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Colorado Senate Race Down to the Wire

Raleigh, N.C. – The Senate race in Colorado continues to look like it will be one of the closest in the country on Tuesday night. PPP's final poll there finds Ken Buck ahead of Michael Bennet by the slimmest of margins, 49-48.

Each candidate has his party base pretty much sewn up. Bennet is winning 87% of Democrats and Buck is winning 86% of Republicans. Giving Buck his slim lead is a 50-46 advantage among independents.

One thing interesting to note within the results is that with respondents who say they've already voted- accounting for 66% of the sample- Bennet is actually ahead by a 52-46 margin. Buck leads 55-41 with those who say they have not yet cast their ballots. Bennet should probably be rooting for ugly weather on election day, any little thing could help in such a close race if he already has a lead in the bank.

Bennet continues to sport poor approval numbers- 39% of voters give him good marks while 47% say they aren't happy with his job performance. Those numbers, not coincidentally, correlate closely with Barack Obama's poor 41/53 breakdown in the state. Bennet's stayed in this race because Buck has proven to be a weak candidate as well with a 44/48 favorability.

In the Governor's race John Hickenlooper is looking a little bit more solid than he did a week ago and now leads by 5 points, getting 48% to 43% for Tom Tancredo and 8% for Dan Maes. Hickenlooper will probably win but there's a very good chance he will do so without cracking 50% of the vote.

The Republican split has proven critical to his chances for victory. Hickenlooper is taking 87% of the Democratic vote while Tancredo is getting just 71% of Republicans with 15% still planning to cast their votes for Maes.

“The Colorado Senate contest is really a base election,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Neither candidate has much in the way of crossover appeal so it’s all going to come down to whether more Democrats or Republicans vote.”

PPP surveyed 1,059 likely Colorado voters on October 30th and 31st. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.





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..... 48%
Ken Buck 49%
Undecided..... 3%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Michael Bennet's job performance?

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

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ken Buck?

Favorable 44% *Not sure* 9%
Unfavorable..... 48%

Q4 The candidates for Governor are Democrat John Hickenlooper, Republicans Dan Maes, and American Constitution Party candidate Tom Tancredo. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

John Hickenlooper..... 48%
Dan Maes 8%
Tom Tancredo..... 43%
Undecided..... 1%

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

Favorable 51% *Not sure* 11%
Unfavorable..... 38%

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

Favorable 11% *Not sure* 23%
Unfavorable..... 66%

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

Favorable..... 44% *Not sure* 13%
Unfavorable..... 43%

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

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 53%
Not sure 6%

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

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not sure 15%

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

Approve 38%
Disapprove..... 35%
Not sure 27%

Q11 If the candidates for US Senate had been Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Jane Norton, who would you have voted for?

Michael Bennet..... 43%
Jane Norton 47%
Undecided..... 10%

Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

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





Q13 Do you identify yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 23%
Moderate..... 39%
Conservative..... 39%

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

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q15 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 38%
Republican..... 39%
Independent/Other..... 23%

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

Hispanic..... 14%
White 80%
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..... 10%
30 to 45..... 32%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%

Q18 Have you already cast your ballot for this year's election?

Yes..... 66%
No..... 34%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	48%	8%	86%	40%
Ken Buck	49%	89%	12%	38%
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet Approval				
Approve	39%	7%	70%	42%
Disapprove	47%	82%	15%	28%
Not sure	14%	11%	15%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	79%	11%	34%
Unfavorable	48%	12%	82%	46%
Not sure	9%	9%	7%	19%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	48%	11%	85%	42%
Dan Maes	8%	13%	3%	14%
Tom Tancredo	43%	76%	13%	37%
Undecided	1%	1%	0%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	22%	81%	37%
Unfavorable	38%	65%	12%	42%
Not sure	11%	13%	7%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	11%	16%	6%	6%
Unfavorable	66%	65%	70%	54%
Not sure	23%	19%	25%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	44%	76%	14%	37%
Unfavorable	43%	16%	69%	40%
Not sure	13%	8%	17%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	5%	77%	34%
Disapprove	53%	93%	15%	50%
Not sure	6%	2%	8%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Ritter Approval				
Approve	35%	9%	60%	38%
Disapprove	50%	79%	23%	49%
Not sure	15%	12%	17%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Udall Approval				
Approve	38%	11%	64%	31%
Disapprove	35%	62%	11%	29%
Not sure	27%	28%	25%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet/Norton				
Michael Bennet	43%	5%	80%	35%
Jane Norton	47%	86%	12%	28%
Undecided	10%	9%	9%	37%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	48%	91%	62%	9%
Ken Buck	49%	6%	34%	88%
Undecided	3%	3%	4%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet Approval				
Approve	39%	74%	49%	10%
Disapprove	47%	12%	32%	82%
Not sure	14%	14%	19%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	8%	26%	81%
Unfavorable	48%	87%	62%	11%
Not sure	9%	5%	12%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	48%	90%	62%	10%
Dan Maes	8%	2%	6%	13%
Tom Tancredo	43%	8%	30%	77%
Undecided	1%	0%	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	88%	64%	18%
Unfavorable	38%	6%	24%	70%
Not sure	11%	5%	12%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	11%	6%	7%	17%
Unfavorable	66%	65%	71%	63%
Not sure	23%	29%	22%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	44%	9%	30%	77%
Unfavorable	43%	76%	54%	14%
Not sure	13%	15%	16%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	83%	51%	8%
Disapprove	53%	12%	40%	89%
Not sure	6%	4%	9%	3%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Ritter Approval				
Approve	35%	70%	43%	8%
Disapprove	50%	14%	41%	79%
Not sure	15%	16%	16%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Udall Approval				
Approve	38%	72%	48%	8%
Disapprove	35%	8%	24%	63%
Not sure	27%	20%	28%	29%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet/Norton				
Michael Bennet	43%	87%	52%	9%
Jane Norton	47%	7%	35%	81%
Undecided	10%	6%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Buck			
Michael Bennet	48%	53%	42%
Ken Buck	49%	44%	55%
Undecided	3%	4%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet Approval			
Approve	39%	41%	37%
Disapprove	47%	41%	54%
Not sure	14%	18%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Buck Favorability			
Favorable	44%	38%	50%
Unfavorable	48%	51%	44%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo			
John Hickenlooper	48%	53%	43%
Dan Maes	8%	8%	8%
Tom Tancredo	43%	39%	48%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper Favorability			
Favorable	51%	55%	47%
Unfavorable	38%	33%	44%
Not sure	11%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Maes Favorability			
Favorable	11%	11%	11%
Unfavorable	66%	63%	70%
Not sure	23%	26%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tancredo Favorability			
Favorable	44%	39%	50%
Unfavorable	43%	44%	41%
Not sure	13%	17%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	41%	43%	39%
Disapprove	53%	49%	58%
Not sure	6%	8%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Ritter Approval			
Approve	35%	37%	33%
Disapprove	50%	45%	56%
Not sure	15%	18%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall Approval			
Approve	38%	38%	38%
Disapprove	35%	28%	43%
Not sure	27%	34%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Norton			
Michael Bennet	43%	47%	39%
Jane Norton	47%	41%	53%
Undecided	10%	12%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	48%	87%	11%	46%
Ken Buck	49%	10%	86%	50%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	39%	74%	10%	33%
Disapprove	47%	13%	77%	49%
Not sure	14%	13%	12%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	11%	78%	38%
Unfavorable	48%	82%	13%	52%
Not sure	9%	8%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	48%	87%	13%	45%
Dan Maes	8%	2%	15%	5%
Tom Tancredo	43%	11%	71%	49%
Undecided	1%	0%	1%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	82%	26%	45%
Unfavorable	38%	10%	62%	43%
Not sure	11%	8%	12%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	11%	6%	17%	7%
Unfavorable	66%	68%	62%	71%
Not sure	23%	26%	20%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	44%	10%	75%	46%
Unfavorable	43%	73%	17%	38%
Not sure	13%	17%	8%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	76%	10%	39%
Disapprove	53%	16%	88%	54%
Not sure	6%	8%	2%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Ritter Approval				
Approve	35%	64%	13%	28%
Disapprove	50%	19%	75%	57%
Not sure	15%	17%	12%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	38%	64%	14%	35%
Disapprove	35%	12%	57%	37%
Not sure	27%	24%	28%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Norton				
Michael Bennet	43%	83%	9%	36%
Jane Norton	47%	10%	82%	47%
Undecided	10%	7%	9%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	48%	54%	46%	58%
Ken Buck	49%	40%	52%	35%
Undecided	3%	7%	2%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	39%	52%	36%	53%
Disapprove	47%	39%	50%	32%
Not sure	14%	10%	15%	15%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	44%	41%	45%	32%
Unfavorable	48%	48%	47%	53%
Not sure	9%	11%	8%	15%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	48%	55%	47%	50%
Dan Maes	8%	7%	8%	10%
Tom Tancredo	43%	37%	44%	38%
Undecided	1%	0%	1%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	51%	58%	50%	54%
Unfavorable	38%	30%	40%	33%
Not sure	11%	12%	10%	12%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	11%	15%	10%	10%
Unfavorable	66%	56%	69%	62%
Not sure	23%	28%	22%	28%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	44%	34%	46%	40%
Unfavorable	43%	51%	42%	40%
Not sure	13%	16%	13%	19%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	48%	39%	54%
Disapprove	53%	47%	55%	33%
Not sure	6%	4%	5%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Ritter Approval				
Approve	35%	45%	33%	40%
Disapprove	50%	39%	53%	37%
Not sure	15%	16%	14%	23%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	38%	44%	37%	39%
Disapprove	35%	32%	37%	26%
Not sure	27%	24%	27%	34%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bennet/Norton				
Michael Bennet	43%	57%	40%	55%
Jane Norton	47%	33%	50%	30%
Undecided	10%	10%	10%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/Buck					
Michael Bennet	48%	53%	47%	50%	42%
Ken Buck	49%	44%	49%	48%	53%
Undecided	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%





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Approve	39%	52%	34%	41%	37%
Disapprove	47%	37%	45%	50%	49%
Not sure	14%	12%	21%	9%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Buck Favorability					
Favorable	44%	48%	42%	43%	47%
Unfavorable	48%	42%	50%	50%	41%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%	7%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper/Maes/-Tancredo					
John Hickenlooper	48%	54%	48%	51%	42%
Dan Maes	8%	5%	10%	7%	9%
Tom Tancredo	43%	41%	42%	42%	48%
Undecided	1%	-	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper Favorability					
Favorable	51%	55%	54%	52%	44%
Unfavorable	38%	33%	37%	38%	43%
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Maes Favorability					
Favorable	11%	8%	14%	8%	11%
Unfavorable	66%	63%	59%	73%	68%
Not sure	23%	29%	27%	19%	21%

	Base	Age			
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Tancredo Favorability					
Favorable	44%	38%	43%	43%	49%
Unfavorable	43%	46%	39%	47%	39%
Not sure	13%	17%	18%	9%	12%

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Approve	41%	52%	39%	43%	37%
Disapprove	53%	42%	55%	52%	57%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%

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Not sure	27%	21%	32%	22%	30%

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Michael Bennet	43%	49%	41%	45%	40%
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	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Bennet/Buck			
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Ken Buck	49%	46%	55%
Undecided	3%	3%	4%

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Unfavorable	48%	51%	41%
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	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo			
John Hickenlooper	48%	52%	41%
Dan Maes	8%	6%	12%
Tom Tancredo	43%	41%	46%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Hickenlooper Favorability			
Favorable	51%	55%	43%
Unfavorable	38%	36%	43%
Not sure	11%	9%	15%

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		Yes	No
Maes Favorability			
Favorable	11%	9%	14%
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Crosstabs

	Base	Already Voted?	
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Favorable	44%	43%	45%
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	Base	Already Voted?	
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Obama Approval			
Approve	41%	44%	36%
Disapprove	53%	51%	58%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Ritter Approval			
Approve	35%	38%	29%
Disapprove	50%	49%	51%
Not sure	15%	13%	19%

	Base	Already Voted?	
		Yes	No
Udall Approval			
Approve	38%	42%	29%
Disapprove	35%	34%	39%
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