



Top Line Results

Tennessee Star Statewide Survey of Tennessee Likely Voters

Conducted: 9/10/2018 through 9/12/2018

Survey Type: Automated Telephone (IVR)

N = 1,038N

Margin of Error at 95% Confidence Level: +/- 3.0%

Weighting Applied: Gender, Age, Political Party, Geographic Region

Q1. Are you registered to vote?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	1038	100.0	100.0

Q2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2018 Tennessee general election?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Somewhat Likely	30	2.9	2.9
Likely	115	11.1	14.0
Very Likely	247	23.8	37.8
I always vote	646	62.2	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

To begin we would like to ask your opinion about a few political figures.

Q3. What is your opinion of President Donald Trump?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Favorable	538	51.8	51.8
Unfavorable	440	42.4	94.2
Not Sure / Don't Know	60	5.8	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q4. What is your opinion of Senator Lamar Alexander?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Favorable	330	31.8	31.8
Unfavorable	424	40.8	72.6
Not Sure / Don't Know	285	27.4	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q5. What is your opinion of Governor Bill Haslam?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Favorable	496	47.8	47.8
Unfavorable	281	27.1	74.9
Not Sure / Don't Know	260	25.1	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q6. What is your opinion of Hillary Clinton?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Favorable	311	30.0	30.0
Unfavorable	628	60.4	90.4
Not Sure / Don't Know	100	9.6	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q7. All other things being equal, if the election for the U.S. Senate were held today, would you be MOST likely to vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Republican candidate	540	52.0	52.0
Democratic candidate	430	41.4	93.4
Not Sure / Don't Know	69	6.6	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q8. If the election was held today, who would be your choice for Governor between these two candidates?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Republican Bill Lee	558	53.7	53.7
Democrat Karl Dean	387	37.3	91.0
Not Sure / Don't Know	93	9.0	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q9. If the election was held today, who would be your choice for U.S. Senator from Tennessee from these two candidates?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Republican Marsha Blackburn	502	48.3	48.3
Democrat Phil Bredesen	467	45.0	93.3
Not Sure / Don't Know	70	6.7	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q10. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports legalizing the distribution and sale of marijuana in Tennessee if limited to prescribed medical use only?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
I am MORE likely to vote for a candidate who supports legalizing medical marijuana	575	55.4	55.4
I am LESS likely to vote for a candidate who supports legalizing medical marijuana	203	19.5	74.9
Make no difference	179	17.2	92.2
Not Sure / Don't Know	81	7.8	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q11. Have the changes to the tax laws made by the Republican Congress and President Trump had any impact on your own taxes?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
For the better	424	40.9	40.9
For the worse	167	16.1	56.9
Not much impact so far	354	34.1	91.1
Not Sure / Don't Know	93	8.9	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q12. Do you support or oppose the higher tariffs, which are taxes, on products that foreign countries sell in the U.S. that President Trump has put in place in order to force them to lower the tariffs on products that the U.S. sells in their countries.

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
I Support increasing tariffs on foreign products until they lower their tariffs on our products.	561	54.1	54.1
I Oppose increasing tariffs on foreign products.	354	34.1	88.1
Not Sure / Don't Know	123	11.9	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q13. President Trump has terminated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and directed Congress to pass a legislative solution to deal with 800,000 young people who came to this country illegally as children. Should those who came into this country illegally as children be granted amnesty and given a path to citizenship?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	468	45.1	45.1
No	393	37.8	82.9
Not Sure / Don't Know	177	17.1	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q14. President Trump has signed an Executive Order keeping the "zero tolerance" policy in place regarding prosecution and deportation of those who enter the U.S. illegally but providing that the Trump Administration will "maintain family unity by detaining illegal alien families together where appropriate and consistent with law and available resources." Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's action.

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Approve	565	54.5	54.5
Disapprove	348	33.5	87.9
Not Sure / Don't Know	125	12.1	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q15. President Donald Trump may endorse candidates in political races this year. Would President Trump's endorsement of a candidate make you more or less likely to support the candidate he endorsed, or would it make no difference to you?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
More likely to vote for a candidate President Trump endorsed	333	32.1	32.1
Less likely to vote for a candidate President Trump endorsed	419	40.3	72.4
Would make no difference in how I cast my vote	266	25.6	98.0
Not Sure / Don't Know	20	2.0	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q16. Given the recent shootings that have taken place on school grounds across the country, do you support or oppose having an armed School Resource Officer in every school across Tennessee?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Support	766	73.8	73.8
Oppose	146	14.1	87.8
Not Sure / Don't Know	126	12.2	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q17. Do you support or oppose the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as a Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court by the U.S. Senate?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Support his confirmation	506	48.7	48.7
Oppose his confirmation	359	34.5	83.2
Not Sure / Don't Know	174	16.8	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q18. How big of a factor are potential votes on the confirmation of federal judges and Supreme Court Justices in determining whether you will vote for Marsha Blackburn or Phil Bredesen for U.S. Senate?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Very important	531	51.1	51.1
Somewhat Important	179	17.2	68.3
Not very important	149	14.4	82.7
Doesn't matter at all	84	8.1	90.8
Not Sure / Don't Know	96	9.2	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q19. What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT issue that our state officials should focus upon?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Rising crime/violence	120	11.6	11.6
Creating more and better jobs	152	14.6	26.2
Traffic and road congestion	75	7.2	33.5
Quality of our schools	158	15.2	48.7
Illegal immigration	159	15.3	64.0
Drug and alcohol abuse	57	5.5	69.5
Healthcare cost and access	236	22.7	92.2
Not Sure / Don't Know	81	7.8	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q20. What do you think is the SECOND MOST IMPORTANT issue that our state officials should focus upon?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Rising crime/violence	191	18.4	18.4
Creating more and better jobs	195	18.8	37.2
Traffic and road congestion	87	8.4	45.6
Quality of our schools	190	18.3	63.8
Illegal immigration	96	9.2	73.0
Drug and alcohol abuse	71	6.8	79.9
Healthcare cost and access	152	14.7	94.5
Not Sure / Don't Know	57	5.5	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q21. How old are you?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
18-34	95	9.2	9.2
35-44	138	13.3	22.5
45-54	196	18.9	41.4
55-64	246	23.7	65.1
65-74	214	20.6	85.7
75-84	114	11.0	96.7
85+	34	3.3	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q22. What is your gender?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Female	569	54.8	54.8
Male	469	45.2	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q23.. Do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, or Independent voter?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Republican Party	467	45.0	45.0
Democratic Party	304	29.3	74.3
Independent or not a member of a party	258	24.8	99.1
Another party	1	.1	99.2
Not sure / don't know	8	.8	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q24. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Bachelors Degree or higher	450	43.3	43.3
Some College	295	28.4	71.8
Post Graduate	90	8.7	80.4
High School Graduate	160	15.4	95.8
Some High School	16	1.6	97.4
Prefer not to answer	27	2.6	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q25. Do you consider your political views to be:

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Very liberal	71	6.8	6.8
Somewhat Liberal	157	15.1	22.0
Moderate	255	24.6	46.6
Somewhat Conservative	240	23.1	69.7
Very Conservative	269	26.0	95.6
Not Sure / Don't Know	45	4.4	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Q26. What race do you identify yourself as?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
White/Caucasian	824	79.4	79.4
Hispanic	10	1.0	80.4
African-American	110	10.6	91.0
Asian	4	.4	91.4
Another race	29	2.8	94.2
Prefer not to answer	60	5.8	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	

Region

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
East	360	34.7	34.7
Middle	434	41.8	76.5
West	244	23.5	100.0
Total	1038	100.0	