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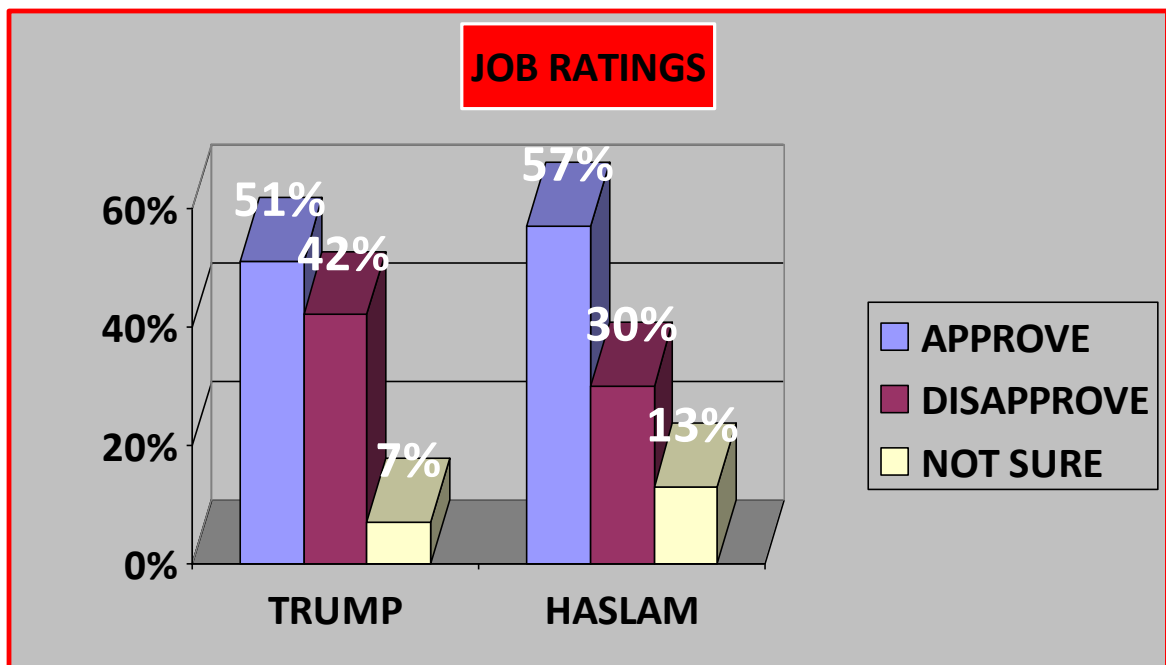
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MAJORITY OF TN VOTERS APPROVE OF TRUMP & HASLAM MIXED VIEW OF ALEXANDER, CORKER UNPOPULAR

A majority of Tennessee voters currently approve of the job performances of both President Donald Trump and Governor Bill Haslam. Statewide, 51% approve of the way Trump is handling his job and an even larger number (57%) approve of how Haslam is running the state.

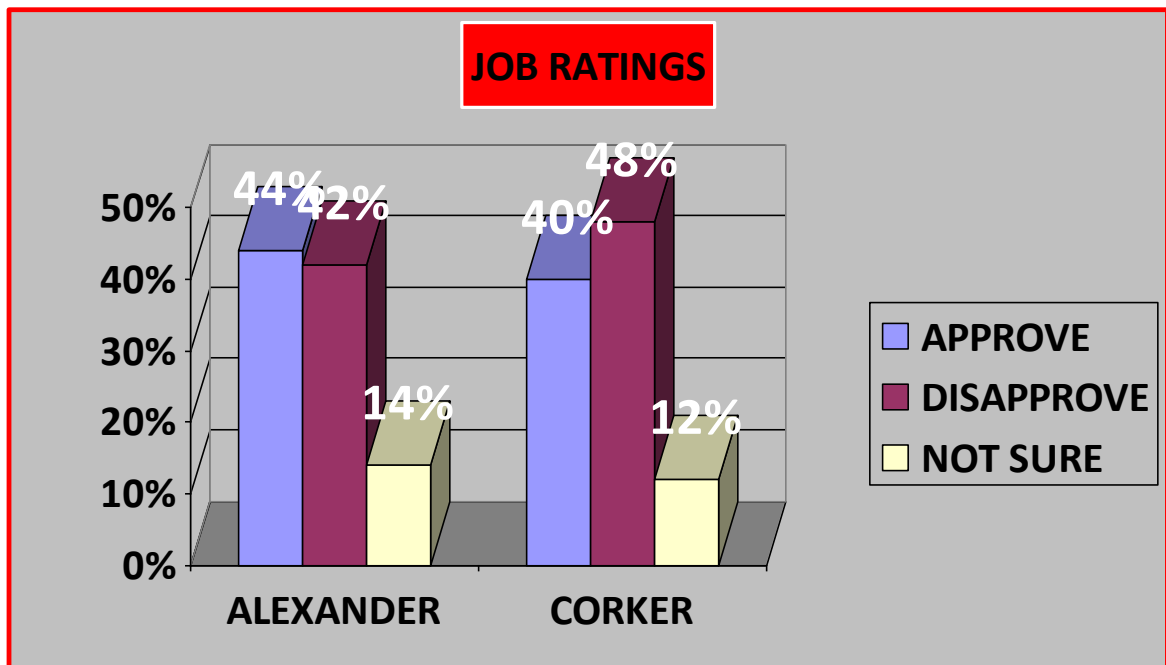


With Trump, there is a very sharp division based on a political party identification, with 81% of Republicans approving of it and 86% of Democrats disapproving. Independents approve of Trump's performance by a margin of 53%-38%.

Haslam has more cross-over support, as a plurality of Democrats (43%-41%) approve of the job he is doing as governor. Haslam has 67% approval from Republican voters, but lags behind Trump, as 24% of GOP voters disapprove of the GOP governor's performance. However, Independents give Haslam a 58% approval rating.

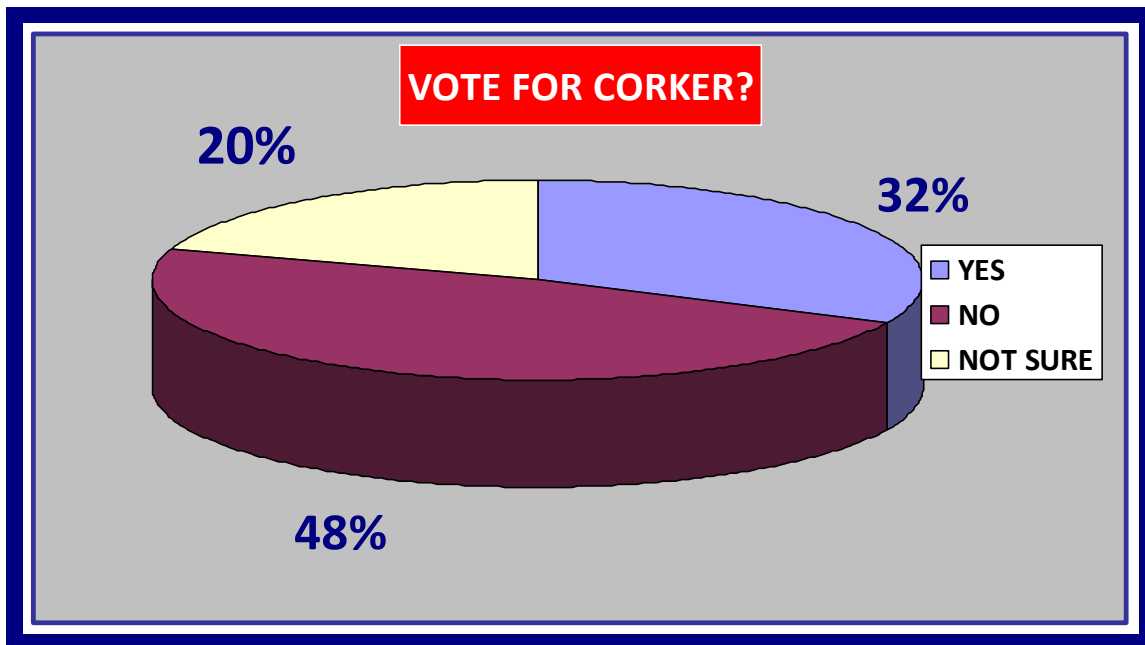
Tennessee's two U.S. Senators are less popular among voters. Statewide, Lamar Alexander's performance is approved of by 44% and disapproved by 42%. A long-time officeholder, Alexander's approval ratings had consistently above 60% -- both as governor and throughout most of his time in the Senate. Alexander now only receives a 51% approval rating from his fellow Republicans.

Corker has never had the popularity of Alexander, but had generally maintained an approval rating in the 55%-60% range. Now, only 40% approve of his performance and 48% disapprove. Corker's approval rating among Republicans is just 36%, with 55% disapproving. In fact, Corker is now significantly more popular with Democrats, who approve of his job performance by a 49%-41% margin.



Corker recently announced that he would not seek re-election when his term is up in 2018. There was wide speculation that he faced a tough fight to hold his Senate seat. That thinking appears to be correct. When asked if they would vote for Corker if he were to seek re-election, only 32% said they would and 48% said they would not.

Corker's toughest task likely would have been surviving a Republican primary. Among GOP voters in Tennessee, only 28% said they would vote for Corker if he ran for re-election and 53% would vote against him.



QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump’s job performance as president?

| | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| STATE | 51% | 42% | 7% |

| <u>REGION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| East Tennessee | 55% | 38% | 7% |
| Middle Tennessee | 50% | 44% | 6% |
| West Tennessee | 47% | 45% | 8% |

| <u>SEX</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Men | 57% | 38% | 5% |
| Women | 46% | 46% | 8% |

| <u>AGE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <50 | 47% | 45% | 8% |
| 50+ | 54% | 40% | 6% |

| <u>RACE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| White | 59% | 34% | 7% |
| Black | 11% | 84% | 5% |

| <u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Democrat | 9% | 86% | 5% |
| Republican | 81% | 13% | 6% |
| Independent | 53% | 38% | 9% |

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of Bill Haslam’s job performance as governor?

| | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| STATE | 57% | 30% | 13% |

| <u>REGION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| East Tennessee | 60% | 26% | 14% |
| Middle Tennessee | 58% | 29% | 13% |
| West Tennessee | 51% | 37% | 12% |

| <u>SEX</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Men | 62% | 26% | 12% |
| Women | 53% | 34% | 13% |

| <u>AGE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <50 | 62% | 26% | 12% |
| 50+ | 53% | 33% | 14% |

| <u>RACE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| White | 61% | 28% | 11% |
| Black | 36% | 42% | 22% |

| <u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Democrat | 43% | 41% | 16% |
| Republican | 67% | 25% | 8% |
| Independent | 58% | 27% | 15% |

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of Lamar Alexander's job performance as Tennessee's U.S. Senator?

| | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| STATE | 44% | 42% | 14% |

| <u>REGION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| East Tennessee | 51% | 38% | 11% |
| Middle Tennessee | 40% | 44% | 16% |
| West Tennessee | 40% | 45% | 15% |

| <u>SEX</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Men | 47% | 41% | 12% |
| Women | 42% | 43% | 15% |

| <u>AGE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <50 | 40% | 44% | 16% |
| 50+ | 47% | 40% | 13% |

| <u>RACE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| White | 48% | 39% | 13% |
| Black | 26% | 53% | 21% |

| <u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Democrat | 37% | 48% | 15% |
| Republican | 51% | 36% | 13% |
| Independent | 41% | 45% | 14% |

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of Bob Corker’s job performance as Tennessee’s U.S. Senator?

| | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| STATE | 40% | 48% | 12% |

| <u>REGION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| East Tennessee | 33% | 54% | 13% |
| Middle Tennessee | 43% | 45% | 12% |
| West Tennessee | 45% | 45% | 10% |

| <u>SEX</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Men | 36% | 54% | 10% |
| Women | 43% | 43% | 14% |

| <u>AGE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <50 | 41% | 45% | 14% |
| 50+ | 39% | 50% | 11% |

| <u>RACE</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| White | 41% | 47% | 12% |
| Black | 37% | 52% | 11% |

| <u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u> | <u>APPROVE</u> | <u>DISAPPROVE</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Democrat | 49% | 41% | 10% |
| Republican | 36% | 55% | 9% |
| Independent | 37% | 45% | 18% |

QUESTION: Bob Corker recently announced he would not seek re-election to the U.S. Senate next year. If Corker had decided to run, would you have voted to re-elect him or not?

| | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| STATE | 32% | 48% | 20% |
| <u>REGION</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
| East Tennessee | 29% | 53% | 18% |
| Middle Tennessee | 31% | 46% | 23% |
| West Tennessee | 38% | 44% | 18% |
| <u>SEX</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
| Men | 26% | 58% | 16% |
| Women | 38% | 39% | 23% |
| <u>AGE</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
| <50 | 31% | 46% | 23% |
| 50+ | 33% | 50% | 17% |
| <u>RACE</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
| White | 33% | 48% | 19% |
| Black | 27% | 47% | 26% |
| <u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>NOT SURE</u> |
| Democrat | 37% | 43% | 20% |
| Republican | 28% | 53% | 19% |
| Independent | 31% | 49% | 20% |

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from November 17 through November 20, 2017. A total of 625 registered Tennessee voters were interviewed statewide by telephone.

Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Tennessee voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 4 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY IDENTIFICATION:

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Democrat | 175 (28%) |
| Republican | 238 (38%) |
| Independent or Other | 212 (34%) |

AGE:

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| 18-34 | 116 (19%) |
| 35-49 | 176 (28%) |
| 50-64 | 190 (30%) |
| 65+ | 138 (22%) |
| Refused | 5 (1%) |

RACE/ETHNICITY:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| White/Caucasian | 494 (79%) |
| Black/African American | 99 (16%) |
| Other/Refused | 32 (5%) |

SEX:

| | |
|--------|-----------|
| Male | 305 (49%) |
| Female | 320 (51) |

REGION:

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| East Tennessee | 225 (36%) |
| Middle Tennessee | 245 (39%) |
| West Tennessee | 155 (25%) |

TENNESSEE POLL REGIONS

EAST TENNESSEE: Voters in Johnson, Sullivan, Carter, Washington, Union, Greene, Hamlin, Hawkins, Hancock, Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Cocke, Sevier, Blount, Knox, Campbell, Scott, Morgan, Anderson, Cumberland, Roane, Loudoun, Monroe, Polk, Meigs, McMinn, Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie, Rhea and Bledsoe counties.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE: Voters in Pickett, Fentress, Overton, Clay, Jackson, Putnam, White, Van Buren, Warren, Grundy, Franklin, Coffee, Moore, Cannon, DeKalb, Smith, Macon, Trousdale, Sumner, Wilson, Davidson, Robertson, Cheatham, Rutherford, Williamson, Maury, Marshall, Bedford, Lincoln, Giles, Lawrence, Wayne, Lewis, Perry, Hickman, Humphreys, Dickson, Houston, Montgomery and Stewart counties.

WEST TENNESSEE: Voters in Henry, Benton, Decatur, Hardin, McNairy, Chester, Henderson, Carroll, Weakley, Obion, Lake, Dyer, Gibson, Crockett, Madison, Henderson, Fayette, Haywood, Lauderdale, Dyer, Tipton and Shelby counties.