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A Survey of Tennessee Voter Opinion On Smoking-Related Issues

Findings Presented to the American Cancer Society

*Sample Size: 600 Registered Voters in Tennessee
(RDD Sample, screened for likely voters)
Margin of Error: ± 4.1 percentage points
Confidence Level: 95%
Conducted: October 10-12, 16-17, 2006*

2006 TENNESSEE SMOKING BAN SURVEY QUESTIONS

Would you favor or oppose a state law in Tennessee that would make all public places smoke free?

	%
1. Strongly favor	57
2. Somewhat favor	13
3. Somewhat oppose	6
4. Strongly oppose	22
(DNR)9. Don't know/not sure	2

Would you favor or oppose a state law that would make all workplaces smoke free?

	%
1. Strongly favor	59
2. Somewhat favor	14
3. Somewhat oppose	6
4. Strongly oppose	18
(DNR)9. Don't know/not sure	3

Would you favor or oppose a state law that would make all restaurants and bars smoke free?

	%
1. Strongly favor	51
2. Somewhat favor	11
3. Somewhat oppose	10
4. Strongly oppose	27
(DNR)9. Don't know/not sure	2

In general do you feel that exposure to second-hand smoke is a serious health hazard, a moderate health hazard, a minor health hazard, or not at all a health hazard?

	%
1. Serious health hazard	54
2. Moderate health hazard	30
3. Minor health hazard	11
4. Not at all a health hazard	3
(DNR)9. Don't know/Refused	2

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:
 People should not have to be exposed to secondhand smoke in their workplace.
 Do you...

	%
1. Strongly agree	78
2. Somewhat agree	16
3. Somewhat disagree	3
4. Strongly disagree	2
(DNR)9. Don't know/No response	2

Do you feel that state government has a responsibility to protect public health?

	%
1. Yes	83
2. No	13
(DNR)9. Don't know/No response	4

If you knew that a member of the Tennessee legislature voted for a law banning smoking in all workplaces, including restaurants and bars, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for that member, or would it make no difference?

	%
1. Much more likely to vote for the member	25
2. Somewhat more likely to vote for	13
3. Somewhat less likely to vote for	7
4. Much less likely to vote for the member	10
5. Would make no difference	44
(DNR)9. Don't know/No response	2

Now that we have discussed some of the issues of secondhand smoke and a smoke free state law, let me ask you one more time, would you favor or oppose a state law that would make all workplaces, including restaurants and bars in Tennessee, smoke free?

	%
1. Strongly favor	53
2. Somewhat favor	12
3. Somewhat oppose	9
4. Strongly oppose	24
(DNR)9. Don't know/not sure	2