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Bennet, Norton continue to lead

Raleigh, N.C. – Could Jane Norton be the next Republican Senate candidate endorsed by the Washington establishment to see her campaign go up in flames? Ken Buck has gained rapidly on her in the last two months and her lead over him is now within the margin of error.

Norton leads Buck 31-26. When PPP looked at the race in March she had a 34-17 lead. Buck actually has the 34-30 advantage with conservatives but Norton continues to lead overall thanks to a 32-12 edge with moderates.

Buck has seen his favorability improve from 21% to 32%, while Norton's has dropped from 41% to 34%. It's clearly a two candidate race at this point with none of the other contenders getting more than 5%.

Scott McInnis continues to cruise to the party's nomination for Governor. He leads Dan Maes 50-15. That actually represents a tightening since McInnis was up 58-8 on the March poll, but he still doesn't really seem to have much to worry about.

On the Democratic side Michael Bennet has widened his lead over Andrew Romanoff to 46-31 after being ahead just 40-34 on the previous poll. Bennet is doing well across the ideological spectrum, holding double digit leads with liberals, moderates, and conservatives alike.

“In Colorado the Democratic primary was supposed to be competitive and the GOP one a foregone conclusion,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But it seems like the opposite of that is happening. Bennet has expanded his lead while Buck and Norton are headed for a close one.”

PPP surveyed 442 likely Democratic primary voters, with a margin of error of +/- 4.7%, and 448 likely Republican primary voters, with a margin of error of +/- 4.6%, from May 14th to 16th. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Colorado Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jane Norton? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 23%
Not Sure..... 43%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ken Buck? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 32% *Not Sure*..... 54%
Unfavorable..... 14%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Wiens? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 12%
Unfavorable 15%
Not Sure..... 73%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Scott McInnis? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 15%
Not Sure..... 32%

Q5 The Republican candidates for Senate are Steve Barton, Ken Buck, Robert Greenheck, Gary Kennedy, Vincent Martinez, Jane Norton, Cleve Tidwell, Mark Van Wyk, and Tom Wiens. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Steve Barton, press 1. If Ken Buck, press 2. If Robert Greenheck, press 3. If Gary Kennedy, press 4. If Vincent Martinez, press 5. If Jane Norton, press 6. If Cleve Tidwell, press 7. If Mark Van Wyk, press 8. If Tom Wiens, press 9. If you're undecided, press 0.

Barton..... 1%
Buck..... 26%
Greenheck 5%
Kennedy..... 1%
Martinez..... 2%
Norton..... 31%
Tidwell 1%
Van Wyk 0%
Wiens..... 5%
Undecided..... 29%

Q6 The Republican candidates for Governor are Joe Gschwendtner, Dan Maes, Y.J. Mager, Scott McInnis, and Mark Vanderbilt. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Joe Gschwendtner, press 1. If Dan Maes, press 2. If Y.J. Mager, press 3. If Scott McInnis, press 4. If Mark Vanderbilt, press 5. If you're undecided, press 6.

Gschwendtner..... 0%
Maes..... 15%
Mager 4%
McInnis 50%
Vanderbilt..... 3%
Undecided..... 27%





Q7 If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for? If Newt Gingrich, press 1. If Mike Huckabee, press 2. If Sarah Palin, press 3. If Ron Paul, press 4. If Mitt Romney, press 5. If you're undecided, press 6

<i>Gingrich</i>	16%
<i>Huckabee</i>	18%
<i>Palin</i>	29%
<i>Paul</i>	9%
<i>Romney</i>	25%
<i>Undecided</i>	3%

Q8 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

<i>Liberal</i>	1%
<i>Moderate</i>	34%
<i>Conservative</i>	64%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	42%
<i>Man</i>	58%

Q10 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	10%
<i>White</i>	84%
<i>African American</i>	0%
<i>Other</i>	5%

Q11 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	7%
<i>30 to 45</i>	22%
<i>46 to 65</i>	43%
<i>Older than 65</i>	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Norton Favorability				
Favorable	34%	31%	24%	39%
Unfavorable	23%	50%	25%	21%
Not Sure	43%	19%	50%	40%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	32%	19%	15%	41%
Unfavorable	14%	62%	20%	10%
Not Sure	54%	19%	66%	49%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Wiens Favorability				
Favorable	12%	-	5%	16%
Unfavorable	15%	81%	18%	12%
Not Sure	73%	19%	77%	72%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McInnis Favorability				
Favorable	54%	27%	44%	59%
Unfavorable	15%	45%	14%	15%
Not Sure	32%	27%	42%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republican Senate Primary				
Barton	1%	-	-	1%
Buck	26%	19%	12%	34%
Greenheck	5%	19%	7%	3%
Kennedy	1%	31%	-	1%
Martinez	2%	-	-	3%
Norton	31%	31%	32%	30%
Tidwell	1%	-	2%	-
Van Wyk	0%	-	1%	-
Wiens	5%	-	4%	6%
Undecided	29%	-	43%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republican Governor Primary				
Gschwendtner	0%	-	-	1%
Maes	15%	31%	12%	16%
Mager	4%	-	8%	2%
McInnis	50%	50%	40%	56%
Vanderbilt	3%	-	3%	3%
Undecided	27%	19%	37%	22%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republican President				
Gingrich	16%	-	5%	21%
Huckabee	19%	-	28%	14%
Palin	29%	69%	30%	27%
Paul	9%	-	5%	11%
Romney	25%	31%	27%	24%
Undecided	3%	-	5%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Norton Favorability			
Favorable	34%	31%	36%
Unfavorable	23%	21%	24%
Not Sure	43%	48%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Buck Favorability			
Favorable	32%	26%	36%
Unfavorable	14%	15%	14%
Not Sure	54%	59%	50%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Wiens Favorability			
Favorable	12%	8%	15%
Unfavorable	15%	11%	18%
Not Sure	73%	81%	67%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McInnis Favorability			
Favorable	54%	53%	54%
Unfavorable	15%	8%	20%
Not Sure	32%	39%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican Senate Primary			
Barton	1%	-	1%
Buck	26%	20%	30%
Greenheck	5%	5%	5%
Kennedy	1%	2%	-
Martinez	2%	1%	2%
Norton	31%	28%	32%
Tidwell	1%	-	1%
Van Wyk	0%	-	1%
Wiens	5%	4%	6%
Undecided	29%	40%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican Governor Primary			
Gschwendtner	0%	-	1%
Maes	15%	12%	17%
Mager	4%	4%	4%
McInnis	50%	52%	49%
Vanderbilt	3%	1%	5%
Undecided	27%	31%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican President			
Gingrich	16%	16%	16%
Huckabee	19%	24%	15%
Palin	29%	23%	32%
Paul	9%	7%	10%
Romney	25%	27%	25%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Norton Favorability				
Favorable	34%	35%	34%	35%
Unfavorable	23%	12%	23%	34%
Not Sure	43%	53%	43%	30%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	32%	16%	33%	43%
Unfavorable	14%	26%	14%	-
Not Sure	54%	58%	53%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Wiens Favorability				
Favorable	12%	14%	12%	18%
Unfavorable	15%	21%	15%	9%
Not Sure	73%	65%	74%	73%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
McInnis Favorability				
Favorable	54%	63%	52%	66%
Unfavorable	15%	17%	14%	22%
Not Sure	32%	20%	34%	13%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Republican Senate Primary				
Barton	1%	-	1%	-
Buck	26%	9%	27%	34%
Greenheck	5%	-	6%	-
Kennedy	1%	4%	1%	-
Martinez	2%	9%	0%	9%
Norton	31%	34%	30%	39%
Tidwell	1%	-	1%	-
Van Wyk	0%	-	1%	-
Wiens	5%	16%	4%	-
Undecided	29%	28%	30%	18%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Republican Governor Primary				
Gschwendtner	0%	-	1%	-
Maes	15%	9%	15%	30%
Mager	4%	-	5%	-
McInnis	50%	54%	49%	57%
Vanderbilt	3%	9%	2%	-
Undecided	27%	28%	28%	13%





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Republican President				
Gingrich	16%	13%	16%	18%
Huckabee	19%	28%	19%	-
Palin	29%	29%	28%	34%
Paul	9%	5%	9%	18%
Romney	25%	25%	26%	18%
Undecided	3%	-	3%	13%





Colorado Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Michael Bennet’s job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Approve 53%
Disapprove..... 22%
Not Sure..... 26%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Andrew Romanoff? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you’re not sure, press 3.

Favorable 48% *Not Sure*..... 38%
Unfavorable..... 14%

Q3 The Democratic candidates for US Senate are Michael Bennet and Andrew Romanoff. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Andrew Romanoff, press 2. If you’re undecided, press 3.

Bennet 46%
Romanoff 31%
Undecided..... 23%

Q4 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 43%
Moderate..... 47%
Conservative..... 10%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 62%
Man..... 38%

Q6 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 22%
White 73%
African American 5%
Other..... 1%

Q7 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 11%
30 to 45..... 25%
46 to 65..... 45%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet Approval				
Approve	53%	55%	51%	48%
Disapprove	22%	16%	27%	23%
Not Sure	26%	28%	22%	30%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romanoff Favorability				
Favorable	48%	49%	51%	30%
Unfavorable	14%	15%	13%	15%
Not Sure	38%	36%	35%	54%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democratic Senate Primary				
Bennet	46%	42%	49%	48%
Romanoff	31%	31%	31%	33%
Undecided	23%	27%	20%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet Approval			
Approve	53%	53%	52%
Disapprove	22%	17%	29%
Not Sure	26%	29%	19%





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Romanoff Favorability			
Favorable	48%	43%	57%
Unfavorable	14%	15%	12%
Not Sure	38%	42%	31%

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		Woman	Man
Democratic Senate Primary			
Bennet	46%	48%	44%
Romanoff	31%	29%	34%
Undecided	23%	23%	22%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bennet Approval					
Approve	53%	49%	57%	9%	33%
Disapprove	22%	33%	16%	58%	67%
Not Sure	26%	18%	28%	32%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Romanoff Favorability					
Favorable	48%	40%	53%	19%	-
Unfavorable	14%	18%	12%	29%	-
Not Sure	38%	42%	34%	52%	100%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Democratic Senate Primary					
Bennet	46%	38%	49%	39%	67%
Romanoff	31%	38%	29%	23%	33%
Undecided	23%	24%	22%	38%	-

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet Approval					
Approve	53%	55%	45%	55%	56%
Disapprove	22%	27%	26%	20%	18%
Not Sure	26%	18%	29%	25%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romanoff Favorability					
Favorable	48%	55%	45%	50%	46%
Unfavorable	14%	9%	13%	17%	12%
Not Sure	38%	36%	42%	33%	43%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Democratic Senate Primary					
Bennet	46%	36%	42%	52%	43%
Romanoff	31%	36%	34%	26%	35%
Undecided	23%	27%	24%	22%	22%

