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# Colorado favors gay marriage, marijuana use, loves Tebow

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Voters are moving towards favoring same-sex marriage across the country, and Colorado is no exception, as it has joined the ranks of states which now favor legal marriage rights for gay couples. 47% believe same-sex marriage should be legal, and 43% think it should remain illegal. When PPP last polled on the issue in Colorado in August, voters were split at 45%. Independents fall at a 51-39 spread, and both Democrats (from 64-29 in favor to 70-19) and Republicans (from 15-73 against to 20-72) have shifted more towards accepting marriage equality.

Colorado had already strongly favored legal equality for gay couples. 71% wanted them to have at least civil unions, and that has only grown to 76% now, with 42% still preferring full marriage and 34% civil unions. Only 23% want these relationships to have no legal recognition, down from 27%. 87% of Democrats (up nine points), 80% of independents (up four), and even 60% of Republicans (up three) want gay couples to have the same rights and privileges as married heterosexual couples.

Coloradans are even more strongly in favor of legalizing marijuana, and they overwhelmingly believe it at least should be available for medical purposes. 49% think marijuana use should generally be legal, and 40% illegal. But explicitly for medical use, that rises to a 68-25 spread. Just five years ago, a referendum to legalize simple possession by people over 21 failed by 20 points. On the medical question, Democratic support rises from 64% for general use to 78%; Republicans rise from 30% to 50%, and independents from 54% to 75%.

Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow is slightly more popular in his new home as in his college one, Florida, where 59% see him favorably and 16% unfavorably. Here, it is 59-13. In terms of net approval, that makes him more beloved than legendary Broncos QB John Elway, a vice president for the team now. He has a 62-19 favorability spread.

PPP surveyed 793 Colorado voters from December 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.5%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.

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# **Colorado Survey Results**

Q1	If there was an election for would you vote Democrati		Q7	In general, do yo should be legal o	ou think that marijua or illegal?	na usage
	Democratic46%	Not sure12%		Legal	49% Not sure	10%
Q2	Republican42% Do you think same-sex m legal or illegal?	narriage should be	Q8		40% t marijuana usage s oses should be lega	
	Legal47%	Not sure10%		Legal	68% Not sure	7%
	Illegal43%			Illegal		
Q3	Which of the following be opinion on gay marriage:	gay couples should	Q9	Do you have a fa of Tim Tebow?	avorable or unfavora	able opinion
	be allowed to legally man should be allowed to form			Favorable		59%
	legally marry, or there she	ould be no legal		Unfavorable		13%
	recognition of a gay coup  Gay couples should	•		Not sure		28%
	be allowed to legally marry42%	legal recognition of a gay couple's	Q10	Do you have a fa of John Elway?	avorable or unfavora	able opinion
	Gay couples should be allowed to form	relationship23%		Favorable		62%
	civil unions but not marry34%	Not sure2%		Unfavorable		19%
04				Not sure		19%
Q4	Do you support or oppose Occupy Wall Street move	ement?	Q11	Do you have a fa of John Fox?	avorable or unfavora	able opinion
	• •	Not sure21%		Favorable		39%
	<i>Oppose</i> 39%			Unfavorable		12%
Q5	Do you support or oppose Party movement?	e the goals of the Tea				
	Support37%	Not sure15%				
	Oppose48%					
Q6	Do you have a higher opi Wall Street movement or movement?					
	Occupy Wall Street 43%	Not sure18%				
	Tea Party39%					





Q12	Force Academy, the University of Colorado, Colorado College, Colorado State, Denver, Northern Colorado, or something else?	
	Air Force	17%
	U of Colorado	22%
	Colorado College	6%
	Colorado State	17%
	Denver	5%
	Northern Colorado	6%
	Something else/Don't have a favorite school	26%
Q13	Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	
	Very liberal	11%
	Somewhat liberal	18%
	Moderate	32%
	Somewhat conservative	25%
	Very conservative	14%
Q14	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pres	s 2.
	Woman	52%
	Man	48%

Q15	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republic press 2. If you are an independent or identified with another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	37%
	Republican	35%
	Independent/Other	28%
Q16	If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press If other, press 3. $ \\$	2.
	Hispanic	15%
	White	79%
	Other	
Q17	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 t 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	0
	18 to 29	15%
	30 to 45	27%
	46 to 65	
	Older than 65	



		Ideolog	gy			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democratic	46%	78%	85%	52%	21%	4%
Republican	42%	16%	10%	24%	71%	90%
Not sure	12%	6%	5%	24%	9%	5%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal			Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Legal/Illegal						
Legal	47%	80%	78%	55%	24%	8%
Illegal	43%	13%	14%	32%	65%	88%
Not sure	10%	6%	9%	13%	11%	4%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry		80%	64%	51%	16%	5%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry		13%	21%	32%	52%	41%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship		6%	15%	14%	29%	52%
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%

		Ideolog	ду			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	. ,
Support/Oppose OWS Goals				-	-	
Support	41%	80%	67%	45%	18%	7%
Oppose	39%	17%	14%	25%	59%	81%
Not sure	21%	2%	20%	30%	23%	13%





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals						
Support	37%	4%	13%	19%	60%	91%
Oppose	48%	85%	72%	62%	22%	4%
Not sure	15%	11%	14%	20%	18%	5%

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?						
Occupy Wall Street	43%	77%	71%	55%	15%	5%
Tea Party	39%	18%	13%	22%	64%	82%
Not sure	18%	5%	16%	23%	20%	12%

		Ideolog	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal		=	•	•	•		
Legal	49%	77%	63%	57%	33%	23%	
Illegal	40%	19%	23%	35%	55%	67%	
Not sure	10%	5%	14%	9%	12%	10%	

		Ideolo	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative		
Medical Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal		=	•		•		
Legal	68%	77%	83%	79%	52%	43%	
Illegal	25%	18%	13%	13%	40%	47%	
Not sure	7%	6%	4%	8%	8%	10%	





		Ideolo	ду			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Tebow Favorability		-		=		
Favorable	59%	40%	48%	52%	73%	76%
Unfavorable	13%	32%	15%	14%	5%	7%
Not sure	28%	28%	36%	33%	22%	16%

		Ideolog	leology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
⊟way Favorability							
Favorable	62%	53%	55%	64%	66%	66%	
Unfavorable	19%	26%	24%	17%	15%	20%	
Not sure	19%	21%	20%	19%	19%	14%	

		ldeolog	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative		
Fox Favorability		_	-	_	-	='	
Favorable	39%	34%	36%	37%	42%	45%	
Unfavorable	12%	19%	8%	11%	11%	15%	
Not sure	49%	47%	56%	52%	47%	41%	

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Fave College		=	=		="	
Air Force	17%	15%	15%	9%	22%	27%
U of Colorado	22%	35%	36%	24%	13%	10%
Colorado College	6%	8%	7%	5%	7%	4%
Colorado State	17%	13%	11%	15%	23%	25%
Denver	5%	3%	4%	11%	2%	3%
Northern Colorado	6%	2%	8%	5%	6%	10%
Something else/Don't have a favorite school		24%	21%	31%	27%	21%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot		-	
Democratic	46%	48%	44%
Republican	42%	38%	46%
Not sure	12%	14%	10%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Same-sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	47%	49%	46%	
Illegal	43%	41%	45%	
Not sure	10%	10%	9%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	42%	42%	41%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	37%	31%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	23%	20%	26%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Support/Oppose OWS Goals				
Support	41%	37%	45%	
Oppose	39%	39%	39%	
Not sure	21%	24%	16%	





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals			
Support	37%	34%	40%
Oppose	48%	49%	47%
Not sure	15%	17%	13%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?			
Occupy Wall Street	43%	43%	43%
Tea Party	39%	37%	41%
Not sure	18%	19%	15%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal			
Legal	49%	47%	52%
Illegal	40%	42%	39%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Medical Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal			
Legal	68%	70%	65%
Illegal	25%	22%	29%
Not sure	7%	9%	6%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Tebow Favorability		-	
Favorable	59%	54%	64%
Unfavorable	13%	12%	14%
Not sure	28%	34%	22%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Elway Favorability		•	
Favorable	62%	55%	70%
Unfavorable	19%	23%	15%
Not sure	19%	22%	15%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Fox Favorability		-	
Favorable	39%	28%	50%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	12%
Not sure	49%	60%	38%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Fave College			
Air Force	17%	12%	22%
U of Colorado	22%	25%	19%
Colorado College	6%	8%	5%
Colorado State	17%	18%	17%
Denver	5%	4%	6%
Northern Colorado	6%	7%	5%
Something else/Don't have a favorite school	26%	25%	26%





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot		='		•
Democratic	46%	87%	9%	40%
Republican		9%	85%	30%
Not sure	12%	4%	6%	30%

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Same-sex Legal/Illegal			•		
Lega	47%	70%	20%	51%	
Illega	43%	19%	72%	39%	
Not sure	10%	11%	9%	10%	

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	42%	62%	14%	48%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	25%	46%	32%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	23%	11%	38%	19%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	1%

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Support/Oppose OWS Goals					
Support	41%	64%	11%	46%	
Oppose	39%	16%	72%	27%	
Not sure		20%	17%	26%	





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals			,	
Support	37%	11%	70%	30%
Oppose	48%	75%	14%	53%
Not sure	15%	14%	15%	17%

		Party	Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?					
Occupy Wall Street	43%	69%	10%	50%	
Tea Party	39%	15%	75%	28%	
Notsure	18%	16%	15%	23%	

			Party			
		Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal						
	Legal	49%	64%	30%	54%	
	Illegal	40%	26%	61%	34%	
Not	tsure	10%	10%	9%	12%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Medical Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal					
Legal	68%	78%	50%	75%	
Illegal	25%	17%	40%	18%	
Not sure	7%	6%	9%	7%	





		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tebow Favorability		='		•
Favorable	59%	49%	77%	50%
Unfavorable	13%	19%	6%	13%
Not sure	28%	32%	17%	37%

		Party	Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Elway Favorability						
Favorable	62%	58%	70%	58%		
Unfavorable	19%	24%	16%	17%		
Not sure	19%	18%	15%	25%		

		Party	Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Fox Favorability		<del>-</del>	•				
Favorable	39%	36%	45%	34%			
Unfavorable	12%	15%	10%	10%			
Not sure	49%	49%	45%	56%			

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fave College				
Air Force	17%	7%	28%	15%
U of Colorado	22%	34%	13%	18%
Colorado College	6%	6%	5%	8%
Colorado State	17%	16%	21%	15%
Denver	5%	6%	3%	7%
Northern Colorado	6%	5%	9%	4%
Something else/Don't have a favorite school	26%	26%	20%	33%





		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot		-		
Democratic	46%	64%	42%	58%
Republican	42%	29%	45%	26%
Not sure	12%	7%	13%	16%

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Same-sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	47%	48%	47%	44%
Illegal	43%	43%	43%	47%
Notsure	10%	9%	10%	9%

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	42%	41%	42%	37%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	30%	35%	22%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	23%	29%	21%	38%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	3%

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Support/Oppose OWS Goals				
Support	41%	53%	38%	45%
Oppose	39%	36%	40%	29%
Not sure	21%	10%	22%	26%





		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals				
Support	37%	34%	38%	33%
Oppose	48%	58%	46%	52%
Not sure	15%	9%	16%	15%

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?				
Occupy Wall Street	43%	48%	42%	47%
Tea Party	39%	36%	41%	23%
Not sure	18%	16%	17%	30%

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal				
Legal	49%	53%	49%	47%
Illegal	40%	39%	41%	35%
Not sure	10%	8%	10%	19%

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Medical Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal				
Legal	68%	67%	68%	72%
Illegal	25%	28%	25%	20%
Not sure	7%	5%	7%	8%





	Race			
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Tebow Favorability		<u> </u>		
Favorable	59%	60%	59%	57%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	13%	15%
Not sure	28%	25%	29%	28%

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other		
⊟way Favorability		-				
Favorable	62%	67%	62%	53%		
Unfavorable	19%	24%	18%	27%		
Not sure	19%	9%	20%	20%		

		Race		
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other
Fox Favorability		-		
Favorable	39%	45%	38%	32%
Unfavorable	12%	14%	12%	10%
Notsure	49%	41%	50%	58%

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	Other		
Fave College						
Air Force	17%	15%	17%	11%		
U of Colorado	22%	25%	22%	27%		
Colorado College	6%	7%	6%	11%		
Colorado State	17%	27%	16%	8%		
Denver	5%	3%	6%	3%		
Northern Colorado	6%	6%	6%	6%		
Something else/Don't have a favorite school	26%	17%	27%	35%		





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democratic	46%	60%	48%	43%	38%
Republican	42%	33%	39%	44%	48%
Not sure	12%	7%	12%	13%	14%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Same-sex Legal/Illegal		•				
Legal	47%	60%	52%	49%	32%	
Illegal	43%	33%	40%	41%	56%	
Not sure	10%	7%	9%	10%	12%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65		
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	42%	50%	49%	43%	24%	
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	29%	29%	35%	43%	
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	23%	21%	22%	20%	30%	
Not sure	2%	-	1%	2%	3%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Support/Oppose OWS Goals						
Support	41%	62%	43%	39%	30%	
Oppose	39%	21%	36%	39%	50%	
Not sure	21%	17%	21%	22%	20%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals					
Support	37%	38%	31%	41%	36%
Oppose	48%	55%	50%	45%	46%
Not sure	15%	7%	18%	14%	18%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?						
Occupy Wall Street	43%	52%	44%	45%	35%	
Tea Party	39%	34%	36%	40%	44%	
Not sure	18%	14%	21%	15%	21%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal					
Legal	49%	72%	46%	54%	32%
Illegal	40%	24%	42%	35%	58%
Not sure	10%	3%	12%	11%	10%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Medical Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal		•			
Legal	68%	79%	64%	71%	59%
Illegal	25%	21%	30%	20%	31%
Not sure	7%	-	6%	9%	10%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tebow Favorability					
Favorable	59%	45%	57%	60%	65%
Unfavorable	13%	21%	19%	9%	10%
Not sure	28%	34%	24%	31%	25%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65	
Elway Favorability						
Favorable	62%	62%	55%	62%	71%	
Unfavorable	19%	28%	24%	16%	14%	
Not sure	19%	10%	21%	21%	14%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Fox Favorability						
Favorable	39%	45%	39%	35%	41%	
Unfavorable	12%	17%	14%	12%	7%	
Not sure	49%	38%	46%	53%	53%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Fave College						
Air Force	17%	7%	15%	17%	24%	
U of Colorado	22%	38%	17%	23%	20%	
Colorado College	6%	3%	8%	6%	7%	
Colorado State	17%	21%	15%	19%	15%	
Denver	5%	3%	6%	6%	4%	
Northern Colorado	6%	-	10%	7%	5%	
Something else/Don't have a favorite school	26%	28%	30%	22%	26%	

