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Bennet Looks Good for Fall

Raleigh, N.C. – With yesterday’s release showing incumbent Colorado Senator Michael Bennet maintaining a small advantage in the Democratic primary against Andrew Romanoff heading into tonight’s tallying of the votes, the Democrats look set to pick their strongest candidate to go head-to-head against whichever of the Republican contenders survives the tight battle on their side. But while Jane Norton is hanging onto an even slimmer lead against Ken Buck, Buck could be a slightly more electable candidate, though he would still narrowly trail both Democrats at the outset.

If Romanoff comes from behind to beat Bennet, the general-election race will start out a tie, no matter who the Republicans pick. He trails Norton, 43-42, but tops Buck by the same margin. Romanoff was up on Norton, 43-41, and Buck, 41-38, in May. Bennet, however, would be favored over Norton, 46-40, and Buck, 46-43. Buck was down 45-39 to Bennet three months ago, but Norton has lost ground, after being down then only 44-41. All four are now viewed more negatively in voters’ eyes, particularly Buck, who has picked up steam in the head-to-heads despite going from 19-24 to 26-46.

While winning the primary would probably eventually close the gap, Romanoff currently gets significantly less of his own party’s vote against either Republican than does Bennet. Bennet also retains more of the Democrats in either of his potential matchups than do the Republicans of the GOP voters, whereas Romanoff trails both Republicans in that category. Surprisingly, Buck has consolidated his own base more than Norton has, despite lagging in the primary. Independents favor either Democrat by seven or nine points, except in the Bennet-Buck race, in which Buck leads 40-39, the same as in May, when the Republicans both won the unaffiliateds by a few points in the other matchups.

“The Colorado Senate race will be one of the closest in the country, and a lot could change, but right now Michael Bennet is looking pretty good,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,015 Colorado voters from August 7th to 8th. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1%. 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.



Colorado Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not sure..... 6%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support..... 43%
Oppose..... 50%
No opinion..... 8%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mark Udall's job performance?

Approve 36%
Disapprove..... 41%
Not sure 23%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Michael Bennet's job performance?

Approve 32%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 20%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jane Norton?

Favorable..... 28%
Unfavorable 44%
Not sure 28%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ken Buck?

Favorable 26% *Not sure* 28%
Unfavorable..... 46%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Andrew Romanoff?

Favorable..... 35% *Not sure* 28%
Unfavorable..... 37%

Q8 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Jane Norton, who would you vote for?

Michael Bennet..... 46% *Undecided*..... 14%
Jane Norton 40%

Q9 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Ken Buck, who would you vote for?

Michael Bennet 46%
Ken Buck 43%
Undecided..... 12%

Q10 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Andrew Romanoff and Republican Jane Norton, who would you vote for?

Andrew Romanoff..... 42%
Jane Norton 43%
Undecided..... 15%

Q11 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Andrew Romanoff and Republican Ken Buck, who would you vote for?

Andrew Romanoff..... 43%
Ken Buck 42%
Undecided..... 15%





Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 45%
Barack Obama..... 49%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%

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

Liberal..... 24%
Moderate..... 39%
Conservative..... 37%

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

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

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

Democrat 40%
Republican..... 39%
Independent/Other..... 20%

Q16 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 14%
White 78%
African-American 4%
Other..... 4%

Q17 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..... 24%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 25%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	5%	82%	22%
Disapprove	50%	92%	11%	64%
Not sure	6%	3%	7%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Health Care				
Support	43%	5%	80%	24%
Oppose	50%	92%	9%	64%
No opinion	8%	4%	11%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Udall Approval				
Approve	36%	8%	64%	20%
Disapprove	41%	70%	13%	50%
Not sure	23%	23%	24%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet Approval				
Approve	32%	8%	57%	11%
Disapprove	48%	74%	23%	52%
Not sure	20%	18%	20%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Norton Favorability				
Favorable	28%	46%	13%	17%
Unfavorable	44%	33%	54%	42%
Not sure	28%	21%	33%	41%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	26%	45%	9%	22%
Unfavorable	46%	28%	63%	38%
Not sure	28%	27%	28%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romanoff Favorability				
Favorable	35%	22%	48%	29%
Unfavorable	37%	45%	30%	32%
Not sure	28%	32%	22%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet/Norton				
Michael Bennet	46%	11%	81%	26%
Jane Norton	40%	76%	8%	41%
Undecided	14%	14%	12%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	46%	9%	82%	26%
Ken Buck	43%	80%	7%	51%
Undecided	12%	11%	11%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romanoff/Norton				
Andrew Romanoff	42%	11%	72%	33%
Jane Norton	43%	76%	12%	41%
Undecided	15%	13%	16%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romanoff/Buck				
Andrew Romanoff	43%	11%	74%	36%
Ken Buck	42%	76%	9%	46%
Undecided	15%	13%	17%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	79%	55%	9%
Disapprove	50%	15%	35%	89%
Not sure	6%	5%	10%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	43%	79%	56%	6%
Oppose	50%	13%	35%	88%
No opinion	8%	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Udall Approval				
Approve	36%	61%	47%	9%
Disapprove	41%	15%	28%	70%
Not sure	23%	25%	25%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet Approval				
Approve	32%	54%	42%	8%
Disapprove	48%	30%	35%	73%
Not sure	20%	16%	24%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Norton Favorability				
Favorable	28%	12%	22%	45%
Unfavorable	44%	58%	46%	33%
Not sure	28%	30%	32%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	26%	7%	18%	45%
Unfavorable	46%	67%	48%	29%
Not sure	28%	25%	33%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romanoff Favorability				
Favorable	35%	54%	40%	18%
Unfavorable	37%	25%	33%	48%
Not sure	28%	20%	27%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet/Norton				
Michael Bennet	46%	83%	57%	11%
Jane Norton	40%	8%	26%	76%
Undecided	14%	9%	17%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	46%	85%	57%	9%
Ken Buck	43%	8%	27%	81%
Undecided	12%	7%	16%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romanoff/Norton				
Andrew Romanoff	42%	74%	53%	10%
Jane Norton	43%	11%	29%	77%
Undecided	15%	15%	18%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romanoff/Buck				
Andrew Romanoff	43%	75%	55%	11%
Ken Buck	42%	9%	25%	80%
Undecided	15%	17%	20%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	44%	48%	39%
Disapprove	50%	46%	56%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	43%	47%	38%
Oppose	50%	44%	56%
No opinion	8%	9%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall Approval			
Approve	36%	38%	34%
Disapprove	41%	32%	50%
Not sure	23%	30%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet Approval			
Approve	32%	36%	28%
Disapprove	48%	40%	56%
Not sure	20%	24%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Norton Favorability			
Favorable	28%	23%	34%
Unfavorable	44%	42%	45%
Not sure	28%	35%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Buck Favorability			
Favorable	26%	23%	29%
Unfavorable	46%	43%	48%
Not sure	28%	34%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romanoff Favorability			
Favorable	35%	36%	34%
Unfavorable	37%	29%	45%
Not sure	28%	35%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Norton			
Michael Bennet	46%	49%	43%
Jane Norton	40%	35%	46%
Undecided	14%	17%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Buck			
Michael Bennet	46%	49%	42%
Ken Buck	43%	36%	49%
Undecided	12%	15%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romanoff/Norton			
Andrew Romanoff	42%	45%	39%
Jane Norton	43%	37%	49%
Undecided	15%	18%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romanoff/Buck			
Andrew Romanoff	43%	47%	40%
Ken Buck	42%	36%	47%
Undecided	15%	17%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	44%	81%	8%	39%
Disapprove	50%	13%	89%	49%
Not sure	6%	6%	3%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	43%	80%	6%	40%
Oppose	50%	10%	88%	52%
No opinion	8%	10%	6%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	36%	63%	12%	31%
Disapprove	41%	13%	68%	42%
Not sure	23%	25%	20%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	32%	59%	9%	22%
Disapprove	48%	23%	73%	48%
Not sure	20%	18%	18%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Norton Favorability				
Favorable	28%	12%	48%	22%
Unfavorable	44%	54%	34%	44%
Not sure	28%	35%	18%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	26%	8%	44%	24%
Unfavorable	46%	62%	32%	41%
Not sure	28%	30%	23%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romanoff Favorability				
Favorable	35%	50%	19%	38%
Unfavorable	37%	30%	49%	26%
Not sure	28%	20%	31%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Norton				
Michael Bennet	46%	83%	11%	43%
Jane Norton	40%	6%	77%	36%
Undecided	14%	11%	12%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Buck				
Michael Bennet	46%	84%	10%	39%
Ken Buck	43%	6%	80%	40%
Undecided	12%	9%	9%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romanoff/Norton				
Andrew Romanoff	42%	73%	9%	45%
Jane Norton	43%	10%	79%	36%
Undecided	15%	16%	12%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romanoff/Buck				
Andrew Romanoff	43%	77%	10%	41%
Ken Buck	42%	8%	80%	34%
Undecided	15%	15%	10%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	44%	54%	41%	64%	46%
Disapprove	50%	42%	53%	28%	48%
Not sure	6%	4%	6%	8%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Health Care					
Support	43%	50%	40%	64%	39%
Oppose	50%	41%	52%	28%	54%
No opinion	8%	9%	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Udall Approval					
Approve	36%	35%	36%	38%	40%
Disapprove	41%	32%	42%	42%	44%
Not sure	23%	33%	22%	21%	16%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bennet Approval					
Approve	32%	29%	32%	42%	31%
Disapprove	48%	45%	49%	29%	47%
Not sure	20%	25%	19%	29%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Norton Favorability					
Favorable	28%	26%	28%	38%	30%
Unfavorable	44%	47%	44%	29%	35%
Not sure	28%	27%	27%	33%	35%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Buck Favorability					
Favorable	26%	22%	26%	29%	26%
Unfavorable	46%	49%	45%	46%	42%
Not sure	28%	30%	28%	25%	33%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Romanoff Favorability					
Favorable	35%	38%	36%	21%	31%
Unfavorable	37%	36%	36%	46%	40%
Not sure	28%	26%	28%	33%	29%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bennet/Norton					
Michael Bennet	46%	53%	44%	58%	35%
Jane Norton	40%	30%	43%	33%	38%
Undecided	14%	16%	13%	8%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Bennet/Buck					
Michael Bennet	46%	55%	44%	58%	34%
Ken Buck	43%	34%	45%	29%	46%
Undecided	12%	11%	11%	13%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Romanoff/Norton					
Andrew Romanoff	42%	56%	40%	30%	39%
Jane Norton	43%	33%	45%	48%	34%
Undecided	15%	11%	15%	22%	27%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Romanoff/Buck					
Andrew Romanoff	43%	49%	42%	45%	39%
Ken Buck	42%	35%	43%	32%	39%
Undecided	15%	15%	14%	23%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	44%	45%	43%	47%	38%
Disapprove	50%	48%	49%	47%	59%
Not sure	6%	7%	8%	7%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	43%	41%	45%	47%	35%
Oppose	50%	51%	47%	47%	57%
No opinion	8%	7%	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Udall Approval					
Approve	36%	32%	32%	41%	34%
Disapprove	41%	42%	37%	42%	42%
Not sure	23%	27%	31%	18%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet Approval					
Approve	32%	33%	26%	34%	33%
Disapprove	48%	41%	45%	50%	50%
Not sure	20%	26%	29%	16%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Norton Favorability					
Favorable	28%	30%	21%	28%	34%
Unfavorable	44%	34%	42%	50%	40%
Not sure	28%	36%	37%	22%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Buck Favorability					
Favorable	26%	24%	21%	30%	25%
Unfavorable	46%	35%	42%	47%	51%
Not sure	28%	41%	36%	23%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romanoff Favorability					
Favorable	35%	21%	38%	40%	31%
Unfavorable	37%	48%	27%	37%	40%
Not sure	28%	31%	34%	22%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/Norton					
Michael Bennet	46%	45%	45%	49%	42%
Jane Norton	40%	40%	37%	37%	48%
Undecided	14%	15%	18%	13%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/Buck					
Michael Bennet	46%	45%	44%	49%	42%
Ken Buck	43%	46%	39%	40%	48%
Undecided	12%	9%	17%	11%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romanoff/Norton					
Andrew Romanoff	42%	37%	47%	47%	32%
Jane Norton	43%	47%	37%	39%	52%
Undecided	15%	16%	16%	14%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romanoff/Buck					
Andrew Romanoff	43%	43%	46%	47%	35%
Ken Buck	42%	44%	38%	39%	48%
Undecided	15%	12%	16%	13%	17%

