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Obama slipping in Colorado but still tops Romney by 7

Raleigh, N.C. – In the last two months, President Obama’s lead in Colorado has been cut almost in half, but he remains a pretty strong favorite to win the state again. Obama tops Mitt Romney by seven points (49-42), down from 13 in early April (53-40). But that was just before Rick Santorum dropped out of the race, leaving Romney as the presumptive nominee. Santorum had beaten Romney in the state’s caucus two months earlier. Now that the nomination is his, Romney has been consolidating his base. His net favorability rating with GOP voters is up 37 points since the previous survey.

But Romney has also been improving with independents, who make up over a quarter of the electorate. That is where he has made up ground head-to-head with Obama, as his share of the Republican vote (84%) is essentially unchanged. What was a 26-point deficit with independents in the previous survey is now only 10. Romney’s net favorability with them is up 23 points at the same time as Obama’s net approval rating has decreased 21 points with them.

But the president still leads because he remains a bit more “popular” with nonpartisans; his net -10 approval bests Romney’s -17 favorability. He also is still better liked overall. His 49-48 approval spread is almost identical to his standing in April (50-47). But while Romney’s net favorability is up 17 points, that still leaves him at -12 (40-52).

Obama leads by 27 points with Hispanic voters, up from 15 in the last poll. Some of these interviews were conducted after Obama announced a policy shift on immigrant deportations. This has helped to buffer his nine-point decline with white voters, though unlike in many states, he even leads by two points with them. But as in some other swing states, there is a huge age gap that bodes well for Democrats’ future. Voters under the age of 45 support Obama by 12 points, including 29 points with those under 30, while senior citizens favor Romney by 14.

“Mitt Romney’s looking more competitive in Colorado now than he did a couple months ago but Barack Obama is still the clear favorite there,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 799 Colorado voters from June 14th to 17th. 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.



Colorado Survey Results

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

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 3%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 40%
Unfavorable 52%
Not sure 8%

Q3 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 42%
Undecided..... 8%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bill Owens?

Favorable..... 28%
Unfavorable 31%
Not sure 40%

Q5 If the Democratic ticket this fall was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Bill Owens for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 49%
Romney-Owens 41%
Undecided..... 10%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

Favorable..... 6%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 79%

Q7 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney, and Libertarian Gary Johnson, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 47%
Mitt Romney..... 39%
Gary Johnson 7%
Undecided..... 7%

Q8 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 51%
Someone else/Don't remember 8%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal 17%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 17%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%

Q11 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 39%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 26%



Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.
If other, press 3.

<i>Hispanic</i>	15%
<i>White</i>	77%
<i>Other</i>	8%

Q13 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%



Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	13%	83%	24%
Disapprove	48%	86%	14%	70%
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	6%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	74%	11%	41%
Unfavorable	52%	16%	85%	30%
Not sure	8%	10%	4%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	49%	12%	85%	15%
Mitt Romney	42%	82%	8%	57%
Undecided	8%	6%	7%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Owens Favorability				
Favorable	28%	47%	16%	14%
Unfavorable	31%	18%	43%	26%
Not sure	40%	35%	41%	61%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama-Biden/Romney-Owens				
Obama-Biden	49%	12%	84%	21%
Romney-Owens	41%	80%	8%	48%
Undecided	10%	8%	7%	31%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	6%	8%	5%	2%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	17%	9%
Not sure	79%	78%	78%	90%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	47%	9%	83%	18%
Mitt Romney	39%	76%	9%	44%
Gary Johnson	7%	8%	4%	14%
Undecided	7%	7%	4%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	49%	85%	86%	66%	11%	10%
Disapprove	48%	12%	11%	30%	87%	88%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	40%	5%	8%	26%	70%	77%
Unfavorable	52%	86%	90%	67%	18%	13%
Not sure	8%	9%	2%	8%	12%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	49%	89%	89%	64%	10%	11%
Mitt Romney	42%	7%	6%	23%	80%	87%
Undecided	8%	4%	5%	14%	10%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Owens Favorability						
Favorable	28%	17%	17%	22%	39%	44%
Unfavorable	31%	44%	46%	38%	17%	16%
Not sure	40%	39%	38%	40%	43%	40%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Owens						
Obama-Biden	49%	87%	91%	64%	9%	11%
Romney-Owens	41%	6%	5%	22%	78%	84%
Undecided	10%	7%	4%	14%	13%	6%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Johnson Favorability						
Favorable	6%	5%	3%	6%	5%	11%
Unfavorable	15%	20%	15%	14%	14%	15%
Not sure	79%	75%	82%	81%	81%	73%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney/Johnson						
Barack Obama	47%	85%	84%	63%	7%	11%
Mitt Romney	39%	5%	9%	21%	72%	80%
Gary Johnson	7%	5%	3%	6%	12%	5%
Undecided	7%	4%	4%	9%	10%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	55%	43%
Disapprove	48%	43%	53%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	40%	33%	46%
Unfavorable	52%	56%	48%
Not sure	8%	11%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	49%	54%	45%
Mitt Romney	42%	40%	45%
Undecided	8%	6%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Owens Favorability			
Favorable	28%	27%	30%
Unfavorable	31%	26%	36%
Not sure	40%	46%	34%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama-Biden/Romney-Owens			
Obama-Biden	49%	55%	44%
Romney-Owens	41%	39%	43%
Undecided	10%	7%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Johnson Favorability			
Favorable	6%	5%	7%
Unfavorable	15%	12%	18%
Not sure	79%	84%	74%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney/Johnson			
Barack Obama	47%	51%	43%
Mitt Romney	39%	36%	43%
Gary Johnson	7%	7%	6%
Undecided	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	88%	11%	43%
Disapprove	48%	9%	87%	53%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	10%	74%	36%
Unfavorable	52%	84%	17%	53%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	49%	87%	9%	48%
Mitt Romney	42%	7%	84%	38%
Undecided	8%	5%	7%	14%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Owens Favorability				
Favorable	28%	17%	45%	23%
Unfavorable	31%	43%	16%	35%
Not sure	40%	40%	39%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Owens				
Obama-Biden	49%	88%	10%	45%
Romney-Owens	41%	7%	81%	38%
Undecided	10%	5%	9%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	6%	5%	5%	9%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	17%	13%
Not sure	79%	81%	78%	78%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	47%	85%	9%	42%
Mitt Romney	39%	7%	78%	36%
Gary Johnson	7%	3%	7%	11%
Undecided	7%	5%	6%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	63%	47%	47%
Disapprove	48%	36%	50%	49%
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	4%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	40%	31%	42%	33%
Unfavorable	52%	55%	52%	52%
Not sure	8%	14%	7%	15%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	49%	60%	47%	54%
Mitt Romney	42%	33%	45%	33%
Undecided	8%	7%	8%	13%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Owens Favorability				
Favorable	28%	28%	30%	17%
Unfavorable	31%	37%	29%	38%
Not sure	40%	35%	41%	45%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Owens				
Obama-Biden	49%	60%	48%	46%
Romney-Owens	41%	32%	44%	33%
Undecided	10%	9%	9%	21%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	6%	12%	4%	17%
Unfavorable	15%	21%	14%	16%
Not sure	79%	67%	83%	67%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	47%	55%	46%	48%
Mitt Romney	39%	28%	42%	34%
Gary Johnson	7%	12%	5%	9%
Undecided	7%	6%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	60%	51%	49%	40%
Disapprove	48%	38%	49%	47%	56%
Not sure	3%	2%	-	4%	4%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	40%	29%	36%	39%	52%
Unfavorable	52%	53%	57%	54%	42%
Not sure	8%	18%	8%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	49%	58%	51%	51%	39%
Mitt Romney	42%	29%	41%	42%	53%
Undecided	8%	13%	8%	7%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Owens Favorability					
Favorable	28%	27%	26%	28%	34%
Unfavorable	31%	27%	33%	36%	22%
Not sure	40%	47%	41%	36%	44%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama-Biden/Romney-Owens					
Obama-Biden	49%	58%	50%	52%	39%
Romney-Owens	41%	26%	40%	40%	53%
Undecided	10%	16%	10%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	6%	4%	5%	8%	4%
Unfavorable	15%	22%	14%	14%	15%
Not sure	79%	73%	80%	79%	81%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney/Johnson					
Barack Obama	47%	60%	46%	49%	36%
Mitt Romney	39%	24%	38%	39%	52%
Gary Johnson	7%	7%	9%	6%	5%
Undecided	7%	9%	8%	6%	7%

