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Interviews: 400 registered voters  
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**FINAL**

Study #12269--Tennessee  
State Tax Survey  
November 2017

45 Male 55 Female [109]
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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

S1. Are you currently registered to vote in Tennessee?

Yes, registered.....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[139]
No, not registered .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	
Not sure .....	-		

S2. In the election for president last year, did you vote for Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, Donald Trump, the Republican, Gary Johnson, the Libertarian, or Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate, or did you not get a chance to vote in that election?

Hillary Clinton .....	30	[140]
Donald Trump.....	50	
Gary Johnson .....	2	
Jill Stein .....	2	
Did not vote .....	8	
Not sure/Refuse to say .....	8	

**VOTERS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE**

Hillary Clinton .....	36
Donald Trump.....	60
Gary Johnson .....	2
Jill Stein .....	2

S3ab. How would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic .....	24	[143]
Leaning Democratic .....	8	
Completely independent .....	23	
Leaning Republican .....	11	
Mostly Republican .....	29	
Not sure .....	5	
<b>Total Democratic</b>	<b>32</b>	
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>40</b>	

S4. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24 .....	7	[144-145]
25-29 .....	8	
30-34 .....	6	
35-39 .....	8	
40-44 .....	8	
45-49 .....	8	
50-54 .....	9	
55-59 .....	11	
60-64 .....	8	
65-69 .....	10	
70-74 .....	8	
75 and over .....	9	
Refused .....	-	

S5. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school .....	1	[146-147]
Some high school .....	3	
High school graduate .....	25	
Some college, no degree .....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college .....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree .....	25	
Some postgraduate work, no degree .....	4	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree ...	11	
Doctoral/law degree .....	2	
Not sure/refused .....	-	

1a. For each of the following groups, please tell me whether you think that group should pay more in federal taxes, less in federal taxes, or about the same in federal taxes as they are now.

	<u>Pay More</u>	<u>Pay Less</u>	<u>Pay Same</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Average families.....	3	56	39	2	[149]
Wealthy families .....	48	15	34	3	[150]
Corporations.....	45	22	26	7	[151]
Senior citizens.....	1	73	23	3	[152]

1b. Which do you think should be a higher priority today?

Reducing taxes across the board for people at all income levels .....	46	[153]
Reducing the budget deficit and national debt .....	47	
Not sure .....	7	

1c. Which do you think should be a higher priority today?

Reducing taxes across the board for people at all income levels .....	39	[154]
Making sure the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share in taxes	58	
Not sure .....	3	

2a. How much have you heard or read about the tax plan recently introduced by Republicans in Congress? Have you heard a lot, some, just a little, or not much at all about the Republican tax plan?

A lot .....	24	[155]
Some .....	33	
Just a little .....	21	
Not much at all .....	21	
Not sure .....	1	
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<b>Total A Lot/Some</b>	<b>57</b>	
<b>Total A Little/Not Much</b>	<b>42</b>	

2b. Based on what you have heard or read so far, do you approve or disapprove of the Republican tax plan? **(IF RESPONDENT MAKES A CHOICE, ASK:)** Is that somewhat or strongly approve/disapprove?

Strongly approve .....	13	[158]
Somewhat approve .....	17	
Somewhat disapprove .....	19	
Strongly disapprove .....	28	
Not sure .....	23	
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<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>47</b>	

3a. Who do you think will benefit the most from this Republican tax plan--low-income Americans, middle-class Americans, or wealthy Americans?

Low-income .....	6	[159]
Middle class .....	24	
Wealthy .....	54	
Not sure .....	16	

3b. Do you think the Republican tax plan will increase your taxes, reduce your taxes, or will it not have much impact either way?

Increase .....	33	[160]
Reduce .....	18	
Not much impact .....	39	
Not sure .....	10	

4. As you may know, most corporations will receive a tax cut from this plan. Do you think corporations will use that tax cut to significantly raise wages for their employees, or not?

Yes .....	20	[161]
No .....	72	
Not sure .....	8	

5. Following are some specific facts about the tax plan proposed by Republicans in Congress. For each one, please indicate whether this fact makes you feel more favorable or less favorable about the tax plan.

**(READ ITEM)** Does this make you feel much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, or much less favorable about the Republican tax plan?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SOMEWHAT OR MUCH MORE FAVORABLE*

	<u>Much More Favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat More Favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat Less Favorable</u>	<u>Much Less Favorable</u>	<u>Some Of Both/ Neither (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
It increases the child tax credit from one thousand dollars to two thousand dollars. ....	31	31	15	13	5	5	[254/ 269]
It reduces personal income tax rates in most tax brackets. ....	27	32	15	18	2	6	[259/ 274]
It cuts the top tax rate for corporations to twenty percent. ....	17	18	19	39	2	5	[249/ 264]
It doubles the size of the standard deduction for both individuals and married couples, while eliminating the four-thousand-dollar personal exemption for each member of a taxpayer's family.	14	21	24	25	10	6	[253/ 268]
To pay for tax cuts it repeals part of the Affordable Care Act, leaving thirteen million more people without health insurance. ....	15	11	19	45	4	6	[258/ 273]
The tax cuts for individuals and families are temporary, but the corporate tax cuts are permanent. ....	12	12	24	43	3	6	[257/ 272]
It eliminates the deduction for state and local taxes, which raises taxes on one in five Tennessee taxpayers. ....	10	13	26	39	4	8	[260/ 275]
It cuts in half the tax rate that corporations pay on foreign profits * .....	9	14	24	42	3	8	[262]
About one quarter of the total tax cut goes to the wealthiest one percent of taxpayers. ....	9	12	20	50	3	6	[250/ 265]
The loss of revenue from these tax cuts will likely require funding cuts for the military and national security. ....	7	11	25	47	4	6	[255/ 270]
It will result in cuts to Medicare of twenty-five billion dollars a year for the next decade ** .....	8	9	25	50	3	5	[277]
It increases the budget deficit by an average of more than one hundred billion dollars per year * .....	7	9	24	51	2	7	[263]
The loss of revenue from tax cuts will likely require funding cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and education.	7	9	18	56	5	5	[256// 271]
It increases the federal debt by one-point-five trillion dollars. ....	6	9	26	50	3	6	[252/ 267]
It will raise health insurance premiums by ten percent for millions of Americans ** .....	7	8	25	46	8	6	[278]
It raises taxes on tens of millions of middle-class households. ....	7	6	23	53	4	7	[251/ 266]
The healthcare changes in the plan will raise health insurance premiums by three thousand dollars for thousands of Tennessee families with individual insurance. ....	5	7	23	54	8	3	[261/ 276]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Q.5 SUMMARY**

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	<b>Total More Favorable</b>	<b>Total Less Favorable</b>	
It increases the child tax credit from one thousand dollars to two thousand dollars.....	62	28	[254/269]
It reduces personal income tax rates in most tax brackets. ....	59	33	[259/274]
It cuts the top tax rate for corporations to twenty percent. ....	35	58	[249/264]
It doubles the size of the standard deduction for both individuals and married couples, while eliminating the four-thousand-dollar personal exemption for each member of a taxpayer's family. ....	35	49	[253/268]
To pay for tax cuts it repeals part of the Affordable Care Act, leaving thirteen million more people without health insurance. ....	26	64	[258/273]
The tax cuts for individuals and families are temporary, but the corporate tax cuts are permanent.....	24	67	[257/272]
It eliminates the deduction for state and local taxes, which raises taxes on one in five Tennessee taxpayers.....	23	65	[260/275]
It cuts in half the tax rate that corporations pay on foreign profits * .....	23	66	[262]
About one quarter of the total tax cut goes to the wealthiest one percent of taxpayers. ....	21	70	[250/265]
The loss of revenue from these tax cuts will likely require funding cuts for the military and national security. ....	18	72	[255/270]
It will result in cuts to Medicare of twenty-five billion dollars a year for the next decade ** .....	17	75	[277]
It increases the budget deficit by an average of more than one hundred billion dollars per year * .....	16	75	[263]
The loss of revenue from tax cuts will likely require funding cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and education. ....	16	74	[256//271]
It increases the federal debt by one-point-five trillion dollars. ....	15	76	[252/267]
It will raise health insurance premiums by ten percent for millions of Americans ** .....	15	71	[278]
It raises taxes on tens of millions of middle-class households.....	13	76	[251/266]
The healthcare changes in the plan will raise health insurance premiums by three thousand dollars for thousands of Tennessee families with individual insurance. ....	12	77	[261/276]

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**Getting to the end of the survey...**

6ab. And thinking about everything we have discussed, do you approve or disapprove of the Republican tax plan? Is that somewhat or strongly (approve/disapprove)?

	<u>Q.6ab</u>	<i>Initial Response (Q.2b)</i>	
Strongly approve .....	14	13	[308]
Somewhat approve .....	19	17	
Somewhat disapprove .....	14	19	
Strongly disapprove .....	43	28	
Not sure.....	10	23	
<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>47</b>	

7. In your opinion, should Senator Corker vote in favor of the Republican tax plan or oppose the Republican tax plan? \*

Vote in favor .....	34	[1840]
Oppose .....	56	
Not sure .....	10	
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<i>Differential (Oppose-Favor).....</i>	22	

\*Results among 270 respondents.