

Question Wording and Percentages for Each Answer

Here is a copy of the questionnaire, with response percentages for each question indicated.

First, tell me in your own words: What do you think is the number one problem confronting the state of Tennessee at this time?

High crime	14.6
Government inefficiency and waste	8.8
Government corruption	4.0
The poor state of education	25.1
The poor state of health services and health insurance	7.4
High taxes	11.8
Outdated or unfair tax system	5.0
Traffic congestion and road construction	6.4
Don't know	15.4
Total Cases (395)	100.0

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as President?

Approve	52.2
Disapprove	42.4
Don't know	5.4
Total Cases (484)	100.0

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Don Sundquist is handling his job as governor?

Approve	55.0
Disapprove	24.9
Don't know	20.1
Total Cases (481)	100.0

Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in the Tennessee State Legislature are doing?

Approve	42.8
Disapprove	30.9
Don't know	26.3
Total Cases (482)	100.0

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Bredesen has done as mayor of Nashville?

Approve	60.5
Disapprove	17.6
Don't know	21.9
Total Cases (480)	100.0

Who would you like to see win the Democratic primary?

Al Gore	53.9
Bill Bradley	24.9
Don't care about the Democratic primary	8.2
Want someone else to win	5.8
Don't know	7.1
Total Cases (476)	100.0

If the next presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Al Gore the Democrat and George Bush Jr. the Republican, would you vote for Al Gore or George Bush Jr.?

Al Gore	65.4
George Bush Jr.	28.6
Neither	3.0
Don't know	3.0
Total Cases (365)	100.0

If the next presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Bill Bradley the Democrat and George Bush Jr. the Republican, would you vote for Bill Bradley or George Bush Jr.?

Bill Bradley	26.6
George Bush Jr.	63.8
Neither	5.8
Don't know	2.8
Total Cases (118)	100.0

We're interested in how Middle Tennesseans are getting along financially these days.

So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty well satisfied with your present financial situation, more or less satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

Pretty well satisfied	36.7
More or less satisfied	43.0
Not at all satisfied	19.3
Don't know	1.0
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Would you say that you and your family are better off, or worse off, financially than you were a year ago?

Better off	49.5
Same	32.6
Worse off	15.8
Don't know	2.1
Total Cases (481)	100.0

Now looking ahead ... do you think a year from now you and your family will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now?

Better off	43.1
Same	44.9
Worse off	5.0
Don't know	6.9
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Let's talk next about state spending. Most people can't be expected to know exactly how the state spends its money. We just want your best estimate of how much the state spends in a few of its budget categories.

About how many cents out of every dollar go to pay for health and social services?

0-20	71.9
21-40	20.9
41-60	5.3
61-80	1.4
81-100	.5
Total Cases (319)	100.0

About how many cents out of every dollar go to pay for law enforcement and public safety?

0-20	77.9
21-40	15.8
41-60	3.7
61-80	1.2
81-100	1.4
Total Cases (313)	100.0

About how many cents out of every dollar go to pay for roads and other transportation expenses?

0-20	74.6
21-40	17.2
41-60	5.3
61-80	1.4
81-100	1.5
Total Cases (318)	100.0

About how many cents out of every dollar go to pay for education?

0-20	75.2
21-40	28.3
41-60	9.7
61-80	6.0
81-100	3.6
Total Cases (313)	100.0

About how many cents out of every dollar go to pay general government expenses?

0-20	52.4
21-40	28.3
41-60	9.7
61-80	6.0
81-100	3.6
Total Cases (313)	100.0

We are faced with many problems in Tennessee. I'm going to name some of these problems. For each one, I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount.

What about TennCare, the program that insures poor people?

Too little	34.8
About right	26.1
Too much	24.4
Don't know	14.7
Total Cases (482)	100.0

What about welfare programs for the poor? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	24.8
About right	26.8
Too much	38.5
Don't know	9.9
Total Cases (479)	100.0

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What about higher education, like state universities, community colleges and technical schools? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	49.5
About right	34.0
Too much	7.5
Don't know	9.0
Total Cases (483)	100.0

What about highway maintenance? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	26.5
About right	41.3
Too much	26.5
Don't know	5.6
Total Cases (481)	100.0

What about the environment? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	44.3
About right	35.9
Too much	10.8
Don't know	9.0
Total Cases (482)	100.0

What about elementary and secondary education? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	69.4
About right	22.9
Too much	4.0
Don't know	3.6
Total Cases (482)	100.0

What about state law enforcement agencies? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	42.8
About right	36.0
Too much	13.5
Don't know	7.7
Total Cases (482)	100.0

What about programs for the handicapped? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	45.8
About right	34.0
Too much	4.7
Don't know	15.5
Total Cases (482)	100.0

What about programs for the mentally retarded? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	51.5
About right	25.1
Too much	3.6
Don't know	19.9
Total Cases (481)	100.0

What about foster care services? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	39.7
About right	27.6
Too much	5.5
Don't know	27.1
Total Cases (478)	100.0

What about mental health? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	46.7
About right	28.0
Too much	6.0
Don't know	19.4
Total Cases (478)	100.0

What about mass transportation, including bus and rail service? Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too little	39.4
About right	37.1
Too much	8.3
Don't know	15.2
Total Cases (482)	100.0

Now we have a few questions about how the Tennessee state government might raise money.

Do you believe that the state of Tennessee is facing a financial crisis, or not?

Yes, it is	42.9
No, it isn't	45.6
Don't know	11.5
Total Cases (484)	100.0

There have been several suggestions made about how Tennessee could raise more money. We would like to ask you how you feel about some of these options.

What about establishing a state personal income tax? Would you strongly favor ... favor ... oppose ... or strongly oppose establishing a state personal income tax, or aren't you sure?

Strongly favor	5.8
Favor	18.9
Not sure	7.7
Oppose	32.5
Strongly oppose	29.4
Don't know	5.7
Total Cases (483)	100.0

What about raising the state sales tax? Would you strongly favor ... favor ... oppose ... or strongly oppose raising the state sales tax, or aren't you sure?

Strongly favor	2.9
Favor	10.6
Not sure	3.6
Oppose	42.1
Strongly oppose	38.7
Don't know	2.1
Total Cases (188)	100.0

What about extending state business taxes to small firms that currently do not pay taxes on profits and assets? Would you strongly favor ... favor ... oppose ... or strongly oppose that idea, or aren't you sure?

Strongly favor	19.0
Favor	33.9
Not sure	8.1
Oppose	23.1
Strongly oppose	9.2
Don't know	6.7
Total Cases (481)	100.0

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What about creating a state lottery? Would you strongly favor ... favor ... oppose ... or strongly oppose creating a state lottery, or aren't you sure?

Strongly favor	47.9
Favor	22.2
Not sure	5.1
Oppose	12.5
Strongly oppose	10.5
Don't know	1.5
Total Cases (484)	100.0

How much attention would you say you've paid to the debate about establishing a state personal income tax in Tennessee?

A great deal	26.7
Some	27.9
Not very much	24.2
None at all	15.1
Don't know	6.1
Total Cases (484)	100.0

Do you think individuals are paying more than their fair share, about their fair share, or less than their fair share of taxes in Tennessee?

More than their fair share	43.7
About their fair share	41.8
Less than their fair share	9.0
Don't know	5.4
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Do you think BIG businesses are paying more than their fair share, about their fair share, or less than their fair share of taxes in Tennessee?

More than their fair share	4.6
About their fair share	19.0
Less than their fair share	67.3
Don't know	9.1
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Do you think **SMALL** businesses are paying more than their fair share, about their fair share, or less than their fair share of taxes in Tennessee?

More than their fair share	28.2
About their fair share	40.0
Less than their fair share	19.7
Don't know	12.1
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Are there any people or groups we haven't talked about yet that you think should pay a bigger share of taxes than they're paying now?

Churches

N o	92.9
Yes	7.1
Total Cases(485)	100.0

Newspapers

N o	95.7
Yes	4.3
Total Cases(485)	100.0

Limited liability corporations

N o	93.5
Yes	6.5
Total Cases(485)	100.0

The rich

N o	79.5
Yes	20.5
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Cities

N o	97.7
Yes	2.3
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Tourists

N o	97.7
Yes	2.3
Total Cases (485)	100.0

People moving into the state

N o	96.6
Yes	3.4
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Non-residents who own property here

N o	92.3
Yes	7.7
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Other

N o	89.2
Yes	10.8
Total Cases (485)	100.0

NO GROUP NAMED

N o	40.3
Yes	59.7
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Would you strongly favor ... favor ... oppose ... or strongly oppose a state personal income tax if it meant ending the sales tax on groceries and lowering the sales tax on other items? Or aren't you sure about that?

Strongly favor	13.0
Favor	27.2
Not sure	6.5
Oppose	25.4
Strongly oppose	23.2
Don't know	4.7
Total Cases (151)	100.0

Would you strongly favor ... favor ... oppose ... or strongly oppose a state personal income tax if the state government could raise your tax rate only by constitutional amendment

Strongly favor	4.4
Favor	14.0
Not sure	12.3
Oppose	33.9
Strongly oppose	24.1
Don't know	11.2
Total Cases (332)	100.0

Let's talk briefly about five possible sources of money for state spending in Tennessee: business taxes, grocery taxes, sales taxes, personal income taxes, and a state lottery.

How many cents out of every dollar of state spending should come from business taxes?

0-20	49.7
21-40	31.1
41-60	14.2
61-80	2.9
81-100	2.1
Total Cases (357)	100.0

How many cents out of every dollar of state spending should come from grocery taxes?

0-20	89.8
21-40	4.7
41-60	3.1
61-80	.5
81-100	1.9
Total Cases (370)	100.0

How many cents out of every dollar of state spending should come from sales taxes?

0-20	65.7
21-40	17.8
41-60	9.6
61-80	3.1
81-100	3.7
Total Cases (368)	100.0

How many cents out of every dollar of state spending should come from personal income taxes?

0-20	80.9
21-40	20.9
41-60	4.2
61-80	1.8
81-100	2.2
Total Cases (374)	100.0

How many cents out of every dollar of state spending should come from a state lottery?

0-20	47.6
21-40	16.3
41-60	21.8
61-80	6.3
81-100	8.0
Total Cases (382)	100.0

If you had to choose between raising taxes and cutting programs to balance Tennessee's budget, which would you do?

Raise taxes	33.1
Cut programs	40.5
Balance budget without doing either one	17.6
Don't know	8.7
Total Cases (481)	100.0

If Tennessee had a state lottery, do you think it would solve our financial problems entirely, help a lot, help some, help a little, or not help at all?

Solve our problems	6.1
Help a lot	37.9
Help some	27.0
Help a little	11.3
Not help at all	15.9
Don't know	1.8
Total Cases (263)	100.0

Do you happen to have seen any of the ads on TV asserting that the state of Tennessee is facing a budget crisis?

Yes	37.0
No	61.1
Don't know	1.9
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Would you say the ad made you more likely or less likely to support tax reform in Tennessee, or that it made no difference?

Less likely to support reform	23.8
No difference	46.5
More likely to support tax reform	24.5
Don't know	5.3
Total Cases (178)	100.0

Now I'd like you to think about the newspaper you read most often. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "fair" and 5 means "unfair," how would you rate that newspaper?

1	Fair	30.1
2		21.1
3		23.5
4		10.5
5	Unfair	8.1
	Don't know	6.7
	Total Cases (222)	100.0

How would you rate that newspaper on a 1-to-5 scale where 1 means "biased" and 5 means "unbiased"?

1	Biased	12.6
2		20.3
3		36.3
4		12.5
5	Unbiased	9.9
	Don't know	8.4
	Total Cases (219)	100.0

How would you rate that newspaper on a 1-to-5 scale where 1 means "tells the whole story" and 5 means "doesn't tell the whole story"?

1	Tells whole story	12.4
2		21.3
3		26.5
4		15.2
5	Doesn't tell whole story	16.8
	Don't know	7.8
	Total Cases (218)	100.0

How would you rate that newspaper on a 1-to-5 scale where 1 means "accurate" and 5 means "inaccurate"?

1	accurate	15.8
2		26.1
3		31.4
4		13.5
5	inaccurate	7.7
	Don't know	5.5
	Total Cases (218)	100.0

What about if 1 means "can be trusted" and 5 means "cannot be trusted"?

1 can be trusted	18.5
2	23.1
3	29.9
4	15.1
1 cannot be trusted	7.0
Don't know	6.4
Total Cases (220)	100.0

Now I'd like you to think about the TV news program you watch most often. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "fair" and 5 means "unfair," how would you rate that program?

1 Fair	35.7
2	20.4
3	21.5
4	8.9
5 Unfair	6.3
Don't know	7.4
Total Cases (219)	100.0

How would you rate that TV news program on a 1-to-5 scale where 1 means "biased" and 5 means "unbiased"?

1 Biased	14.3
2	16.3
3	26.5
4	20.0
5 Unbiased	14.8
Don't know	8.1
Total Cases (218)	100.0

How would you rate that TV news program on a 1-to-5 scale where 1 means "tells the whole story" and 5 means "doesn't tell the whole story"?

1 Tells whole story	21.0
2	17.3
3	32.7
4	13.5
5 Doesn't tell whole story	9.3
Don't know	6.1
Total Cases (219)	100.0

What about if 1 means "accurate" and 5 means "inaccurate"?

1	accurate	21.7
2		30.3
3		29.0
4		8.0
5	inaccurate	5.4
	Don't know	5.6
Total Cases (219)		100.0

What about if 1 means "can be trusted" and 5 means "cannot be trusted"?

1	can be trusted	24.0
2		25.9
3		27.4
4		9.3
5	cannot be trusted	6.9
	Don't know	6.5
Total Cases (219)		100.0

Now I'd like you to think about the news media in general. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "fair" and 5 means "unfair," how would you rate the news media in general?

1	Fair	10.8
2		16.7
3		39.3
4		17.2
5	Unfair	11.6
	Don't know	4.4
Total Cases (220)		100.0

How would you rate the news media in general on a 1-to-5 scale where 1 means "biased" and 5 means "unbiased"?

1	Biased	17.8
2		23.2
3		37.1
4		11.2
5	Unbiased	5.8
	Don't know	4.9
Total Cases (219)		100.0

How would you rate the news media in general on a 1-to-5 scale where 1 means "tells the whole story" and 5 means "doesn't tell the whole story"?

1 Tells whole story	12.6
2	14.7
3	38.2
4	16.7
5 Doesn't tell whole story	14.3
Don't know	3.4
Total Cases (219)	100.0

What about if 1 means "accurate" and 5 means "inaccurate"?

1 accurate	13.5
2	22.9
3	37.5
4	14.0
5 inaccurate	8.7
Don't know	3.3
Total Cases (220)	100.0

What about if 1 means "can be trusted" and 5 means "cannot be trusted"?

1 can be trusted	10.6
2	23.7
3	32.8
4	16.5
5 cannot be trusted	10.7
Don't know	5.7
Total Cases (220)	100.0

Now, we'd like to know how much, if any, protection you think the law should give to journalists and news organizations. Please keep in mind that we're not asking whether you personally approve of these behaviors. We just want to know how much, if at all, you think the law should protect that behavior. We want to know whether these things should be protected by law all of the time, only under certain circumstances, or not at all

How about when journalists take sides with a foreign government against the position of the United States?

Not at all	45.6
Under certain circumstances	22.5
All the time	28.1
Don't know	3.8
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists criticize political leaders.

Not at all	25.8
Under certain circumstances	29.1
All the time	41.9
Don't know	3.2
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists criticize the military?

Not at all	34.8
Under certain circumstances	31.0
All the time	31.5
Don't know	2.7
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists report classified material that the government wishes to keep secret?

Not at all	49.0
Under certain circumstances	27.8
All the time	20.0
Don't know	3.2
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when newspapers or television stations run graphic photographs of violent events?

Not at all	41.1
Under certain circumstances	32.0
All the time	23.0
Don't know	3.9
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists report stories about national security without government approval?

Not at all	49.4
Under certain circumstances	25.4
All the time	21.9
Don't know	3.2
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists report factually inaccurate information that they believe to be true

Not at all	44.8
Under certain circumstances	33.6
All the time	18.7
Don't know	2.9
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists report about the mistakes a public figure made more than 20 years ago?

Not at all	42.5
Under certain circumstances	25.2
All the time	27.8
Don't know	4.4
Total Cases (264)	100.0

How about when newspapers take sides in editorials during an election campaign

Not at all	38.4
Under certain circumstances	22.0
All the time	35.5
Don't know	4.0
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when television stations take sides in editorials during an election campaign?

Not at all	45.1
Under certain circumstances	19.7
All the time	30.8
Don't know	4.5
Total Cases (220)	100.0

How about when journalists report the name or identity of a rape victim?

Not at all	52.5
Under certain circumstances	21.6
All the time	23.4
Don't know	2.5
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists report the name of a juvenile charged with a crime?

Not at all	37.4
Under certain circumstances	35.7
All the time	24.6
Don't know	2.3
Total Cases (222)	100.0

How about when journalists report stories that may affect the outcome of a criminal trial?

Not at all	47.3
Under certain circumstances	26.7
All the time	21.6
Don't know	4.5
Total Cases (222)	100.0

There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, somebody who is against all churches and religion.

If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community against churches and religion, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

Yes	71.6
No	25.3
Don't know	3.2
Total Cases (219)	100.0

Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

Yes	57.3
No	37.2
Don't know	5.5
Total Cases (219)	100.0

If a person in your community suggested that a book he wrote against churches and religion should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

Yes	27.9
No	64.9
Don't know	7.2
Total Cases (221)	100.0

Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior.

If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community claiming that Blacks are inferior, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

Yes	58.4
No	36.8
Don't know	4.8
Total Cases (221)	100.0

Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

Yes	49.9
No	46.8
Don't know	3.3
Total Cases (218)	100.0

If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote which said Blacks are inferior should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

Yes	36.2
No	60.8
Don't know	3.0
Total Cases (221)	100.0

And what about a man who admits that he is a homosexual?

Suppose this admitted homosexual wanted to make a speech in your community. Should he be allowed to speak, or not?

Yes	75.0
No	21.1
Don't know	3.9
Total Cases (220)	100.0

Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

Yes	70.6
No	23.4
Don't know	6.0
Total Cases (220)	100.0

If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote in favor of homosexuality should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

Yes	33.3
No	61.2
Don't know	5.5
Total Cases (221)	100.0

Now we're going to consider some major institutions in this country.

First, as far as the people running major companies are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence in them, only some confidence in them, or hardly any confidence at all in them ... a great deal, only some, or hardly any?

A great deal	17.9
Only Some	65.7
Hardly any	11.4
Don't know	5.0
Total Cases (222)	100.0

What about organized religion?

A great deal	31.9
Only Some	46.9
Hardly any	19.2
Don't know	2.0
Total Cases (214)	100.0

Education?

A great deal	32.4
Only Some	47.6
Hardly any	19.4
Don't know	.5
Total Cases (220)	100.0

The executive branch of the federal government?

A great deal	14.5
Only Some	49.6
Hardly any	34.3
Don't know	1.6
Total Cases (219)	100.0

Organized labor?

A great deal	18.2
Only Some	47.9
Hardly any	32.4
Don't know	1.5
Total Cases (217)	100.0

Press?

A great deal	9.2
Only Some	61.9
Hardly any	27.9
Don't know	1.0
Total Cases (219)	100.0

Television?

A great deal	10.7
Only Some	58.8
Hardly any	28.3
Don't know	2.2
Total Cases (219)	100.0

Medicine?

A great deal	46.0
Only Some	43.5
Hardly any	10.2
Don't know	.4
Total Cases (219)	100.0

United States Supreme Court?

A great deal	32.6
Only Some	48.1
Hardly any	15.6
Don't know	3.7
Total Cases (219)	100.0

Scientific community?

A great deal	39.1
Only Some	46.2
Hardly any	9.3
Don't know	5.3
Total Cases (219)	100.0

Congress?

A great deal	19.3
Only Some	53.8
Hardly any	23.3
Don't know	3.5
Total Cases (219)	100.0

Military?

A great deal	45.1
Only Some	45.0
Hardly any	8.5
Don't know	1.5
Total Cases (217)	100.0

Now we'd like to ask you some questions about the death penalty. Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?

No, not in favor	24.0
Yes, in favor	70.7
Don't know	5.3
Total Cases (258)	100.0

Are you in favor of the death penalty for all killings, including unintentional manslaughter?

No, not in favor	80.0
Yes, in favor	11.8
Don't know	7.2
Total Cases (261)	100.0

Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of armed robbery?

No, not in favor	81.6
Yes, in favor	12.6
Don't know	5.8
Total Cases (262)	100.0

Are you in favor of the death penalty for so-called white-collar crimes like embezzlement or fraud?

No, not in favor	91.2
Yes, in favor	6.2
Don't know	2.7
Total Cases (262)	100.0

Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

No, not in favor	80.3
Yes, in favor	15.5
Don't know	4.2
Total Cases (262)	100.0

Today, biological and chemical evidence such as DNA testing can establish conclusively whether certain persons did or did not commit a murder. Would you give the death penalty ONLY when DNA or other chemical evidence establishes a murderer's guilt? Or would you give the death penalty without such evidence?

Only with DNA proof	35.9
Without DNA proof	38.6
Don't know	19.5
Total Cases (244)	100.0

Some people favor giving the death penalty only when certain extremely cruel or violent murders are committed, such as serial killings, torture-killings, torture and mutilation of children, and the like. Would you give the death penalty ONLY when extreme murders of this sort are committed? Or would you give the death penalty when other kinds of murder are committed?

Only with extreme murders	35.9
For other kinds of murders	49.7
Don't know	14.4
Total Cases (262)	100.0

Now, we would like to know whether certain things would affect your support for the death penalty. Would you be more likely to oppose or favor the death penalty if the following things are true, or wouldn't it matter? What if the following were true? . . .

Some people who are mentally ill may receive the death penalty.

More likely to oppose	48.9
Wouldn't matter	31.8
More likely to favor	9.4
Don't know	9.9
Total Cases (254)	100.0

The murderer would receive a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

More likely to oppose	30.4
Wouldn't matter	36.6
More likely to favor	26.6
Don't know	6.4
Total Cases (256)	100.0

Members of minority groups are more likely than others to receive the death penalty for the same crimes.

More likely to oppose	36.9
Wouldn't matter	41.5
More likely to favor	11.8
Don't know	9.7
Total Cases (255)	100.0

Poor people are more likely than others to receive the death penalty for the same crimes.

More likely to oppose	43.9
Wouldn't matter	37.3
More likely to favor	11.3
Don't know	7.5
Total Cases (254)	100.0

The murderer is a teenager under age 18.

More likely to oppose	36.9
Wouldn't matter	35.2
More likely to favor	18.0
Don't know	9.8
Total Cases (251)	100.0

Keeping murderers in prison for life would cost less than the death penalty.

More likely to oppose	33.4
Wouldn't matter	37.3
More likely to favor	22.2
Don't know	7.1
Total Cases (254)	100.0

Some people who have been executed are proved to be innocent.

More likely to oppose	48.9
Wouldn't matter	32.0
More likely to favor	10.0
Don't know	9.1
Total Cases (254)	100.0

The death penalty is not a deterrent to murder.

More likely to oppose	26.6
Wouldn't matter	41.1
More likely to favor	20.8
Don't know	11.6
Total Cases (246)	100.0

As you may know, Paul Dennis Reed has been convicted of first degree murder in the slayings of employees of fast food restaurants. Some authorities argue that he is mentally ill. Others say he is competent. If Paul Dennis Reed is guilty of these murders, do you think he should be given the death penalty?

Yes	74.3
No	18.2
Don't know	7.5
Total Cases (253)	100.0

Now on a different topic. Are you currently retired?

Yes	26.2
No	73.4
Don't know	.4
Total Cases (263)	100.0

I'd like to ask you some questions about retirement financial planning.

Do you believe adequate funds to support Social Security will be available for you when you retire?

Yes	21.6
No	72.1
Don't know	6.3
Total Cases (194)	100.0

About what percentage of your yearly income are you saving toward retirement?

less than 10 percent	48.0
10 - 15 percent	25.2
More than 15 percent	19.7
Don't know	7.1
Total Cases (190)	100.0

Next I'd like to ask you some questions about retirement. Many people don't know the answers to these questions. If you don't know, please feel free to say so. Please tell me whether you think each question is true or false. Please let me know if you don't know.

As a rule of thumb, you need 60-80% of your pre-retirement, after-tax income to maintain your standard of living in retirement?

Yes	56.7
No	13.9
Don't know	29.4
Total Cases (193)	100.0

Inflation is a major threat to your retirement security. A 4% rate of inflation over 20 years will reduce the purchasing power of \$1 to 46 cents.

Yes	47.2
No	12.8
Don't know	40.0
Total Cases (194)	100.0

An individual retiring at age 65 has a life expectancy of 25 years.

Yes	38.9
No	38.6
Don't know	22.5
Total Cases (194)	100.0

Those who retire early and begin receiving Social Security benefits at age 62 would have their benefits reduced by 10%.

Yes	55.3
No	16.1
Don't know	28.6
Total Cases (192)	100.0

One of the most important rules of retirement planning is to stick with the most conservative types of assets, such as bonds or certificates of deposit.

Yes	37.0
No	42.2
Don't know	20.8
Total Cases (193)	100.0

Now I would like to ask you about where you get information about retirement planning.

About how often do you talk with family members about retirement planning. Would you say you talk about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	5.7
once or twice a month	16.3
only a few times a year	22.2
hardly ever	52.3
Don't know	3.4
Total Cases (192)	100.0

About how often do you talk with friends about retirement planning. Would you say you talk about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	11.4
once or twice a month	14.2
only a few times a year	23.3
hardly ever	48.2
Don't know	2.9
Total Cases (193)	100.0

About how often do you talk with coworkers about retirement planning. Would you say you talk about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	16.1
once or twice a month	15.3
only a few times a year	19.2
hardly ever	46.2
Don't know	3.2
Total Cases (193)	100.0

About how often do you talk with a professional financial planner about retirement planning. Would you say you talk about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	5.5
once or twice a month	8.2
only a few times a year	21.9
hardly ever	62.5
Don't know	1.9
Total Cases (192)	100.0

About how often do you watch television to learn about retirement planning. Would you say you watch television for this purpose about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	7.9
once or twice a month	9.9
only a few times a year	9.1
hardly ever	71.0
Don't know	2.1
Total Cases (192)	100.0

About how often do you use the Internet to learn about retirement planning. Would you say you use the Internet for this purpose about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	6.3
once or twice a month	5.6
only a few times a year	9.7
hardly ever	74.5
Don't know	3.9
Total Cases (191)	100.0

About how often do you read print media like newspapers, news magazines, or political magazines to learn about retirement planning? Would you say you read print media for this purpose about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	17.4
once or twice a month	21.6
only a few times a year	16.1
hardly ever	43.5
Don't know	1.4
Total Cases (192)	100.0

About how often do you listen to radio or talk radio to learn about retirement planning? Would you say you listen to the radio for this purpose about every week, once or twice a month, only a few times a year, or hardly ever?

every week	12.2
once or twice a month	13.2
only a few times a year	8.5
hardly ever	64.6
Don't know	1.4
Total Cases (192)	100.0

In answering the next four questions, please compare the Internet to sources you would normally go to for retirement planning information. Even if you do not use the Internet, we still want your perceptions.

Compared to other sources, how believable is the Internet as an information source? Very believable, moderately believable, somewhat believable, or not at all believable?

very believable	21.7
moderately believable	40.5
somewhat believable	22.7
not very believable	4.6
not at all believable	1.1
Don't know	9.4
Total Cases (191)	100.0

Compared to other sources, how fair is the Internet as an information source? Would you say it's very fair, moderately fair, somewhat fair, not very fair, or not at all fair?

very fair	29.2
moderately fair	34.1
somewhat fair	23.7
not very fair	3.5
not at all fair	1.4
Don't know	8.0
Total Cases (190)	100.0

Compared to other sources, how accurate is the Internet as an information source? Would you say it's very accurate, moderately accurate, somewhat accurate, not very accurate, or not at all accurate?

very accurate	29.9
moderately accurate	34.3
somewhat accurate	22.5
not very accurate	2.9
not at all accurate	1.3
Don't know	9.2
Total Cases (191)	100.0

Compared to other sources, how in-depth is the Internet as an information source?

very in-depth	42.3
moderately in-depth	27.3
somewhat in-depth	11.9
not very in-depth	4.1
not at all in-depth	1.1
Don't know	13.3
Total Cases (190)	100.0

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about how often you talk to various people.

First, during an average day, approximately how many hours do you spend talking with family members?

more than two hours a day	41.1
about one to two hours a day	29.8
about an hour a day	8.9
30 minutes or so	11.1
almost none	9.1
Total Cases (193)	100.0

During an average day, approximately how many hours do you spend talking with friends? Would you say you talk to them more than two hours a day, about one to two hours, about an hour, 30 minutes or so, or almost none?

more than two hours a day	34.1
about one to two hours a day	22.6
about an hour a day	17.3
30 minutes or so	18.4
almost none	6.6
Don't know	1.1
Total Cases (193)	100.0

During an average day, approximately how many hours do you spend talking with coworkers? Would you say you talk to them more than two hours a day, about one to two hours, about an hour, 30 minutes or so, or almost none?

more than two hours a day	59.4
about one to two hours a day	13.0
about an hour a day	13.5
30 minutes or so	3.4
almost none	9.5
Don't know	1.3
Total Cases (193)	100.0

In the past seven days, between (TODAY'S DAY OF THE WEEK) of last week and yesterday, how many days did you read or look at a daily newspaper?

Zero	11.0
One	9.6
Two	14.3
Three	11.0
Four	7.8
Five	8.0
Six	3.2
Seven	34.5
Don't know	.6
Total Cases (483)	100.0

In the past seven days, between (TODAY'S DAY OF THE WEEK) of last week and yesterday, how many days did you watch a national nightly television news program such as those anchored by Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, or Peter Jennings?

Zero	19.6
One	6.9
Two	14.0
Three	9.7
Four	10.0
Five	8.0
Six	1.6
Seven	28.8
Don't know	1.3
Total Cases (482)	100.0

In the past seven days, between (TODAY'S DAY OF THE WEEK) of last week and yesterday, how many days did you watch a local nightly television news program?

Zero	13.0
One	5.5
Two	7.9
Three	10.4
Four	9.3
Five	11.8
Six	2.7
Seven	38.6
Don't know	.8
Total Cases (483)	100.0

In the past seven days, between (TODAY'S DAY OF THE WEEK) of last week and yesterday, how many days did you listen to National Public Radio?

Zero	47.5
One	8.2
Two	9.1
Three	5.9
Four	3.0
Five	3.2
Six	2.2
Seven	18.4
Don't know	2.5
Total Cases (484)	100.0

Do you use the Internet, either to check e-mail or browse the World Wide Web?

Yes	56.9
No	42.1
Don't know	1.1
Total Cases (484)	100.0

In the past seven days, between (TODAY'S DAY OF THE WEEK) of last week and yesterday, how many days did you read or browse Internet news?

Zero	17.3
One	7.2
Two	8.1
Three	6.3
Four	3.1
Five	2.4
Six	.6
Seven	12.1
Don't know	2.1
Total Cases (484)	100.0

In the past seven days, between (TODAY'S DAY OF THE WEEK) of last week and yesterday, how many days did you read or look at news magazines or political magazines?

Zero	55.9
One	14.5
Two	12.1
Three	5.4
Four	2.4
Five	2.9
Six	.6
Seven	4.7
Don't know	1.4
Total Cases (484)	100.0

In the past seven days, between (TODAY'S DAY OF THE WEEK) of last week and yesterday, how many days did you listen to radio or talk radio news programs?

Zero	35.8
One	7.5
Two	11.1
Three	6.5
Four	2.0
Five	8.4
Six	3.0
Seven	23.9
Don't know	1.7
Total Cases (484)	100.0

Now, here are a few questions about the government in Washington. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, so if there are some you don't know, just tell me, and we'll go on.

First, do you happen to know what job or political office is now held by Al Gore?

Vice president	88.9
Any incorrect answer	3.7
Don't know	7.4
Total Cases (482)	100.0

How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a presidential veto?

Two-thirds	45.6
Any incorrect answer	18.0
Don't know	36.4
Total Cases (481)	100.0

Do you happen to know which party currently has the most members in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Republican	62.3
Any incorrect answer	18.1
Don't know	19.6
Total Cases (482)	100.0

Now, please tell me whether you have used any of these forms of expression in the last five years. Have you ...

Written a letter to a newspaper, magazine or television news program?

Yes	20.6
No	77.9
Don't know	1.5
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Called in to a radio or television talk show?

Yes	22.4
No	76.8
Don't know	.9
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Written a letter to, phoned or otherwise contacted a candidate for public office or an elected official?

Yes	37.9
No	61.2
Don't know	.9
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Attended a public meeting of an organization interested in public affairs?

Yes	40.9
No	58.3
Don't know	.9
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Spoken out at a public meeting of an organization interested in public affairs?

Yes	18.7
No	80.1
Don't know	1.2
Total Cases (485)	100.0

Taken part in a public demonstration or march?

Yes	11.3
No	87.5
Don't know	1.2
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Worked in a political campaign?

Yes	19.1
No	80.3
Don't know	.6
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say that you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ... most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

Hardly at all	11.6
Only now and then	19.3
Some of the time	33.0
Most of the time	34.8
Don't know	1.3
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Are you registered to vote in Tennessee?

Yes, registered	81.2
No, not registered	17.9
Don't know	.9
Total Cases (484)	100.0

How often would you say you vote? Always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

Seldom	10.6
Part of the time	18.4
Nearly always	24.5
Always	43.7
Never	.5
Don't know	2.4
Total Cases (390)	100.0

Many people feel that their political views are too complex to describe with a single label. But if you had to choose one of the following categories, how would you describe your political orientation? Are you far left, liberal, middle of the road, conservative, or far right?

Far left	3.0
Liberal	13.3
Middle of the road	42.3
Conservative	29.8
Far right	3.6
Don't know	8.0
Total Cases (477)	100.0

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

Republican	24.9
Democrat	38.4
Independent	24.6
Other	8.2
Don't know	4.0
Total Cases (481)	100.0

As of last week, were you working full-time, working part-time, going to school, keeping house, retired, or something else?

Working full-time (35 hours/week or more)	59.4
Working part-time	5.7
Employed, but on vacation, sick, etc.	1.0
Unemployed/laid off	.5
Retired	21.2
In school	6.3
Keeping house	4.1
Other	1.3
Don't know	.6
Total Cases (484)	100.0

What is the last grade in school you completed?

H.S. Grad or less	40.9
Some College or Trade	26.8
College Grad to Post Grad	32.3
Total Cases (469)	100.0

Age

18-34	30.3
35- 49	33.2
50-64	20.6
65 and up	16.0
Total Cases (470)	100.0

Which of the following income categories best describes your total household income in 1998? Was it ... (READ CATEGORIES)

Less than 15K	13.6
15-24,999K	16.7
25-39,999K	25.2
40-49,990K	9.9
50K or more	34.7
Total Cases (409)	100.0

How many years have you lived in Tennessee? (ENTER 0 IF LESS THAN 1)

0-18	31.0
19-38	31.8
39-	37.2
Total Cases (471)	100.0

Eight-County Metropolitan Statistical Area

Non-MSA	37.6
MSA	62.4
Total Cases (470)	100.0

Metro/Non-Metro

Non Metro, Nashville-Davidson County	72.9
Metro Nashville-Davidson County	27.7
Total Cases (470)	100.0

Lots of things come up that keep people from attending religious services even if they want to. Do you go to religious services almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

Never	20.8
A few times a year	21.3
Once or twice a month	15.0
Almost every week	43.9
Don't know	.4
Total Cases (379)	100.0

Do you mostly attend a place of worship that is Christian, Jewish, Islamic, or something else?

Christian	95.5
Jewish	.3
Islamic	.3
Something else	3.0
Don't know	.9
Total Cases(387)	100.0

What is your church's denomination?

Southern Baptist	20.8
Other Baptist	14.5
Church of Christ	16.7
Episcopalian or Anglican	1.6
Lutheran	.9
United Methodist	11.0
Other Methodist	2.8
Presbyterian	5.0
Catholic	7.0
Something else	18.9
Don't know	.7
Total Cases(366)	100.0

Do you consider yourself of Hispanic origin or descent?

Yes	3.7
No	96.2
Don't know	.2
Total Cases (483)	100.0

Do you consider yourself white, black or African-American, Asian, Native-American or some other race or races?

White	87.1
Black or African-American	11.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	.1
Native American or Alaskan Native	.4
Other	.8
Don't know	.4
Total Cases (481)	100.0

Are you currently married, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	59.9
Divorced	12.9
Separated	1.6
Widowed	6.1
Never been married	19.1
Don't know	.4
Total Cases (477)	100.0

How many children, if any, do you have who are living with you and who are high school age or younger?

1	43.1
2	40.4
3	10.9
4	3.6
5	1.0
6	.5
7	.5
Total Cases (207)	100.0

Gender

MALE	47.3
FEMALE	52.7
Total Cases (485)	100.0

How would you rate the person whom you just interviewed?

Wholly pleasant	83.0
Mostly pleasant	13.2
Equally pleasant and unpleasant	2.7
Mostly unpleasant	.8
Wholly unpleasant	.3
Total Cases(485)	100.0