November 11-23, 2015 (*can finish early*)
Sample type: RBS
Interview language: English only
Form split 50%/50%

START TIMING MODULE
LANDLINE INTRODUCTION:

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]**
[INTERVIEWER NOTE: If there are 2+ respondents at this number with the same name, ask for the named respondent who is registered to vote at this current address. If both/all are registered to vote, ask for the named respondent who is available to speak right now.]

ONCE TARGET RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE:
[IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ANSWER PHONE, REPEAT: Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling for Vanderbilt University.]

We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters on local and national issues and would like to include your opinions. You have been randomly selected to participate. Your answers will be kept completely confidential. **[READ IF NECESSARY:** This is not a sales call – we are only interested in your opinions.]

ASK ALL
LLCELL. First I have to ask... Did I reach you on a cell phone?

- 1 Yes, cell phone
- 2 No, not a cell phone
- 9 Don't know/Refused

[READ IF CELL PHONE (LLCELL=1):] 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]

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE**CELL PHONE INTRODUCTION:**

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[VOICEMAIL MESSAGE: LEAVE ONLY ONCE – THE FIRST TIME A CALL GOES TO VOICEMAIL:] Hello, I am calling for Vanderbilt University. We are conducting an opinion poll of Tennessee voters on local and national issues. This is NOT a sales call. I am sorry we missed you today and we will try to reach you again. **[SCHEDULE CALLBACK]**

ONCE TARGET RESPONDENT IS ON THE PHONE:

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[IF R SAYS DRIVING/UNABLE TO TAKE CALL:] Thank you. We will try you another time...

ASK ALL

CPCELL. First I have to ask... Did I reach you on a cell phone?

- 1 Yes, cell phone
- 2 No, not a cell phone
- 9 Don't know/Refused

[READ IF CELL PHONE (CPCELL=1):] 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]

END TIMING MODULE

MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW (LANDLINE AND CELL)**START TIMING MODULE**

[READ TO ALL:] To begin, I need to ask you a few questions to make sure that you qualify for the survey.

ASK ALL

RSTATE. Do you currently live in Tennessee?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No **[THANK AND TERMINATE. RECORD AS 'NOT A TENNESSEE RESIDENT']**
- 9 Don't know/Refused **[THANK AND TERMINATE. RECORD AS 'SCREENING REFUSAL']**

RSTATE TERMINATION TEXT: Thank you very much for your time. We are only talking to those who currently live in Tennessee. Have a good (day/evening). **[TERMINATE]**

ASK ALL

RCOUNTY. And in what county do you live?

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.

- ___ **[RECORD 2-DIGIT COUNTY CODE; CONFIRM AGAINST LIST OF ALL TENNESSEE COUNTIES]**
- 97 Other (SPECIFY) **[THANK AND TERMINATE. RECORD AS 'NOT ON COUNTY LIST']**
- 99 Don't know/Refused **[THANK AND TERMINATE. RECORD AS 'SCREENING REFUSAL']**

RCOUNTY TERMINATION TEXT: Thank you very much for your time. **[IF 'OTHER (SPECIFY' (RCOUNTY=97) OR REGION IS FULL, READ:** We have already obtained all the interviews that we need at this time with residents in your county.] Have a good (day/evening). **[TERMINATE]**

**PROGRAMMER NOTE: CHECK COUNTY TO ASSIGN REGION CODE
APPROXIMATE TARGETS BY GEOCODE/REGION**

Geocode	Region	N=1000
1	East	367
2	Nashville Area	230
3	Central	208
4	Memphis/West	195
	Total	1000

LIST OF TENNESSEE COUNTIES AND THEIR 2-DIGIT COUNTY CODE FOR 'RCOUNTY'

RCOUNTY	COUNTYNAME	RCOUNTY	COUNTYNAME	RCOUNTY	COUNTYNAME
1	ANDERSON	33	HAMILTON	65	MORGAN
2	BEDFORD	34	HANCOCK	66	OBION
3	BENTON	35	HARDEMAN	67	OVERTON
4	BLED SOE	36	HARDIN	68	PERRY
5	BLOUNT	37	HAWKINS	69	PICKETT
6	BRADLEY	38	HAYWOOD	70	POLK
7	CAMPBELL	39	HENDERSON	71	PUTNAM
8	CANNON	40	HENRY	72	RHEA
9	CARROLL	41	HICKMAN	73	ROANE
10	CARTER	42	HOUSTON	74	ROBERTSON
11	CHEATHAM	43	HUMPHREYS	75	RUTHERFORD
12	CHESTER	44	JACKSON	76	SCOTT
13	CLAIBORNE	45	JEFFERSON	77	SEQUATCHIE
14	CLAY	46	JOHNSON	78	SEVIER
15	COCKE	47	KNOX	79	SHELBY
16	COFFEE	48	LAKE	80	SMITH
17	CROCKETT	49	LAUDERDALE	81	STEWART
18	CUMBERLAND	50	LAWRENCE	82	SULLIVAN
19	DAVIDSON	51	LEWIS	83	SUMNER
20	DECATUR	52	LINCOLN	84	TIPTON
21	DE KALB	53	LOUDON	85	TROUSDALE
22	DICKSON	54	MCMINN	86	UNICOI
23	DYER	55	MCNAIRY	87	UNION
24	FAYETTE	56	MACON	88	VAN BUREN
25	FENTRESS	57	MADISON	89	WARREN
26	FRANKLIN	58	MARION	90	WASHINGTON
27	GIBSON	59	MARSHALL	91	WAYNE
28	GILES	60	MAURY	92	WEAKLEY
29	GRAINGER	61	MEIGS	93	WHITE
30	GREENE	62	MONROE	94	WILLIAMSON
31	GRUNDY	63	MONTGOMERY	95	WILSON
32	HAMBLÉN	64	MOORE		

ASK ALL

RZIPC006. Could you please tell me your zip code? **[INTERVIEWER: RE-READ ZIP CODE BACK TO THE RESPONDENT TO CHECK; MAKE CHANGES AS NECESSARY]**

[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?]

_____ **[ENTER EXACT 5-DIGIT ZIP CODE; VERIFY] [PROGRAMMER: HIGHLIGHT THE WORD "VERIFY"]**

99999 Don't know/Refused

END TIMING MODULE**MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW (LANDLINE AND CELL)****START TIMING MODULE****ASK ALL**

SEX. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX **[DO NOT ASK] {SEX}**

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

ASK ALL

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? **{REGIST}**

- 1 Yes, registered
- 2 No, not registered **[THANK AND TERMINATE. RECORD AS 'NOT A TN RV']**
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know **[THANK AND TERMINATE. RECORD AS 'SCREENING REFUSAL']**
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused **[THANK AND TERMINATE. RECORD AS 'SCREENING REFUSAL']**

REGIST TERMINATION TEXT: Thank you very much for your time. We are only talking to those who are currently registered to vote in Tennessee. Have a good (day/evening). **[TERMINATE]**

END TIMING MODULE

MAIN INTERVIEW**START TIMING MODULE****ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)**

- 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]**? {Trend}
- a. The job Barack Obama is doing as President {May 2015 Q1a}
 - b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing {May 2015 Q1b}
 - c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing {May 2015 Q1c}
 - d. The job Bill Haslam [HAS-lam] is doing as Governor {May 2015 014 Q1d}
 - e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator {May 2015 Q1e}
 - f. The job Bob Corker is doing as U.S. Senator {May 2015 Q1f}

CATEGORIES

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 3 **(VOL.)** Need to wait and see/Too early to tell
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

- Q2. Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Tennessee state government? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-6; PUNCH 7 ALWAYS LAST]** {Modified May 2015 Q2 – added 'gap between rich and everyone else'}

- 1 Health Care
- 2 Guns
- 3 Immigration
- 4 The economy, including jobs
- 5 Education
- 6 The gap between the rich and everyone else
- 7 Or something else? **(SPECIFY)**
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF SELECTED A TOP PRIORITY IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (Q2=1-7)

Q3. Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority of the Tennessee state government? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-6 IN SAME ORDER AS Q2; PUNCH 7 ALWAYS LAST; EXCLUDE RESPONSE GIVEN IN PREVIOUS QUESTION IF CODES 1,2,3,4,5,6]** {Modified May 2015 Q3 – added ‘gap between rich and everyone else’}

- 1 Health Care
- 2 Guns
- 3 Immigration
- 4 The economy, including jobs
- 5 Education
- 6 The gap between the rich and everyone else
- 7 Or something else? **(SPECIFY)**
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q4. How would you rate the condition of the United States economy these days? Is it: **[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]** {May 2015 Q5}

- 1 Very good
- 2 Fairly good
- 3 Fairly bad, OR
- 4 Very bad?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q5. 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 Q4]** {May 2015 Q6}

- 1 Very good
- 2 Fairly good
- 3 Fairly bad, OR
- 4 Very bad?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q6. Some people say they are basically content with the way the political system is working in this country today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel? **[READ CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY]** {new}

- 1 Basically content
- 2 Frustrated
- 3 Angry
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know

9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q7. Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS]** (I would prefer my legislators work with members of the other political party even if it means they have to compromise on some of their values and priorities) ...OR... (I would prefer my legislators pursue their own values and priorities even if it means they are unwilling to work with members of the other political party). {May 2015 Q7}

1 Work with members of other party

2 Pursue own values and priorities

8 (VOL.) Don't know

9 (VOL.) Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] Next I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed today.

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q8. 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? {May 2015 Q9 – modified base}

1 Generally favorable

2 Generally unfavorable

3 Haven't heard enough about it

8 (VOL.) Don't know

9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q9. Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]** {May 2015 Q11}

1 It should be legal for personal use

2 It should be legal only for medicinal use, OR

3 It should not be legal?

8 (VOL.) Don't know

9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q10. If a person has a disease that cannot be cured and is living in pain, do you think doctors should be allowed to assist the patient by some painless means to end their life if the patient and his or her family request it? {May 2015 Q16}

1 Yes

2 No

- 8 (VOL.) Don't know
- 9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q11. How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you **[READ]** {May 2015 Q13 – modified base} {November 2014 Q26-mod: ‘Favor’ changed to ‘Support’}

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose, OR
- 5 Strongly oppose?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q12. Next... Do you think that government workers should or should not be required to enforce a law if it conflicts with their religious beliefs? {new}

- 1 Should be required
- 2 Should not be required
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q13. Next... Do you think that government workers should or should not be required to enforce a law if it conflicts with their personal beliefs? {new}

- 1 Should be required
- 2 Should not be required
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q14. Which one of the following comes closer to your own view – even if neither is exactly right? (Muslims in this country have the constitutional right to practice their religion peacefully anywhere, just as all other religions can)... OR do you think (There should be laws passed that restrict the ability of Muslims to practice their religion in this country)? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]** {new}

- 1 Muslims have the right to practice freely
- 2 There should be laws that restrict the ability of Muslims to practice their religion
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q15. When it comes to drug policy, should the government focus more on (prosecuting) people who use illegal drugs, or do you think it should focus more on (providing treatment for) people who use drugs? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]** {new}

- 1 Prosecuting those who use illegal drugs
- 2 Providing treatment for those who use illegal drugs
- 3 **(VOL.)** Neither/Both
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] Now turning to issues that are being discussed in Tennessee...

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q16. Many public officials in Tennessee are considering implementing "Insure Tennessee," a program proposed by Governor Haslam that would expand health insurance coverage to 280,000 low-income people without health insurance in the state. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose expanding health care coverage for low-income people in the state through "Insure Tennessee"? {Modified May 2015 Q19-added to stem 'through Insure Tennessee'}

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

- Q17. In 2014, Tennesseans voted in favor of Amendment 1, which allows the state legislature to make laws regulating abortion within the state. As I read this list, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each of the following in Tennessee. (First,) what about a state law that would **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]? [READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose this?]** {May 2015 Q21-changed “Last November” to “In November 2014”} {November 2014 Q35-changed “On election day” to “Last November”}
- a. Require women seeking abortions to wait two days after an in-person consultation before having the procedure {May 2015 Q21a}
 - b. Prohibit private health insurance plans from covering abortion costs {May 2015 Q21b}
 - c. Require second trimester abortions to be performed in a hospital {May 2015 Q21c}
 - d. Require women seeking abortions to have an ultrasound before having the procedure {May 2015 Q21d}
 - e. Outlaw abortion altogether, even in cases of rape, incest, and when the mother’s life is in danger {May 2015 Q21e}

CATEGORIES

- 1 Favor
- 2 Neither favor nor oppose
- 3 Oppose
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE**START TIMING MODULE**

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] Thinking about education in the state of Tennessee...

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

- Q18. Would you favor or oppose opening more charter schools? Charter schools are public, and function independently of the local district as long as they meet certain standards set by the state government. {May 2015 Q22-modified base} {Dec. 2013 Q16b-modified; May 2013 Q8}

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q19. As you may know, charter schools are public, and function independently of the local district as long as they meet certain standards set by the state government. Please tell me which of these statements comes closer to your own view. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** {modeled on Nashville September 2015 Q9b; new to statewide polls}

- 1 There should be more charter schools opened in Tennessee, OR
- 2 There are already enough charter schools in Tennessee?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q20. How important is it for public school students in grades 3 to 12 to take tests each school year to know if they are meeting the state's education standards in reading, writing, and math? **[READ]** {new}

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important, OR
- 4 Not important at all?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q21. Do you believe that students in Tennessee's public schools are given...**[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]** {new}

- 1 Too many standardized tests
- 2 About the right amount of standardized tests, OR
- 3 Not enough standardized tests?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q22. Next, please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: "All students in my local community have equal access to high quality educational opportunities." Do you **[READ]** {new}

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree, OR
- 5 Strongly disagree?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q23. As you may know, Governor Haslam has established an education initiative known as the Drive to 55, which aims to increase the number of college graduates in Tennessee to at least 55% by the year 2025. Thinking about the state's long-term economic future, how important would you say it is to meet this particular goal? Is Drive to 55 **[READ]** {new}

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Somewhat important
- 4 Not too important, OR
- 5 Not important at all?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] On a different subject...

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q24. All in all, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the Tennessee state government to more strictly regulate the way local governments handle local matters such as affordable housing initiatives? {new; Modeled on Pew March 2010 Trust in Government Survey Q46: "All in all, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the government to more strictly regulate the way major financial companies do business?"}

- 1 Good idea
- 2 Bad idea
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q25. In general, do you think laws in Tennessee should be changed to make it (easier) or (harder) to buy a gun, or should the laws for gun sales stay the same as they are now? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]** {new}

- 1 Easier
- 2 Harder
- 3 Stay the same
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q26. How much, if at all, do you think stricter gun laws in Tennessee would help prevent gun violence in the state? Would stricter gun laws help a lot, some, not much, or not at all? {new}

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q27. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. (First,) **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose (ITEM)?]** {new}

- a. Laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns
- b. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks
- c. A ban on assault-style weapons
- d. Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales

CATEGORIES

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

NRA2. In general, do you support the ideas and policies of the National Rifle Association, also known as the N-R-A, or not? {new}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 **(VOL.)** Don't know what the NRA's ideas and policies are
- 4 **(VOL.)** Never heard of the NRA
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE**[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] Next...****ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT**

Q28. Elected officials in Tennessee are currently exploring the possibility of hiring private companies to manage the day-to-day operations of state institutions like prisons, hospitals, parks, and universities. Supporters believe this would increase efficiency, save money, and improve services. Opponents argue that this would not save money and would decrease the quality of services offered by these state organizations. What about you? Do you think the state should continue to manage these organizations or turn over day-to-day operations to private companies? {new}

- 1 State should continue to manage
- 2 State should turn over day-to-day operations to private companies
- 3 **(VOL.)** Neither/Both
- 4 **(VOL.)** Other arrangement **(SPECIFY)**
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q29. The Tennessee State Legislature is currently debating a proposal which would allow record keepers in the state to charge people a fee if they want to look at public records about government activities. Supporters say that charging a fee would allow the state to raise additional money for other programs. Opponents believe charging for access to public records would make it harder for news organizations and citizens to gather information about what their government is doing. Overall, do you think that state record keepers should be allowed to charge a fee to view or inspect public records, or not? {new}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 **(VOL.)** Depends on the fee amount
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q30. Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in the state of Tennessee is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth should be more evenly distributed among more people? {new}

- 1 Fair
- 2 Should be more even
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q31. Do you think the gap between the rich and everyone else is a problem that needs to be addressed now, a problem that does not need to be addressed now, or not a problem? {new}

- 1 Addressed now
- 2 Not addressed now
- 3 Not a problem
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q32. To reduce crime in Tennessee, some people think more money and resources should be spent on better access to quality education and job training to help address social or economic differences. Others feel there would be less crime if more money and resources were spent on increasing the size of law enforcement with more prisons, police, and judges. Which comes closer to your view? {new}

- 1 Better access to quality education and job training to address social and economic differences
- 2 Increase law enforcement
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q33. Would you say that roads and bridges in your area are mostly in good condition, in bad condition, or somewhere in between? {new}

- 1 Good condition
- 2 Bad condition
- 3 Somewhere in between
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q34. Which ONE of the following proposals is the best long-term solution to reducing traffic congestion in your area and across the state? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** {new}

- 1 Improving public transportation options
- 2 Building new roads, OR
- 3 Developing communities where people can walk or bike more and do not have to drive as much?
- 4 **(VOL.)** Other **(SPECIFY)**
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE**START TIMING MODULE**

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] As you may know, Tennessee is a pay-as-you-go state when it comes to transportation projects like road maintenance. This method means the state does not take on debt for future transportation projects. Well-maintained roadways are important to economic growth and public safety but recently, state officials have said that current funding sources are not enough to maintain Tennessee's roads and bridges.

ASK RANDOM THIRD SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q35. Would you be willing or not willing to pay 2 cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth and public safety? {new}

- 1 Yes, willing
- 2 No, not willing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM THIRD SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS QUESTION (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q36. Would you be willing or not willing to pay 8 cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth and public safety? {new}

- 1 Yes, willing
- 2 No, not willing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK RANDOM THIRD SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS NOT ASKED PREVIOUS TWO QUESTIONS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q37. Would you be willing or not willing to pay 15 cents more per gallon on gas if it meant that more could be spent on projects to improve roads and bridges to help ensure economic growth and public safety? {new}

- 1 Yes, willing
- 2 No, not willing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q38. As far as you know, about how much tax does the state of Tennessee currently charge on each gallon of gas? Please do not include federal gas taxes. Is it about: **[READ]** {new}

[INTERVIEWER NOTE: If R says 21.4 cents exactly, enter Code 2]

- 1 10 cents
- 2 20 cents
- 3 30 cents, OR
- 4 40 cents per gallon?
- 5 **(VOL.)** More than 40 cents per gallon
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] On a different subject...

ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1) – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q39. Would you support or oppose the Tennessee state government providing any funding to an organization that offers the following medical services free of charge? First, what if an organization provided free **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE; RANDOMIZE b AND c AS A PAIR IN ORDER]**? What about free **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: If an organization provided this service for free, would you support or oppose the state government providing the organization with any funding?]** {new}

- a. Preventive care screenings, such as breast exams, colon cancer screenings or pap tests
- b. HIV testing, counseling or treatment referrals
- c. Testing or treatment of other sexually transmitted infections
- d. Limited primary care, like flu shots
- e. Pregnancy testing
- f. Pregnancy counseling
- g. Birth control or contraception

CATEGORIES

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose
- 3 **(VOL.)** Neither support nor oppose
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q40. Would you support or oppose the Tennessee state government funding Planned Parenthood in order to help it provide the following medical services free of charge? First, what if Planned Parenthood provided free **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE; RANDOMIZE b AND c AS A PAIR IN ORDER]**? What about free **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: If Planned Parenthood provided this service for free, would you support or oppose the state government providing Planned Parenthood with any funding?]** **[IF OPPOSE PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN GENERAL: Even though you may oppose Planned Parenthood overall, we are interested in how you feel about funding for specific services.]** {new}

- a. Preventive care screenings, such as breast exams, colon cancer screenings or pap tests
- b. HIV testing, counseling or treatment referrals
- c. Testing or treatment of other sexually transmitted infections
- d. Limited primary care, like flu shots
- e. Pregnancy testing
- f. Pregnancy counseling
- g. Birth control or contraception

CATEGORIES

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose
- 3 **(VOL.)** Neither support nor oppose
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] Moving on...

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

TP1. Do you think of yourself as part of the Tea Party movement? {May 2015 TP1}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 **(VOL.)** Never heard of Tea Party
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL EXCEPT THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY (TP1=1,2,8,9)

TP2. In general, do you support the Tea Party movement's ideas? {May 2015 TP2}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 **(VOL.)** Don't know what the Tea Party movement's ideas are
- 4 **(VOL.)** Never heard of Tea Party
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know

9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

PARTY. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a: [READ] {May 2015 PARTY}

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Independent, OR
- 4 Something else?
- 8 (VOL.) Don't know
- 9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK IF DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1)

PTYSTRDEM. Would you call yourself a: [READ 1-2] [READ IF NECESSARY: Whatever strong means to you.] {May 2015 PTYSTRDEM}

- 1 Strong Democrat, OR
- 2 Not a Strong Democrat?
- 8 (VOL.) Don't know
- 9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK IF REPUBLICAN (PARTY=2)

PTYSTRREP. Would you call yourself a: [READ 1-2] [READ IF NECESSARY: Whatever strong means to you.] {May 2015 PTYSTRREP}

- 1 Strong Republican, OR
- 2 Not a Strong Republican?
- 8 (VOL.) Don't know
- 9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK IF INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE/DK/REF (PARTY=3-9)

PARTYLN2. Do you think of yourself as closer to the: [READ] {May 2015 PARTYLN2}

- 1 Republican Party
- 2 Democratic Party, OR
- 3 Neither?
- 8 (VOL.) Don't know
- 9 (VOL.) Refused

ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN2=1)

REP16. Turning now to the potential candidates for PRESIDENT in 2016... If the Republican presidential primary were to be held today in Tennessee, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-6; PUNCH 7 ALWAYS LAST]** {new}

- 1 Jeb Bush
- 2 Ben Carson
- 3 Ted Cruz
- 4 Carly Fiorina
- 5 Marco Rubio
- 6 Donald Trump
- 7 Or someone else? **(SPECIFY)**
- 8 **(VOL.)** Chris Christie
- 9 **(VOL.)** Mike Huckabee
- 10 **(VOL.)** John Kasich
- 11 **(VOL.)** Rand Paul
- 12 **(VOL.)** None/Wouldn't vote
- 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN2=2)

DEM16. Turning now to the potential candidates for PRESIDENT in 2016... If the Democratic presidential primary were to be held today in Tennessee, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-3; PUNCH 4 ALWAYS LAST]** {new}

- 1 Hillary Clinton
- 2 Martin O'Malley
- 3 Bernie Sanders
- 4 Or someone else? **(SPECIFY)**
- 5 **(VOL.)** None/Wouldn't vote
- 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE**START TIMING MODULE**

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1):] A few last questions for statistical purposes only...

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

AGE. What is your age? {AGE}

- _____ years **[RECORD EXACT AGE 18-96]**
- 97 97 or older
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

HH1. How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household, INCLUDING YOURSELF?

{HH1: Same wording as May 2014 and forward}

___ **[RECORD EXACT NUMBER 1-5]**

- 6 6 or greater
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

LIVE. About how many years have you lived in Tennessee? **[IF LIVED IN TN OFF-AND-ON, READ:**

Please think about the total time you have lived in Tennessee.] {LIVE}

___ **[RECORD EXACT NUMBER 1-96]**

- 0 Less than 1 year
- 97 97 years or more
- 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

KIDPUB. Do you have children who currently attend K-12 public school in Tennessee? {new}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

HISP. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background? {HISP}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? {RACE}

IF R SAYS HISPANIC OR LATINO, PROBE: Do you consider yourself a WHITE (Hispanic/Latino) or a BLACK (Hispanic/Latino)? **IF R DOES NOT SAY WHITE, BLACK OR ONE OF THE RACE CATEGORIES LISTED, RECORD AS "OTHER" (CODE 6)**

- 1 White
- 2 Black or African-American
- 3 Asian or Pacific Islander
- 4 Mixed race
- 5 Native American/American Indian
- 6 Other (**SPECIFY**)
- 8 (**VOL.**) Don't know
- 9 (**VOL.**) Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

IDEO3. How would you generally describe your views on most political matters? Are you: [**READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-5 / HALF 5-1**] {IDEO3}

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal, OR
- 5 Very liberal?
- 8 (**VOL.**) Don't know
- 9 (**VOL.**) Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

EDUC2. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? [**DO NOT READ**] [**INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS grad if R completed training that did NOT count toward a degree**] {EDUC2}

- 1 Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
- 2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)
- 3 High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)
- 4 Some college, no degree (includes some community college)
- 5 Two year associate degree from a college or university
- 6 Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- 7 Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree
- 8 Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

[**MAKE FULL NOTE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWERS:** Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward

an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

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

- 1 Yes, born-again Christian
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

INC1. Before taxes, was your total household income in 2014 under \$45,000... OR \$45,000 or over? {INC1}

- 1 Under \$45,000
- 2 \$45,000 or over
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS UNDER \$45,000 (INC1=1)

INC2. Before taxes, was it: **[READ]** {INC2}

- 1 Under \$15,000
- 2 15 to under \$30,000, OR
- 3 30 to under \$45,000?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS \$45,000 OR OVER (INC1=2)

INC3. Before taxes, was it: **[READ]** {INC3}

- 1 45 to under \$75,000
- 2 75 to under \$100,000, OR
- 3 \$100,000 or more?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE**ASK IF RV LANDLINE SAMPLE (REGIST=1 AND SAMPLE=1)**

QL1. Now thinking about your telephone use... Do you have a working cell phone? {QL1}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF LANDLINE SAMPLE WITH NO CELL PHONE/DK/REF (QL1=2-9)

QL1a. Does anyone else in your household have a working cell phone? {QL1A}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF RV CELL PHONE SAMPLE (REGIST=1 AND SAMPLE=2)

QC1. Now thinking about your telephone use... Is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone? {QC1}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

END TIMING MODULE**START TIMING MODULE****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 (615) 322-6222.]

END TIMING MODULE