Quick Facts from the UT Image Survey

- The most important issues to Tennesseans are health and medical science, moral and ethical issues, and families and child development. These are the top issues in every region of the state.

- 95.3% of the respondents say it is important or very important to have a top-ranked state university in Tennessee, compared to 47.3% who say it is important or very important to have top-ranked athletic teams at UT.

- 95.3% of the respondents say it is important or very important to have a top-ranked state university in Tennessee, but fewer, 55.1%, agree or strongly agree that UT Knoxville is among the top-ranked universities in the country.

- 95.3% of the respondents say it is important or very important to have a top-ranked state university in Tennessee, but only 40.2% agree or strongly agree they are willing to pay more taxes to have a nationally-ranked university.

- 87.7% of the respondents agree or strongly agree that money spent on higher education is a good investment (but only 40.2% agree or strongly agree they are willing to pay more taxes).

- 34.5% of respondents agree or strongly agree that members of the Tennessee Legislature place a high priority on funding for colleges and universities; slightly fewer, 31.8%, disagree or strongly disagree.

- 63.1% agree or strongly agree that research has an impact on the economy; 44.9% agree or strongly agree that research carried on by the University of Tennessee has an impact on the overall quality of their life.

- 65.5% of respondents have attended a sporting event on a UT campus; 47.7% have taken a course on a UT campus.