

## The Tennessee Poll Spring 2020 Questionnaire

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Hi, my name is \_\_\_ and I am calling on behalf of East Tennessee State University. Just so you know, I am not trying to sell or market anything. We are conducting the Tennessee Poll which is a yearly statewide survey with Tennessee residents to gather your thoughts and opinions on things that impact your health, education, and quality of life in Tennessee.

[For landline numbers] May I speak to the YOUNGEST ADULT MALE in the household?

- If no male, Okay, may I speak to the YOUNGEST ADULT FEMALE in the household?
- IF only male or only female (regardless of age): okay, well, if you are the only male/female in the house then you are the one we would like to speak to.
  - o Once correct person on line: The survey should take about 10 minutes depending on your answers and you answer only the questions you want to. May I ask you a few questions?
  - o [If no] okay, is there a better time that I can call back to reach him/her?
    - [If yes] Schedule call back time
    - [If no] Disposition call

[For Cell Phone Numbers] The survey should take about 10 minutes depending on your answers and you answer only the questions you want to. Our records indicate that we are likely calling you on a cell phone. Are you in a safe place that I may I ask you a few questions?

- [If yes] continue

[If no] Okay, is there a better time that I can call you back?

- [If yes] Schedule call back time
- [If no] Disposition call

[INTRO SCRIPT]

Great, thank you for agreeing to take our survey. As I mentioned, this is the Tennessee Poll and it is being conducted by Dr. Kelly Foster at East Tennessee State University. I will provide you with Dr. Foster's contact information at the end of this call if you would like it. Also, please know that your responses are confidential and will only be reported in group form – they will never be linked to your phone number or identify you in any way.

Q\_demo\_yob In what year were you born? (4 digit year)

[RECORD VERBATIM]

[IF 2003 later, END SURVEY]

[IF YOBS = 2002] Have you had a birthday this year?

Yes (1)

No (2) – END SURVEY

Q\_demo\_zip. What is the zipcode of your primary residence? [SCREEN OUT ANY NON-TN ZIPCODES]

***Okay, first I would like to ask you about issues facing our country and the state of Tennessee.***

**Q\_USAProb. What do you consider the most important problem or issue facing this country (USA) today?** (Record verbatim)

**Q\_TNProb. What is the most important problem or issue facing people in Tennessee today?** (Record verbatim)

**Q\_Track. Generally speaking, would you say things in Tennessee are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?**

Right Direction (1)

Wrong Track (2)

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[POLITICAL MODULE]

***Okay, now I want to switch topics and ask you a few questions about general news and politics.***

**Q\_news\_sources. What is your primary source of news? [if prompted, this could be friends, family, or media. If they say media, ask which outlet. If they say government, prompt for agency or whom]. [Select all that apply.]**

Local public health officials in your county (1)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (2)

The World Health Organization (WHO) (3)

Your contacts on social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter (4)

Your close friends and family members (5)

Your physician (6)

Fox News (7)

CNN (8)

MSNBC (9)

NBC/CBS/ABC News (10)

Your local newspaper or TV News (including online site) (11)

National Newspapers such as the New York Times, Washington Post, and USA Today (12)

National Public Radio or TV (13)

Apple News (14)

Something else (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (19)

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**Q\_politics\_national. In general, how closely do you follow news about national politics?**

Very closely (1)

Somewhat closely (2)

Not very much (3)

Not at all (4)

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**Q\_politics\_state. In general, how closely do you follow news about Tennessee state politics?**

Very closely (1)

Somewhat closely (2)

Not very much (3)

Not at all (4)

DK/NOT SURE (VOL) (88)

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**Q\_politics\_likelyvote. How likely are you to vote in the general election on November 6<sup>th</sup>? Would you say that you will definitely vote, will likely vote, will likely not vote, or will definitely not vote?**

Will definitely vote (1)

Will likely vote (2)

Will likely not vote (3) → SKIP ALL HORSE RACE QUESTIONS- go to QMail Spilt Qs

Will definitely not vote (4) → SKIP ALL HORSE RACE QUESTIONS - go to QMail Spilt Qs

DK/NOT SURE(VOL) (88) → SKIP ALL HORSE RACE QUESTIONS - go to QMail Spilt

REFUSED (VOL) (99) → SKIP ALL HORSE RACE QUESTIONS - go to QMail Spilt

**Q\_politics\_president. If the elections for U.S. President were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate Donald Trump or the Democratic Party's likely candidate which is Joe Biden?**

REPUBLICAN Donald Trump (1)

DEMOCRAT Joe Biden (2)

OTHER (3)

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**Q\_Senate Senator Lamar Alexander will not be running for reelection to the U.S. Senate. Would you like to see him replaced by another Republican, a Democrat, or does the party of the Senate candidate not matter to you?**

REPUBLICAN candidate (1)  
DEMOCRAT candidate (2)  
Does not matter (3)  
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REFUSED(VOL) (99)

**Q\_House. If the Congressional elections were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate in your district?**

REPUBLICAN candidate (1)  
DEMOCRAT candidate (2)  
Does not matter (3)  
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***SPLIT SAMPLE [RANDOMLY ASSIGN R TO ONE OF THE 2 FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:***

**Q\_Mail1. Do you favor or oppose requiring voting by mail in the 2020 general election?**

Favor (1)  
Oppose (2)  
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REFUSED(VOL) (99)

**Q\_Mail2**

**Do you think every Tennessean should have the option of voting by mail in the next general election, or should vote by mail options only be given to those who are physically unable to vote in person?**

Option to vote by mail (1)  
Vote in person(2)  
DK/NOT SURE(VOL)(88)  
REFUSED(VOL) (99)

***[COVID-19 MODULE]***

***Now I would like to switch topics and ask you about the coronavirus also called COVID-19.***

**Q\_covid\_news. How closely have you followed news about the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID19?**

Very closely  
Very closely (1)  
Somewhat closely (2)  
Not very much (3)  
Not at all (4)  
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**Q\_covid\_concern. When you think about the coronavirus, what is your biggest concern?**

[ask open ended, record verbatim]

**Q\_covid\_trust. Where do you go when you want news you can trust about the coronavirus? [if prompted, this could be friends, family, or media. If they say media, ask which outlet. If they say government, prompt for agency or whom]. [Select all that apply.]**

Local public health officials in your county (1)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (2)

The World Health Organization (WHO) (3)

Your contacts on social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter (4)

Your close friends and family members (5)

Your physician (6)

Fox News (7)

CNN (8)

MSNBC (9)

NBC/CBS/ABC News (10)

Your local newspaper or TV News (11)

National Newspapers such as the New York Times, Washington Post, and USA Today (12)

Governor Bill Lee (13)

President Trump (14)

Vice President Pence (15)

Dr. Anthony Fauci with the Coronavirus Task Force (16)

Dr. Deborah Birx with the Coronavirus Task Force (17)

National Public Radio or TV (18)

Something else (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_(19)

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**I'm going to read a list of statements. For each one, please tell me how likely you think each one is to happen in the next 3 months as a result of the coronavirus. For each one, please tell me if it has already happened, is very likely to happen, likely to happen, unlikely to happen, or very unlikely to happen.**

Has already happened (1)

Very likely (2)

Likely (3)

Unlikely (4)

Very unlikely (5)

DK/Unsure (88)

Refused (99)

Not applicable (77)

**How likely is it that...**

**Q\_covid\_diagnosed. You will be diagnosed with coronavirus**

**Q\_covid\_severe. If you get coronavirus, you would have severe symptoms**

**Q\_covid\_losejob. You will lose your job**

**Q\_covid\_foodstores. You or someone in your household will go without food because it is not available in the stores**

**Q\_covid\_foodafford. You or someone in your household will go without food because you cannot afford it**

**Q\_covid\_mortgagepay. You will be unable to pay your monthly mortgage or rent**

**Q\_covid\_billspay. You will be unable to pay your household bills**

**Q\_covid\_skipmedical. You or someone in your household will skip needed medical treatment or appointments**

**Q\_covid\_relapsealcohol. You or someone in your household will relapse alcohol**

**Q\_covid\_relapse. You or someone in your household will relapse with drugs**

**Q\_covid\_socialdistance. How strict have you been about social distancing – such as staying home as much as you can, not gathering in groups, and not shaking hands or hugging? Would you say you have been very strict, pretty strict, not very strict, or not at all strict?**

Very strict (1)

Pretty strict (2)

Not very strict (3)

Not at all strict (4)

DK/Unsure (88)

Refused (99)

**Q\_covid\_vaccine. If a vaccine for the coronavirus became available, how quickly would you get vaccinated, if you get vaccinated at all? [read response options]**

I would be among the first (1)

I would be in the middle (2)

I would be among the last (3)

I would not get vaccinated (4)

Don't know/Unsure (VOL) (88)

REFUSED (VOL) (99)

**Q\_covid\_health. Would you say your lifestyle, including what you eat and how much you exercise, is more healthy or less healthy since the coronavirus outbreak, or is it about the same?**

More healthy (1)  
Less healthy (2)  
About the same as before (3)  
DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)  
Refused (VOL) (99)

**In the past 7 days, how often have you...**

Most or all of the time (5-7 days), Occasionally or a moderate amount of time (3-4 days),  
Some or a little of the time (1-2 days) or rarely or none of the time ( less than 1 day).

**Q\_hopeful. Felt hopeful about the future?**

**Q\_nervous. Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge?**

**Q\_troublesleep. Had trouble sleeping?**

**Q\_depressed. Felt depressed?**

**Q\_lonely. Felt lonely?**

**Q\_physicalreaction. In the past 7days, how often have you had physical reactions, such as sweating, trouble breathing, nausea, or a pounding heart, when THINKING about your experience with the coronavirus outbreak?**

**Q\_covid\_flushot. DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, have you had a flu shot? A flu shot is usually given in the fall and protects against influenza for the flu season.**

Yes, have had a flu shot (1)  
No, have not had a flu shot (2)  
DK/Unsure (88)  
Refused (99)

**Q\_employment. What is your current employment status?**

Employed full-time for pay (1)  
Employed part-time for pay (2)  
Student (3)  
Self-employed (4)  
Working at home without pay/stay at home parent (5)  
Retired (6)  
Looking for work (7)  
Something else (please specify) (8)  
Disabled, not able to work (9)  
Something else (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ (10)  
DK/NOT SURE (VOL) (88)  
REFUSED (VOL) (99)

**Q\_covid\_employmentimpact. How has your employment status changed due to the coronavirus pandemic, if at all? [ask open ended and code into categories]**

Permanently lost your job (1)

Temporarily lost your job (2)  
Had your hours reduced (3)  
Been assigned a different role at work (4)  
Started working from home (5)  
Needed to take paid leave from work (6)  
Gone back to work/increased work hours (7)  
Or, has your employment status and the nature of your work has not changed due to  
Coronavirus (8)  
DK/NOT SURE (VOL) (88)  
REFUSED (VOL) (99)

**Q\_covid\_employedhealth. Are you or is someone in your household employed in the healthcare sector where there is direct contact with patients or individuals who could possibly have coronavirus?**

Yes, me (1)  
Yes, someone else in my HH (2)  
No (3)  
DK/Unsure (88)  
Refused (99)

**Q\_covid\_employedsector. [If no,] In what field are you employed?  
[ask open ended, record verbatim]**

DK/Unsure (88)  
Refused (99)

***Now I have a few questions about your thoughts on both the federal and state response to the coronavirus pandemic and social restrictions.***

**Q\_covid\_outbreak. How confident are you that the government will be able to limit the impact of the outbreak over the next few weeks – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?**

Very confident (1)  
Somewhat confident (2)  
Not too confident (3)  
Not at all confident (4)  
DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)  
Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_covid\_repoen. Once government restrictions on social contact are lifted and businesses and schools start to reopen, how quickly do you think you would return to your normal activities, including interacting with people in public? 1) Immediately; 2) Wait to see what happens with the spread of the virus before resuming; 3) Continue to limit your contact with other people and daily activities indefinitely?**



Immediately (1)  
Wait to see what happens (2)  
Limit activities indefinitely (3)  
DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)  
Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_covid\_returnnormal. If there were no government restrictions and people were able to decide for themselves about being out in public, how soon would you return to your normal day-to-day activities? [read responses]**

Right now (1)  
After the number of new cases declines significantly (2)  
After there are no new cases for a period of time (3)  
After a coronavirus vaccine is developed (4)  
DK/Unsure (88)  
Refused (99)

***[ROTATE ORDER on Q\_covid\_fedsread and Q\_covid\_tnsread]***

**Q\_covid\_fedsread. Have the measures taken by the federal government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?**

Been appropriate (1)  
They have gone too far (2)  
Not gone far enough (3)  
DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)  
Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_covid\_tnsread. Have the measures taken by the Tennessee state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?**

Been appropriate (1)  
They have gone too far (2)  
Not gone far enough (3)  
DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)  
Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_politics\_covidpres Do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following are handling the coronavirus pandemic...**

Strongly approve (1)  
Approve (2)  
Disapprove (3)  
Strongly disapprove (4)  
DK/Unsure (88)

Refused(VOL) (99)

[Prompt when needed: Do you approve or disapprove of the way he/they are handling the coronavirus pandemic?]

**Q\_politics\_covidpres. President Donald Trump?**

**Q\_politics\_covidvicepres Vice President Mike Pence?**

**Q\_politics\_covidcongress Congress?**

**Q\_politics\_covidfauci Coronavirus Task Force Member Dr. Anthony Fauci**

**Q\_politics\_covidtngov Tennessee Governor Bill Lee**

**Q\_politics\_covidvicelocal Your local elected officials**

**Q\_politics\_covidcdc The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

**Q\_politics\_covidWHO The World Health Organization**

***Thank you for answering our questions. I have just a few more to make sure that our sample accurately reflects the population in Tennessee. Your responses are confidential and will only be reported in group form and never linked to your phone number.***

**Q\_demo\_numkids. How many children under the age of 18 currently live in your home?**

[IF RESPONSE IS GREATER THAN 0] **Q\_demo\_kids\_school\_howmany. How many of those children are school-aged (elementary through high school) ?**

**Q\_covid\_kidschool. Some individuals are concerned that students lost too much instructional time as a result of coronavirus and that the school system should develop a plan for students to make up that time. Others feel as though they are doing fine with the accommodations in place. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?**

The students lost instructional time that should be required to be made up either in summer school or by extending the school day next year. (1)

The students should be given the option for additional instructional time through summer school or extended school day but it should not be required. (2)

The students do not need additional instructional time this summer or during the school year because it increases the burden on teachers and students. (3)

DK/Unsure (88)

Refused (99)

**Q\_demo\_insurance. Are you covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of healthcare plan?** (Interviewer note: If asked, include health insurance obtained through employment or purchased directly as well as government programs like Medicare and Medicaid that provide medical care to help pay bills.)

Yes (1)

No (2)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_partyid. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?** (If Independent, ask: As of today, do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party? If they still say independent, select independent)

Republican (1)

Lean towards Republican (2)

Independent (3)

Lean towards Democrat (4)

Democrat (5)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_libconserve. In general, would you describe your political views as very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?**

Very conservative (1)

Conservative (2)

Moderate (3)

Liberal (4)

Very liberal (5)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_regvote. Are you registered to vote in the state of Tennessee?**

Yes (1)

No (2)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_vote2016. [IF REGISTERED TO VOTE = YES] Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential election?**

Yes (1)

No (2)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_marital. What is your current marital status?**

Married (1)

Divorced (2)

Separated (3)

Widowed (4)

Single (never been married) (5)

Living with a partner (6)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_gender. Gender:**

Male (1)

Female (2)

Refused/unable to ascertain gender (3)

**Q\_demo\_landline. Is there at least one phone inside your home that is currently working and NOT a cell phone? (i.e. a landline phone)**

Yes (1)

No (2)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_cell. [FOR THOSE WITH A LANDLINE IN THE HOME] Do you personally have a working cell phone?**

Yes (1)

No (2)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_cellsat. Please pick the statement that comes closest to your family's incoming call activity. [ONLY IF LANDLINE AND HAVE A CELL PHONE ]**

- All or almost all calls are received on cell phones (1)
- Some received on cell phones, some on landline (2)
- Very few or no calls received on cell phones (3)
- DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)
- Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_income. What was your total household income before taxes based on last year's tax return?**

- Less than 15,000 (1)
- Between \$15,001 - \$25,000 (2)
- Between \$25,001 - \$50,000 (3)
- Between \$50,001 - \$75,000 (4)
- Between \$75,001 - \$ 100,000 (5)
- Greater than \$100,001 (6)
- DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)
- Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_race. Would you describe your race/ethnicity as:**

- White (1)
- Hispanic/Latino (2)
- African American (3)
- Asian (4)
- Mixed race heritage (5)
- Other (Please specify): (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)
- Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_education. What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

- [ask open ended record in category]
- Did not complete high school, no GED (1)
- Did not complete high school, has GED (2)
- High school diploma, no additional education (3)
- High school diploma, went to college but no degree (4)
- Beyond high school, completed a vocational or technical program (5)
- Associate's degree from a community college (6)
- Bachelor's degree (7)
- Master's degree (8)
- Professional degree (JD, MD, PharmD, DDS, etc.) (9)
- Doctoral degree (PhD, EdD, DSW) (10)
- DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)
- Refused (VOL) (99)



**Q\_demo\_religion. What is your religion, if any?** [ask open ended and code appropriately.]

Baptist (Bible) (1)

Methodist (Bible)(2)

Non-denominational Family (Bible)(3)

Lutheran Family (Bible)(4)

Presbyterian Family (Bible)Pentacostal Family (Bible)(5)

Episcopalian/Anglican Family (Bible)(6)

Restorationist Family (Bible)(7)

Congregationalist Family (Bible)(8)

Holiness Family (Bible)(9)

Reformed Family (Bible)(10)

Adventist Family (Bible)(11)

Anabaptist Family (Bible)(12)

Pietist Family (Bible)(13)

Other evangelical/fundamentalist family (Bible)(14)

Nonspecific Protestant Family (Bible)(15)

Friends Family (Bible)(16)

Historically Black Baptist Family (HBPT) (Bible)(17)

Historically Black Methodist Family (Bible)(18)

Historically Black Pentecostal Family (Bible)(19)

Historically Black Holiness Family (Bible)(20)

Historically Black Nondenominational Family (Bible)(21)

Historically Black Nonspecific Protestant Family (Bible)(22)

Catholic (Bible)(23)

Mormon (Other)(24)

Orthodox Christian (Bible)(25)

Jehovah's Witness (Other)(26)

Other Christian (Bible)(27)

Jewish (Other)(28)

Muslim (Other)(29)

Buddhist (Other)(30)

Hindu (Other)(31)

Atheist (Bible)(32)

Agnostic (Bible)(33)

Spiritual (Bible)(34)

Nothing in particular/Don't know (Bible)(35)

Other (please specify): (Other) \_\_\_\_\_ (36)

DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)

Refused (VOL) (99)

**Q\_demo\_attend. Prior to the coronavirus restrictions, about how often did you attend religious services?**

- Never (1)
- Less than once a year (2)
- Once a year (3)
- Several times a year (4)
- Once a month (5)
- Two to three times a month (6)
- Nearly every week (7)
- Every week (8)
- More than once a week (9)
- DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)
- Refused (VOL) (99)

Display This Question:

If ReligiousText Is Equal to Bible (located in () on the religion question)

**Q\_demo\_bible. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?**

- The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word on all subjects (1)
- The Bible is the inspired word of God, but not everything should be taken literally, word for word (2)
- The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man (3)
- DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)
- Refused (VOL) (99)

Display This Question:

If ReligiousText Is Equal to Other (located in () on the religion question)

**Q\_demo\_sacredtext. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the sacred texts of your tradition?**

- The sacred text is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word on all subjects (1)
- The sacred text is the inspired word of God but not everything should be taken literally, word for word (2)
- The sacred text is an ancient book of fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man (3)
- DK/Unsure (VOL) (88)
- Refused (VOL) (99)



## The Tennessee Poll Spring 2020 Questionnaire

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Thank you for answering our questions. Would you like contact information for Dr. Foster before we hang up? She is happy to answer any questions you may have or you can also find our more information at [www.etsu.edu/asrl](http://www.etsu.edu/asrl). [If yes, provide email ([fosterkn@etsu.edu](mailto:fosterkn@etsu.edu)) or office line (423-439-4374). ]