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**Strong Support for Expanded Background Checks in Red States of AR, GA, TN  
Women Show Especially Heavy Support**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – New PPP polls in Arkansas, Georgia, and Tennessee find that even in dark red states there's strong, bipartisan support for expanded background checks. And as we've found elsewhere, voters are unhappy with their Senators who voted against them.

In Georgia there's 71/22 support for them, in Tennessee it's 67/26, and in Arkansas it's 60/31. Female voters that the Republican Party really needs to reach out to if it's going to be successful moving forward are even more supportive of background checks. They favor them 81/12 in Georgia, 73/21 in Tennessee, and 67/25 in Arkansas.

The support for stronger background check laws cuts across party lines in all three of these states. In Georgia Democrats favor them 82/10, independents do 67/27, and Republicans do 63/30. In Tennessee Democrats give them 88/8 support, independents favor them at a 61/29 clip, and Republicans do 53/38. And in Arkansas the numbers are 85/10 with Democrats, 48/43 with Republicans, and 45/43 with independents.

Mark Pryor's chances for reelection next year would be enhanced if he supported a background check bill when it comes back up in the Senate. 40% of voters say they would be more likely to cast their ballots for him next year if he reconsidered his position on this issue to just 34% who say they would be less likely to.

Voters meanwhile are angry with their Republican Senators who opposed the bill. 44% of voters in Georgia say they're be less likely to vote for Johnny Isakson in the future because of his vote, compared to only 23% who say they're be more likely to. 41% of voters in Tennessee say they're less likely to vote for Lamar Alexander next year because of his stance on expanded background checks to only 31% who are more likely to. Bob Corker's next election is further in the future, but 47% say they're less likely to support him because of this vote compared to 30% more likely to. And in Arkansas, 38% of voters say they're less likely to vote for John Boozman in the future because of his stance, compared to 33% who are more likely to.

“Our polling on background checks since last month's Senate vote has been incredibly consistent,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Whether it's in blue states, purple states, or red ones support for a stronger law remains overwhelming and





bipartisan. And the voters are extremely unhappy with the Senators who are serving as an obstacle to that.”

PPP surveyed 522 Arkansas voters, 576 Georgia voters, and 500 Tennessee voters on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The margins of error for the surveys are +/-4.3%, +/-4.1%, and +/-4.4% respectively. These surveys were conducted on behalf of Americans United for Change.





## Georgia Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Saxby Chambliss' job performance?

*Approve* ..... 35%  
*Disapprove*..... 39%  
*Not sure* ..... 27%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Johnny Isakson's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 38%  
*Disapprove*..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 22%

**Q3** Would you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun sales, including gun shows and the internet?

*Support* ..... 71%  
*Oppose* ..... 22%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q4** Does Saxby Chambliss' vote against requiring background checks make you more or less likely to support him for re-election, or does it not make a difference?

*More likely*..... 20%  
*Less likely* ..... 46%  
*Doesn't make a difference* ..... 28%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q5** Does Johnny Isakson's vote against requiring background checks make you more or less likely to support him for re-election, or does it not make a difference?

*More likely*..... 23%  
*Less likely* ..... 44%  
*Doesn't make a difference* ..... 29%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q6** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 55%  
*Man*..... 45%

**Q7** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 35%  
*Republican*..... 36%  
*Independent/Other*..... 29%

**Q8** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 67%  
*African-American* ..... 23%  
*Other*..... 10%

**Q9** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 15%  
*30 to 45*..... 24%  
*46 to 65*..... 37%  
*Older than 65*..... 24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Chambliss Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	35%	37%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	32%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	27%	31%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Isakson Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	38%	38%	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	35%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	26%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>			
<b>Support</b>	71%	81%	58%
<b>Oppose</b>	22%	12%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Chambliss</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	20%	20%	20%
<b>Less likely</b>	46%	43%	49%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	28%	30%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	7%	5%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Isakson</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	23%	20%	26%
<b>Less likely</b>	44%	44%	44%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	29%	31%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Chambliss Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	35%	26%	48%	28%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	45%	29%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	27%	29%	23%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Isakson Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	38%	30%	48%	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	51%	29%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	20%	23%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	71%	82%	63%	67%
<b>Oppose</b>	22%	10%	30%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	8%	7%	6%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Chambliss</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	20%	16%	24%	19%
<b>Less likely</b>	46%	55%	40%	42%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	28%	22%	31%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	7%	5%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Isakson</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	23%	19%	26%	23%
<b>Less likely</b>	44%	56%	37%	39%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	29%	20%	34%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	5%	3%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Chambliss Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	35%	41%	20%	22%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	34%	51%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	27%	25%	29%	33%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Isakson Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	38%	45%	24%	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	34%	54%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	21%	22%	24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	71%	68%	82%	60%
<b>Oppose</b>	22%	26%	7%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	11%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Chambliss</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	20%	24%	14%	4%
<b>Less likely</b>	46%	40%	56%	57%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	28%	31%	19%	30%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	5%	10%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Isakson</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	23%	26%	17%	15%
<b>Less likely</b>	44%	39%	58%	50%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	29%	33%	18%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	8%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Chambliss Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	35%	44%	37%	27%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	22%	41%	48%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	27%	33%	22%	24%	31%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Isakson Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>38%</b>	44%	37%	31%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	37%	43%	46%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	19%	20%	23%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>					
<b>Support</b>	<b>71%</b>	70%	72%	72%	67%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>22%</b>	19%	28%	19%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	11%	-	8%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Chambliss</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	<b>20%</b>	26%	17%	20%	19%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>46%</b>	33%	54%	49%	40%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	<b>28%</b>	33%	26%	25%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	7%	2%	6%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Isakson</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	<b>23%</b>	26%	17%	21%	29%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>44%</b>	33%	52%	48%	37%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	<b>29%</b>	37%	28%	28%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	4%	2%	3%	7%







## Tennessee Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Lamar Alexander's job performance?

Approve .....41% Not sure .....24%  
Disapprove.....36%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Bob Corker's job performance?

Approve ..... 47%  
Disapprove..... 39%  
Not sure ..... 14%

**Q3** Would you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun sales, including gun shows and the internet?

Support ..... 67%  
Oppose ..... 26%  
Not sure ..... 7%

**Q4** Does Lamar Alexander's vote against requiring background checks make you more or less likely to support him for re-election, or does it not make a difference?

More likely..... 31%  
Less likely ..... 41%  
Doesn't make a difference ..... 24%  
Not sure ..... 5%

**Q5** Does Bob Corker's vote against requiring background checks make you more or less likely to support him for re-election, or does it not make a difference?

More likely..... 30%  
Less likely ..... 47%  
Doesn't make a difference ..... 20%  
Not sure ..... 3%

**Q6** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman ..... 54%  
Man..... 46%

**Q7** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or another party, press 3.

Democrat ..... 35%  
Republican..... 42%  
Independent/Other..... 24%

**Q8** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White ..... 81%  
African-American ..... 15%  
Other..... 4%

**Q9** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are over 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 14%  
30 to 45..... 22%  
46 to 65..... 40%  
Over 65..... 24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Alexander Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	41%	41%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	26%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	33%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Corker Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	47%	48%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	36%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	16%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>			
<b>Support</b>	67%	73%	60%
<b>Oppose</b>	26%	21%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Alexander</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	31%	32%	29%
<b>Less likely</b>	41%	39%	43%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	24%	23%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	6%	4%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Corker</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	30%	29%	31%
<b>Less likely</b>	47%	50%	45%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	20%	18%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Alexander Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	31%	49%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	39%	30%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	31%	21%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Corker Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	47%	31%	63%	40%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	54%	28%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	15%	9%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	67%	88%	53%	61%
<b>Oppose</b>	26%	8%	38%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	3%	9%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Alexander</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	31%	25%	36%	29%
<b>Less likely</b>	41%	56%	29%	39%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	24%	13%	31%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	6%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Corker</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	30%	17%	42%	28%
<b>Less likely</b>	47%	68%	32%	45%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	20%	12%	25%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	4%	2%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Alexander Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	43%	31%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	35%	34%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	22%	35%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Corker Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	47%	48%	39%	58%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	39%	44%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	14%	17%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	<b>67%</b>	67%	74%	53%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>26%</b>	26%	18%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Alexander</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	<b>31%</b>	31%	20%	62%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>41%</b>	41%	43%	25%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	<b>24%</b>	23%	29%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	5%	9%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Corker</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	<b>30%</b>	29%	28%	56%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>47%</b>	47%	51%	33%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	<b>20%</b>	21%	16%	11%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>3%</b>	3%	5%	-

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>Alexander Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>41%</b>	52%	41%	35%	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>	18%	32%	44%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>24%</b>	30%	27%	21%	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>Corker Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	47%	56%	37%	44%	56%
<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	31%	49%	42%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	13%	15%	15%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>					
<b>Support</b>	67%	67%	63%	69%	68%
<b>Oppose</b>	26%	24%	33%	25%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	9%	5%	5%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Alexander</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	31%	52%	25%	27%	29%
<b>Less likely</b>	41%	33%	43%	42%	40%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	24%	9%	28%	25%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Corker</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	30%	39%	32%	27%	26%
<b>Less likely</b>	47%	45%	46%	51%	43%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	20%	12%	17%	19%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%





## Arkansas Survey Results

**Q1** Would you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun sales, including gun shows and the internet?

*Support* ..... 60%  
*Oppose* ..... 31%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%

**Q2** If Mark Pryor were to vote for an expanded background checks bill in the future, would that make you more or less likely to support him for reelection, or would it not make a difference?

*More likely* ..... 40%  
*Less likely* ..... 34%  
*Doesn't make a difference* ..... 21%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q3** Does John Boozman's vote against requiring background checks make you more or less likely to support him for re-election, or does it not make a difference?

*More likely* ..... 33%  
*Less likely* ..... 38%  
*Doesn't make a difference* ..... 23%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q4** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 52%  
*Man* ..... 48%

**Q5** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 36%  
*Republican* ..... 30%  
*Independent/Other* ..... 33%

**Q6** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 82%  
*African-American* ..... 12%  
*Other* ..... 5%

**Q7** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are over 65, press 4.

*18 to 29* ..... 15%  
*30 to 45* ..... 21%  
*46 to 65* ..... 36%  
*Over 65* ..... 28%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>			
<b>Support</b>	60%	67%	53%
<b>Oppose</b>	31%	25%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	8%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Pryor</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	40%	43%	36%
<b>Less likely</b>	34%	30%	38%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	21%	21%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Boozman</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	33%	31%	35%
<b>Less likely</b>	38%	35%	42%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	23%	27%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	7%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	60%	85%	48%	45%
<b>Oppose</b>	31%	10%	43%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	6%	9%	13%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Pryor</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	40%	69%	19%	28%
<b>Less likely</b>	34%	9%	53%	45%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	21%	18%	22%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%	6%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Boozman</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	33%	16%	46%	41%
<b>Less likely</b>	38%	57%	24%	31%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	23%	19%	26%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	8%	5%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	60%	61%	71%	21%
<b>Oppose</b>	31%	30%	21%	68%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	9%	8%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Pryor</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	40%	41%	43%	25%
<b>Less likely</b>	34%	33%	25%	68%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	21%	22%	22%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	4%	10%	-





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Boozman</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	<b>33%</b>	32%	30%	58%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>38%</b>	38%	41%	34%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	<b>23%</b>	25%	16%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	5%	13%	-

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales</b>					
<b>Support</b>	<b>60%</b>	58%	48%	64%	65%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>31%</b>	29%	42%	27%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	13%	10%	9%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Pryor</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	<b>40%</b>	45%	29%	43%	42%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>34%</b>	31%	48%	30%	31%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	<b>21%</b>	20%	19%	21%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	4%	3%	6%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Over 65
<b>More/Less Likely to Vote for Boozman</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	<b>33%</b>	35%	39%	32%	29%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>38%</b>	37%	39%	38%	40%
<b>Doesn't make a difference</b>	<b>23%</b>	22%	19%	24%	25%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	6%	3%	6%	6%

