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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from January 28 through January 30, 2020. A total of 625 registered Tennessee voters were interviewed live by telephone statewide.

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.

QUESTION: To make Tennessee Walking Horses perform an exaggerated high-stepping gait called the “Big Lick” that wins prizes, trainers use a practice called “soring”, which means hurting a horse’s legs with caustic chemicals and chains, cutting the horse’s hoof painfully short or using other devices to inflict pain on the sole of the hoof every time the horse steps down. Were you aware or not aware of the details of this practice known as “soring”?

	<u>AWARE</u>	<u>NOT AWARE</u>
STATE	46%	54%
<u>REGION</u>	<u>AWARE</u>	<u>NOT AWARE</u>
East Tennessee	41%	59%
Middle Tennessee	56%	44%
West Tennessee	38%	62%
<u>SEX</u>	<u>AWARE</u>	<u>NOT AWARE</u>
Men	47%	53%
Women	46%	54%
<u>AGE</u>	<u>AWARE</u>	<u>NOT AWARE</u>
<50	40%	60%
50+	51%	49%
<u>RACE</u>	<u>AWARE</u>	<u>NOT AWARE</u>
White	49%	51%
Black	26%	74%
<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>AWARE</u>	<u>NOT AWARE</u>
Democrat	42%	58%
Republican	44%	56%
Independent	53%	47%

QUESTION: Congress is considering legislation to strengthen the law against horse soring because industry self-regulation has failed to crack down on abusers. If passed, the new law would end the failed system of industry self-policing, ban the use of inhumane soring devices and practices and increase penalties on violators. Would you support or oppose this federal legislation?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	83%	7%	10%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
East Tennessee	82%	5%	13%
Middle Tennessee	81%	9%	10%
West Tennessee	87%	7%	6%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	78%	10%	12%
Women	87%	4%	9%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	86%	8%	6%
50+	81%	6%	13%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	83%	8%	9%
Black	81%	5%	14%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	94%	3%	3%
Republican	77%	9%	14%
Independent	82%	8%	10%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY IDENTIFICATION:

Democrat	171 (27%)
Republican	247 (40%)
Independent or Other	207 (33%)

AGE:

18-34	103 (16%)
35-49	186 (30%)
50-64	190 (30%)
65+	141 (23%)
Refused	5 (1%)

RACE/ETHNICITY:

White/Caucasian	525 (84%)
Black/African American	85 (14%)
Other/Refused	15 (2%)

SEX:

Male	300 (48%)
Female	325 (52%)

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.