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Close Races for Governor and Senator in Colorado

Raleigh, N.C. – Both the contests for Governor and Senator in Colorado are now looking like toss ups, with Democrat John Hickenlooper’s lead all the way down to 3 points in the Gubernatorial race and the Senate contest an all out tie.

In the race to replace Bill Ritter Hickenlooper’s getting 47% to 44% for Tom Tancredo and 5% for Dan Maes. The near total collapse of Maes’ candidacy has allowed Tancredo to make this a competitive race: he’s now winning 73% of the Republican vote and has a 46/44 edge with independents.

Hickenlooper’s the most popular candidate for Governor, with a 51/41 approval rating. But his support has been stuck in the 47-48% range since before the primary. When Tancredo and Maes were splitting the vote relatively evenly it looked like that would be enough but as Maes’ support continues to dwindle to closer to zero Hickenlooper all the sudden looks extremely vulnerable.

Voters in the state have warmed up to Tancredo on a personal level as the campaign has progressed. In early August his favorability was an extremely negative 27/50 spread but he’s now on slightly positive ground at 45/44.

The Senate race is tied with incumbent Michael Bennet and challenger Ken Buck each at 47%. Bennet’s benefiting from a more unified party base, getting 92% of Democrats while Buck is at 84% of Republicans. But there are more Republicans in the likely voter pool for the state this year and Buck is ahead 46-44 with independents.

A worrisome sign for Bennet within the numbers is that 7% of Republicans are undecided while only 2% of Democrats are. That could be an indication that Buck has more room to grow his support over the final week of the campaign.

“2 or 3 weeks ago most experts would have told you Democrats were headed for a win in the Governor’s race and Republicans for one in the Senate race,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Now it’s hard to say who will come out ahead in either contest.”

PPP surveyed 818 likely Colorado voters from October 21st to 23rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Colorado Survey Results

Q1 The candidates for Senate are Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Ken Buck. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Michael Bennet..... 47%
Ken Buck 47%
Undecided..... 6%

Q2 The candidates for Governor are Democrat John Hickenlooper, Republican Dan Maes, and American Constitution Party candidate Tom Tancredo. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

John Hickenlooper..... 47%
Dan Maes 5%
Tom Tancredo..... 44%
Undecided..... 4%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Michael Bennet's job performance?

Approve 40%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not sure 8%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ken Buck?

Favorable 44% *Not sure* 6%
Unfavorable..... 49%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Hickenlooper?

Favorable..... 51%
Unfavorable 41%
Not sure 9%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Maes?

Favorable..... 8%
Unfavorable 75%
Not sure 17%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Tancredo?

Favorable..... 45%
Unfavorable 44%
Not sure 11%

Q8 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 4%

Q9 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Bill Ritter's job performance?

Approve 37%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not sure 11%

Q10 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mark Udall's job performance?

Approve 42%
Disapprove..... 40%
Not sure 18%





Q11 Have you already cast your ballot for this year's election?

Yes..... 45%
No..... 55%

Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 46%
Barack Obama..... 49%
Someone else/Don't remember 5%

Q13 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 42%
Conservative..... 38%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or some other party, press 3.

Democrat..... 35%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q16 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

Hispanic..... 15%
White 79%
Other..... 6%

Q17 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..... 8%
30 to 45..... 28%
46 to 65..... 39%
Older than 65..... 25%

Q18

Thursday Night 53%
Friday Morning..... 19%
Friday Night 11%
Saturday Morning 10%
Saturday Afternoon..... 7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Bennet/Buck			
Michael Bennet	48%	49%	46%
Ken Buck	47%	46%	47%
Undecided	6%	5%	7%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo			
John Hickenlooper	48%	50%	46%
Dan Maes	5%	3%	6%
Tom Tancredo	44%	45%	43%
Undecided	4%	2%	5%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Bennet Approval			
Approve	40%	45%	37%
Disapprove	51%	50%	52%
Not sure	8%	4%	12%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Buck Favorability			
Favorable	44%	45%	44%
Unfavorable	49%	52%	47%
Not sure	7%	3%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Hickenlooper Favorability			
Favorable	51%	52%	49%
Unfavorable	41%	40%	41%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Maes Favorability			
Favorable	7%	6%	8%
Unfavorable	75%	82%	70%
Not sure	17%	12%	22%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Tancredo Favorability			
Favorable	45%	44%	45%
Unfavorable	44%	49%	41%
Not sure	11%	7%	14%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	45%	42%
Disapprove	53%	51%	55%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Ritter Approval			
Approve	37%	41%	34%
Disapprove	52%	52%	52%
Not sure	11%	7%	14%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Udall Approval			
Approve	42%	45%	40%
Disapprove	40%	42%	38%
Not sure	18%	14%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	47%	7%	88%	34%
Ken Buck	47%	87%	8%	42%
Undecided	6%	6%	4%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	47%	10%	85%	28%
Dan Maes	5%	9%	2%	7%
Tom Tancredo	44%	78%	11%	50%
Undecided	4%	3%	3%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet Approval				
Approve	40%	6%	76%	18%
Disapprove	51%	87%	16%	63%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	82%	9%	37%
Unfavorable	49%	11%	86%	49%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	16%	84%	40%
Unfavorable	41%	70%	12%	48%
Not sure	9%	13%	4%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	8%	10%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	75%	73%	78%	73%
Not sure	17%	17%	18%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	45%	75%	16%	46%
Unfavorable	44%	16%	72%	38%
Not sure	11%	9%	12%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	6%	82%	19%
Disapprove	53%	92%	13%	72%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	9%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Ritter Approval				
Approve	37%	8%	66%	28%
Disapprove	52%	83%	22%	54%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Udall Approval				
Approve	42%	12%	73%	20%
Disapprove	40%	67%	13%	48%
Not sure	18%	20%	15%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	47%	96%	62%	8%
Ken Buck	47%	2%	31%	85%
Undecided	6%	2%	7%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	47%	93%	62%	9%
Dan Maes	5%	1%	4%	8%
Tom Tancredo	44%	4%	29%	79%
Undecided	4%	2%	5%	3%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet Approval				
Approve	40%	82%	52%	6%
Disapprove	51%	11%	38%	86%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	4%	30%	80%
Unfavorable	49%	91%	64%	12%
Not sure	6%	4%	6%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	89%	66%	14%
Unfavorable	41%	5%	27%	74%
Not sure	9%	6%	7%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	8%	3%	8%	10%
Unfavorable	75%	78%	74%	74%
Not sure	17%	19%	18%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	45%	8%	33%	76%
Unfavorable	44%	78%	56%	15%
Not sure	11%	14%	11%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	88%	54%	9%
Disapprove	53%	9%	41%	89%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Ritter Approval				
Approve	37%	76%	47%	7%
Disapprove	52%	13%	40%	84%
Not sure	11%	12%	12%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Udall Approval				
Approve	42%	84%	53%	9%
Disapprove	40%	6%	29%	68%
Not sure	18%	10%	18%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Buck			
Michael Bennet	47%	53%	42%
Ken Buck	47%	41%	52%
Undecided	6%	6%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo			
John Hickenlooper	47%	52%	43%
Dan Maes	5%	5%	5%
Tom Tancredo	44%	39%	49%
Undecided	4%	4%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet Approval			
Approve	40%	44%	36%
Disapprove	51%	45%	58%
Not sure	8%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Buck Favorability			
Favorable	44%	40%	49%
Unfavorable	49%	54%	44%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper Favorability			
Favorable	51%	54%	47%
Unfavorable	41%	36%	45%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Maes Favorability			
Favorable	8%	9%	6%
Unfavorable	75%	73%	77%
Not sure	17%	18%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tancredo Favorability			
Favorable	45%	41%	49%
Unfavorable	44%	47%	41%
Not sure	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	47%	39%
Disapprove	53%	48%	58%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Ritter Approval			
Approve	37%	40%	34%
Disapprove	52%	46%	58%
Not sure	11%	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall Approval			
Approve	42%	45%	38%
Disapprove	40%	32%	47%
Not sure	18%	22%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	47%	92%	9%	44%
Ken Buck	47%	6%	84%	46%
Undecided	6%	2%	7%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	47%	87%	14%	44%
Dan Maes	5%	0%	9%	5%
Tom Tancredo	44%	10%	73%	46%
Undecided	4%	2%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	40%	81%	8%	34%
Disapprove	51%	12%	84%	55%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	9%	77%	44%
Unfavorable	49%	87%	15%	48%
Not sure	6%	4%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	87%	20%	46%
Unfavorable	41%	8%	66%	47%
Not sure	9%	5%	14%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	8%	5%	10%	7%
Unfavorable	75%	80%	71%	75%
Not sure	17%	15%	19%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	45%	15%	70%	49%
Unfavorable	44%	74%	19%	40%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	86%	9%	37%
Disapprove	53%	10%	89%	57%
Not sure	4%	4%	2%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Ritter Approval				
Approve	37%	71%	10%	31%
Disapprove	52%	19%	80%	55%
Not sure	11%	10%	9%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	42%	77%	15%	35%
Disapprove	40%	9%	65%	44%
Not sure	18%	14%	20%	22%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	47%	51%	46%	61%
Ken Buck	47%	42%	48%	37%
Undecided	6%	7%	6%	2%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	47%	47%	47%	58%
Dan Maes	5%	4%	5%	10%
Tom Tancredo	44%	43%	45%	30%
Undecided	4%	6%	3%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	40%	44%	39%	56%
Disapprove	51%	46%	53%	40%
Not sure	8%	10%	9%	3%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	43%	45%	38%
Unfavorable	49%	50%	48%	59%
Not sure	6%	7%	7%	3%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	51%	50%	60%
Unfavorable	41%	41%	41%	36%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	4%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	8%	9%	6%	19%
Unfavorable	75%	74%	76%	63%
Not sure	17%	17%	17%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	45%	45%	46%	33%
Unfavorable	44%	43%	43%	59%
Not sure	11%	12%	11%	9%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	45%	42%	52%
Disapprove	53%	53%	54%	42%
Not sure	4%	2%	4%	5%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Ritter Approval				
Approve	37%	40%	36%	43%
Disapprove	52%	48%	53%	47%
Not sure	11%	12%	11%	10%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	42%	43%	42%	37%
Disapprove	40%	41%	40%	38%
Not sure	18%	16%	18%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/Buck					
Michael Bennet	47%	47%	47%	52%	41%
Ken Buck	47%	38%	48%	44%	51%
Undecided	6%	16%	4%	4%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper/Maes/-Tancredo					
John Hickenlooper	47%	42%	49%	52%	39%
Dan Maes	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%
Tom Tancredo	44%	42%	41%	41%	52%
Undecided	4%	9%	4%	2%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet Approval					
Approve	40%	41%	39%	45%	35%
Disapprove	51%	53%	51%	49%	55%
Not sure	8%	6%	11%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Buck Favorability					
Favorable	44%	41%	46%	42%	49%
Unfavorable	49%	47%	49%	53%	44%
Not sure	6%	13%	5%	6%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper Favorability					
Favorable	51%	48%	50%	56%	42%
Unfavorable	41%	48%	42%	36%	44%
Not sure	9%	3%	8%	7%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Maes Favorability					
Favorable	8%	21%	4%	8%	7%
Unfavorable	75%	61%	75%	77%	77%
Not sure	17%	18%	21%	15%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tancredo Favorability					
Favorable	45%	45%	41%	43%	52%
Unfavorable	44%	36%	43%	51%	38%
Not sure	11%	18%	16%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	43%	41%	45%	47%	37%
Disapprove	53%	59%	54%	50%	55%
Not sure	4%	-	2%	3%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Ritter Approval					
Approve	37%	44%	34%	40%	34%
Disapprove	52%	41%	53%	50%	57%
Not sure	11%	15%	13%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Udall Approval					
Approve	42%	32%	43%	46%	38%
Disapprove	40%	44%	43%	36%	40%
Not sure	18%	24%	14%	18%	22%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Bennet/Buck						
Michael Bennet	47%	43%	57%	45%	54%	49%
Ken Buck	47%	51%	40%	49%	43%	32%
Undecided	6%	6%	4%	5%	3%	19%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo						
John Hickenlooper	47%	42%	56%	48%	49%	61%
Dan Maes	5%	7%	3%	3%	6%	2%
Tom Tancredo	44%	48%	37%	47%	39%	36%
Undecided	4%	4%	3%	3%	6%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Bennet Approval						
Approve	40%	35%	48%	45%	47%	43%
Disapprove	51%	54%	44%	52%	48%	50%
Not sure	8%	11%	8%	3%	5%	7%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Buck Favorability						
Favorable	44%	47%	40%	46%	44%	34%
Unfavorable	49%	44%	56%	51%	50%	63%
Not sure	6%	9%	4%	4%	6%	3%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Hickenlooper Favorability						
Favorable	51%	45%	61%	53%	54%	58%
Unfavorable	41%	44%	35%	43%	36%	36%
Not sure	9%	11%	4%	5%	10%	7%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Maes Favorability						
Favorable	8%	8%	7%	5%	10%	4%
Unfavorable	75%	75%	75%	80%	71%	76%
Not sure	17%	17%	17%	14%	19%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Tancredo Favorability						
Favorable	45%	47%	40%	44%	42%	44%
Unfavorable	44%	42%	50%	43%	43%	46%
Not sure	11%	10%	10%	13%	15%	10%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Obama Approval						
Approve	43%	37%	50%	48%	48%	54%
Disapprove	53%	58%	45%	49%	51%	45%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Ritter Approval						
Approve	37%	35%	41%	35%	42%	44%
Disapprove	52%	55%	47%	54%	48%	44%
Not sure	11%	10%	13%	11%	10%	12%

	Base	Time of Call				
		Thursday Night	Friday Morning	Friday Night	Saturday Morning	Saturday Afternoon
Udall Approval						
Approve	42%	38%	45%	42%	55%	48%
Disapprove	40%	43%	34%	44%	29%	36%
Not sure	18%	19%	21%	14%	16%	16%

