

PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL
FOR
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

TENNESSEE POLL SPRING 2015

FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE
APRIL 24, 2015

Total n=1,000 Tennessee registered voters
Field Dates: April 23-May 10, 2015 (*tentative*) (*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):] We're interested in learning more about people with cell phones. 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]**

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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?

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- 9 Don't know/Refused

[READ IF CELL PHONE (CPCELL=1):] We're interested in learning more about people with cell phones. 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	LL=~500	N=~500
1	East	367	184	183
2	Nashville Area	230	115	115
3	Central	208	104	104
4	Memphis/West	195	98	97
	Total	1000	501	499

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

RZIPCODE. 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? {November 2014 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 {November 2014 Q1a}
 - b. The job the U.S. Congress is doing {November 2014 Q1b}
 - c. The job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing {November 2014 Q1c}
 - d. The job Bill Haslam [HAS-lam] is doing as Governor {November 2014 Q1d}
 - e. The job Lamar Alexander is doing as U.S. Senator {November 2014 Q1e}
 - f. The job Bob Corker is doing as U.S. Senator {November 2014 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 1-5; PUNCH 6 ALWAYS LAST]** {November 2014 Q2}
- 1 Health Care
 - 2 Guns
 - 3 Immigration
 - 4 The economy, including jobs
 - 5 Education
 - 6 Or something else? **(SPECIFY)**
 - 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
 - 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF SELECTED A TOP PRIORITY IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (Q2=1-6)

Q3. Which of the following do you think should be the SECOND highest priority of the Tennessee state government? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-5 IN SAME ORDER AS Q2; PUNCH 6 ALWAYS LAST; EXCLUDE RESPONSE GIVEN IN PREVIOUS QUESTION IF CODES 1,2,3,4,5]** {November 2014 Q3}

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

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q4. Now thinking back to what the State Legislature accomplished over the past five months, would you say that it: **[READ]** {new}

- 1 Spent enough time on issues that you care about, OR
- 2 Did not spend enough time on issues that you care about?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q5. How would you rate the condition of the United States economy these days? Is it: **[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-4 / HALF 4-1]** {November 2014 Q4}

- 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. 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 Q5]** {November 2014 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)

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). {November 2014 Q13}

- 1 Work with members of other party
- 2 Pursue own values and priorities
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

NO Q8

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

Q9. 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? {November 2014 Q34}

- 1 Generally favorable
- 2 Generally unfavorable
- 3 Haven't heard enough about it
- 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. Given what you know about President Obama's 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? {new}

- 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

Q11. Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE HALF 1-3 / HALF 3-1]** {November 2014 Q24}

- 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

Q12. Some Republicans in the Tennessee State Legislature have expressed support for a bill that would legalize marijuana for limited medicinal purposes in the state. The bill was delayed to next year's legislative session. Would you support a measure that would allow adults in Tennessee to use marijuana for medicinal purposes, or would you oppose it? {new}

- 1 Support, allow marijuana to be legalized for medicinal purposes
- 2 Oppose, do not legalize marijuana for any purpose
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

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

Q13. How much do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to legally marry? Would you say you **[READ]** {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 REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q14. Which comes closest to your view about relationships of same-sex couples? Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry... Same-sex couples should be allowed to form civil unions, but not legally marry... OR, there should be no legal recognition of same-sex relationships. {November 2014 Q27}

- 1 Legally marry
- 2 Civil unions, not marriage
- 3 No legal recognition
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q15. If a business provides wedding services or products, such as catering or flowers, should it be allowed to refuse those services to same-sex couples for religious reasons, or should it be required to provide those services as it would to all other customers? {new}

- 1 Allowed to refuse services
- 2 Required to provide services
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

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

Q16. 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? {new}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 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

Q17. Recently, the State Legislature discussed a bill about a person's right to die. Which of the following comes closest to your view about what a person with an INCURABLE DISEASE should be able to do? [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-4/4-1] {new}

- 1 (1,) Doctors should be allowed to painlessly end the person's life if the person requests it
- 2 (2,) Doctors should be allowed to painlessly end the person's life only if the person and the person's family request it
- 3 (3,) The person should be allowed to have their life ended by any means they desire, OR
- 4 (4,) There are no circumstances under which an individual should be allowed to end their life
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

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

Q18. Thinking now about the situation with Iran... Suppose there were an agreement in which the United States and other countries would lift some of their economic sanctions against Iran. In exchange, Iran would place restrictions on its nuclear program that makes it harder for it to produce nuclear weapons. Would you support or oppose such an agreement? {new}

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose
- 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)

Q19. 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? {new}

- 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)

Q20. Recently, the State Legislature and Governor Haslam disagreed over “Insure Tennessee.” Some argue that the legislature was right to not bring the proposal to a vote because some elected officials disagreed with parts of the program. Others say that the full legislature should have been able to vote on the program so that everyone could express their opinions. Do you think that the full legislature should vote on Insure Tennessee, or do you think that a vote isn't needed? {new}

- 1 Full legislature should vote
- 2 Vote isn’t needed
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q21. Last November, 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?]** {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 {November 2014 Q35a}
- b. Prohibit private health insurance plans from covering abortion costs {November 2014 Q35b}
- c. Require second trimester abortions to be performed in a hospital {November 2014 Q35c}
- d. Require women seeking abortions to have an ultrasound before having the procedure {November 2014 Q35d}
- e. Outlaw abortion altogether, even in cases of rape, incest, and when the mother’s life is in danger {November 2014 Q35e}

CATEGORIES

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

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q22. Thinking about education in the state of Tennessee... 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. {December 2013 Q16b-modified; May 2013 Q8}

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

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q23. A state program called the "Tennessee Promise" makes tuition at all community and technical colleges in Tennessee free for two years for graduating high school seniors in the state. Funding for this program is provided by the Tennessee Lottery. Do you support or oppose this program? {May 2014 Q20-modified}

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

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

Q24. Of the following state education initiatives, which do you think is MOST important? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-4]** {new}

- 1 Developing challenging education standards
- 2 Creating better tests to more accurately measure student achievement
- 3 Improving teacher performance in schools
- 4 Improving the state's lowest performing schools
- 5 **(VOL.)** Other **(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

Q25. As you may know, in the last few years, states have been deciding whether to use one set of education standards across the states that would require students to learn critical thinking and problem solving skills in math and reading and improve their writing skills. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to set benchmarks to guide teaching and learning. How much do you support or oppose the use of these standards in Tennessee? Would you say you...**[READ]** {November 2014 Q36/Q37-modified}

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

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q26. As you may know, teachers are usually evaluated by supervisors and school administrators to assess their performance in the classroom. In your opinion, how important is each of the following reasons for evaluating a teacher's performance in the classroom? (First,) how important is **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**? **[READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Is this very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important a reason for evaluating a teacher's performance in the classroom?]** {new}

- a. Helping teachers improve their ability to teach
- b. Using teacher performance to determine salaries or bonuses
- c. Documenting ineffectiveness that could lead to a teacher's dismissal

CATEGORIES

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

NO Q27

ASK REMAINING RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS THAT WAS NOT ASKED Q18 – DO NOT BASE ON FORM SPLIT

Q28. Congress is currently considering a bi-partisan bill that would fix portions of No Child Left Behind. This bill would allow states full control over developing their own state education standards and testing and would also update and strengthen charter school programs. Would you support or oppose these revisions to No Child Left Behind? {new}

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

END TIMING MODULE

START TIMING MODULE

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

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

Q29. Elected officials in Tennessee are considering raising the gas tax for the first time in more than 25 years. Revenues from the tax will help fund improvements to roads throughout the state. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose an increase in the gas tax, or haven't you heard enough about it? {new}

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Neither favor nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- 6 Haven't heard enough
- 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

Q30. Elected officials in Tennessee are considering raising the gas tax for the first time in more than 25 years. Revenues from the tax will help fund improvements to roads throughout the state as well as develop mass transit alternatives that would relieve traffic. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose an increase in the gas tax, or haven't you heard enough about it? {new}

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Neither favor nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- 6 Haven't heard enough
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGIST=1)

Q31. The Tennessee State Legislature is considering legislation on a number of issues related to gun control. Would you favor or oppose each of the following measures? (First,) Do you favor **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**, or do you oppose this? {new}

- a. Allowing Tennesseans to purchase a gun without having a background check
- b. Allowing Tennesseans to have firearms in public parks
- c. Allowing Tennesseans to carry guns openly or concealed in public without a permit
- d. Banning guns on any property owned, used, or operated by schools
- e. Banning anyone carrying a gun from coming within 250 feet of a school
- f. Allowing Tennesseans to take their guns to all of the same places allowed for off-duty police

CATEGORIES

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

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

Q32. The Tennessee State Legislature recently considered a law making the Bible the official state book. Do you support or oppose recognizing the Bible as the state book of Tennessee? {new}

- 1 Support
- 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

Q33. The Tennessee State Legislature recently considered a law making the Bible the official state book. Some elected officials opposed this bill because they believe the Bible deserves more respect than being listed beside the state song or state bird. Others wanted to acknowledge the importance of the Bible. Do you support or oppose recognizing the Bible as the state book of Tennessee? {new}

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

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

Q34. Would you support or oppose requiring patrol officers in your area to wear small video cameras whenever they're on duty? {new}

- 1 Support
- 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

Q35. There is currently a state law requiring all motorcycle riders to wear a helmet regardless of age. Would you support or oppose a law making it legal for adults age 21 or over to ride a motorcycle WITHOUT a helmet? {new}

- 1 Support
- 2 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? {November 2014 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? {November 2014 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]** {November 2014 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.]** {November 2014 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.]** {November 2014 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]** {November 2014 PARTYLN2}

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

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**THANK AND END INTERVIEW:**

THANK YOU again for sharing your thoughts and opinions! Have a nice rest of the day.

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