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Coloradans Support Gay Marriage

Raleigh, N.C. – A majority of Coloradans support legalizing gay marriage, and only 22% feel there should be no legal recognition at all of same sex couples, a new poll from Public Policy Polling finds. 53% of Colorado voters say same sex marriage should be legal and 40% say it should be illegal. Voters also say they would support the Colorado legislature passing a bill that would let same-sex couples form civil unions by a 62-32 margin. When asked whether they support gay marriage, civil unions but not gay marriage, or no legal recognition at all of same sex couples, 47% choose legal gay marriage, 28% say civil unions and just 22% say there should be no legal recognition whatsoever of gay couples.

"Colorado is another in a growing number of states where polls show voters are rapidly shifting towards supporting legal gay marriage," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

Colorado Senators Michael Bennet and Mark Udall both sport middling job approval ratings, with Bennet finding the approval of just 33% of voters and 38% disapproving. Udall does better but is still well below 50% at 40%-37%. Governor John Hickenlooper shows much better with a 57% job approval rating and just 24% disapproval. Nonethless, voters are strongly disinclined to want him to run for President in 2016 – just 23% support the idea with 55% opposing.

Democrats look to be in position to perhaps make gains in the Colorado legislature this fall, with voters saying they would vote Democratic over Republican 47-40.

Colorado voters are closely split on the Affordable Care Act, with 40% of voters saying the Supeme Court should rule the centerpiece of Obama's first term constitutional and 42% saying it should be found unconstitutional.

Some Democrats who say Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler is trying to restrict certain voters access to ballots have floated the idea of a possible recall, but the idea hasn't yet broken through, with 20% supporting a recall, 22% opposed and 58% not sure.

PPP surveyed 542 Colorado voters from April 5th to 7th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.2%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.

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Colorado Survey Results

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of Governor John Hickenlooper's job performance?	Q8	Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should	
	Approve57% Not sure		be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not	
	Disapprove24%		legally marry, or there should be no legal	
Q2	Would you like to see John Hickenlooper run for President in 2016, or not?		recognition of a gay couple's relationship? Gay couples should There should be no	
	Would like Would not like him to55% run23% Not sure22%		be allowed to legally legal recognition of marry47% a gay couple's Gay couples should relationship220	
Q3	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mark Udall's job performance?		be allowed to form Not sure	6
	Approve40% Not sure23% Disapprove37%	Q9	Do you think that the Supreme Court should rule the Affordable Care Act to be constitutional or unconstitutional?	ĺ
Q4	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator		Constitutional40% Not sure	%
	Michael Bennet's job performance?		Unconstitutional42%	, ,
	Approve33% Not sure28%	Q10) Would you support or oppose recalling	
	Disapprove38%		Secretary of State Scott Gessler from office?	
Q5	If there was an election for the state legislature		Support20% Not sure589	%
	today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?		Oppose22%	
	Democratic47% Undecided14%	Q11	Who did you vote for President in 2008?	
	Republican40%		John McCain439	
Q6	Would you support or oppose the Colorado		Barack Obama519	
	legislature passing a bill that would let same- sex couples form civil unions?		Someone else/Don't remember 6%	6
	Support	Q12	Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat	
	Oppose32%		conservative, or very conservative?	
Q7	Do you think same-sex marriage should be		Very liberal139	%
	legal or illegal?		Somewhat liberal22%	%
	Legal53% Not sure7%		Moderate28%	%
	Illegal40%		Somewhat conservative23%	%
			Very conservative139	%
		Q13	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.	
			Woman519	%
			<i>Man</i> 49%	%





Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

36%
35%
30%
If white, press 2.
14%
79%
7%

Q16 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.

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18 to 29	14%
30 to 45	30%
46 to 65	36%
	18 to 29



		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Hickenlooper Approval					
Approve	57%	41%	71%	54%	
Disapprove		38%	11%	31%	
Not sure	19%	21%	18%	16%	

		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Should Hickenlooper Run for Pres. in '16?					
Would like Hickenlooper to run	23%	14%	31%	18%	
Would not like him to	55%	75%	40%	38%	
Not sure	22%	11%	29%	44%	

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Udall Approval		-				
Approve	40%	19%	59%	32%		
Disapprove	37%	58%	19%	38%		
Not sure	23%	23%	23%	30%		

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Bennet Approval		-				
Approve	33%	13%	50%	34%		
Disapprove	38%	62%	19%	34%		
Not sure	28%	25%	31%	32%		





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Generic St. Leg. Ballot					
Democratic	47%	11%	79%	30%	
Republican	40%	80%	8%	18%	
Undecided	14%	9%	13%	53%	

		2008 Vote		
	Base		Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill		•		
Support	62%	37%	82%	75%
Oppose	32%	56%	12%	19%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%	6%

		2008 Vo	2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal?		-				
Legal	53%	23%	78%	64%		
Illegal	40%	70%	16%	23%		
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	13%		

		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	47%	17%	72%	58%		
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	38%	20%	21%		
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	40%	7%	19%		
Not sure	2%	4%	1%	2%		





		2008 Vote			
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember	
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?					
Constitutional	40%	11%	66%	37%	
Unconstitutional	42%	77%	13%	36%	
Not sure	18%	12%	22%	28%	

		2008 Vote				
	Base	John McCain		Someone else/Don't remember		
Support/Oppose Gessier Recall						
Support	20%	16%	23%	19%		
Oppose	22%	29%	17%	15%		
Not sure	58%	54%	61%	66%		

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	
Hickenlooper Approval		=	•	-	•	
Approve	57%	67%	84%	60%	46%	14%
Disapprove	24%	13%	7%	21%	28%	63%
Not sure	19%	20%	9%	19%	26%	23%

		Ideolo	deology					
	Base	Very liberal			Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Should Hickenlooper Run for Pres. in '16?								
Would like Hickenlooper to run		37%	32%	26%	12%	5%		
Would not like him to	55%	37%	36%	49%	74%	83%		
Not sure	22%	26%	32%	25%	14%	12%		





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Udall Approval			-	<u>-</u>		
Approve	40%	72%	62%	39%	13%	19%
Disapprove	37%	10%	18%	33%	58%	65%
Not sure	23%	19%	19%	27%	29%	16%

		Ideolog	ЭУ			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Bennet Approval						
Approve	33%	52%	55%	37%	12%	11%
Disapprove	38%	19%	18%	33%	60%	63%
Not sure	28%	29%	27%	31%	28%	26%

		ldeolog	ology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative		
Generic St. Leg. Ballot		=	•	-	•		
Democratic	47%	92%	84%	43%	12%	8%	
Republican	40%	6%	6%	30%	81%	77%	
Undecided	14%	2%	10%	26%	7%	15%	

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill		=	•		•	
Support	62%	88%	89%	67%	36%	27%
Oppose	32%	10%	9%	21%	57%	71%
Not sure	6%	2%	3%	12%	7%	2%





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal?						
Legal	53%	88%	83%	58%	22%	14%
Illegal	40%	11%	13%	27%	72%	82%
Not sure	7%	1%	3%	16%	6%	4%

		Ideolog	ду			
	Base	Very liberal		Moderate	Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	47%	86%	73%	52%	16%	10%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	8%	22%	31%	39%	34%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	3%	4%	13%	41%	56%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	4%	4%	-

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?						
Constitutional	40%	65%	77%	39%	10%	10%
Unconstitutional	42%	6%	8%	41%	76%	78%
Not sure	18%	28%	15%	21%	14%	12%

		Ideolo	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Support/Oppose Gessler Recall							
Support	20%	35%	21%	15%	13%	22%	
Oppose	22%	14%	16%	20%	36%	20%	
Not sure	58%	51%	63%	64%	51%	58%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Hickenlooper Approval			
Approve	57%	61%	53%
Disapprove	24%	19%	30%
Not sure	19%	20%	18%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Should Hickenlooper Run for Pres. in '16?			
Would like Hickenlooper to run	23%	25%	20%
Would not like him to	55%	48%	62%
Not sure	22%	27%	18%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Udall Approval		-	
Approve	40%	46%	34%
Disapprove	37%	26%	48%
Not sure	23%	28%	18%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Bennet Approval		-	
Approve	33%	35%	32%
Disapprove	38%	31%	46%
Not sure	28%	34%	22%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Generic St. Leg. Ballot			·
Democratic	47%	53%	40%
Republican	40%	35%	45%
Undecided	14%	12%	16%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill			
Support	62%	67%	57%
Oppose	32%	26%	38%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal?			
Legal	53%	56%	50%
Illegal	40%	36%	44%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	47%	51%	43%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	29%	28%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	17%	28%
Notsure	2%	4%	1%





		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?				
Constitutional	40%	44%	36%	
Unconstitutional	42%	37%	47%	
Not sure	18%	20%	16%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Gessler Recall			
Support	20%	20%	20%
Oppose	22%	18%	26%
Not sure	58%	62%	54%

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Hickenlooper Approval						
Approve	57%	73%	37%	62%		
Disapprove	24%	9%	40%	24%		
Not sure	19%	18%	24%	15%		

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Should Hickenlooper Run for Pres. in '16?					
Would like Hickenlooper to run	23%	34%	10%	24%	
Would not like him to	55%	33%	80%	51%	
Notsure	22%	32%	10%	25%	





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Approve	40%	60%	20%	40%			
Disapprove	37%	18%	54%	38%			
Not sure	23%	22%	26%	22%			

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Approve	33%	51%	15%	34%	
Disapprove	38%	19%	58%	38%	
Not sure	28%	30%	27%	28%	

		Party		
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Generic St. Leg. Ballot		-	•	
Democratic	47%	89%	6%	43%
Republican	40%	5%	86%	27%
Undecided	14%	6%	7%	30%

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Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal?			•			
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Illegal	40%	15%	70%	32%		
Not sure	7%	8%	6%	8%		

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Not sure	2%	2%	3%	3%

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	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Support/Oppose Gessier Recall						
Support	20%	27%	15%	16%		
Oppose	22%	13%	30%	23%		
Not sure	58%	60%	55%	61%		





		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper Approval				·
Approve	57%	55%	58%	46%
Disapprove	24%	31%	22%	34%
Not sure	19%	14%	20%	21%

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Should Hickenlooper Run for Pres. in '16?				
Would like Hickenlooper to run	23%	32%	21%	26%
Would not like him to	55%	53%	55%	55%
Not sure	22%	15%	24%	19%

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Approve	40%	42%	41%	22%
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Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill				
Support	62%	56%	63%	62%
Oppose	32%	42%	30%	32%
Not sure	6%	2%	7%	6%

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other		
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal?						
Legal	53%	49%	55%	38%		
Illegal	40%	43%	38%	49%		
Not sure	7%	9%	6%	14%		

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	47%	34%	50%	35%
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Not sure	2%	2%	3%	2%





		Race			
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other	
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?					
Constitutional	40%	44%	40%	29%	
Unconstitutional	42%	45%	41%	50%	
Not sure	18%	11%	19%	21%	

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Support/Oppose Gessler Recall				
Support	20%	32%	18%	14%
Oppose	22%	20%	23%	19%
Not sure	58%	48%	59%	67%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Hickenlooper Approval		•			
Approve	57%	50%	51%	63%	60%
Disapprove	24%	19%	29%	22%	23%
Not sure	19%	31%	20%	15%	17%

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
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Not sure	22%	36%	16%	23%	21%	





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Approve	40%	42%	31%	45%	42%
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Approve	33%	28%	29%	36%	39%	
Disapprove	38%	22%	43%	39%	40%	
Not sure	28%	50%	28%	25%	21%	

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Republican	40%	22%	43%	37%	51%	
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Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill						
Support	62%	74%	66%	64%	44%	
Oppose	32%	23%	32%	28%	45%	
Not sure	6%	3%	2%	8%	11%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal?					
Legal	53%	77%	52%	58%	28%
Illegal	40%	23%	40%	35%	59%
Not sure	7%	-	7%	7%	13%

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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	0.0.0.		
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition		-					
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Not sure	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%		

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Should SC Rule ACA Constitutional or Unconstitutional?						
Constitutional	40%	53%	34%	45%	31%	
Unconstitutional	42%	21%	53%	39%	46%	
Not sure	18%	26%	13%	16%	23%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45			
Support/Oppose Gessler Recall		•				
Support	20%	33%	15%	18%	21%	
Oppose	22%	9%	28%	22%	22%	
Not sure	58%	58%	57%	60%	57%	

