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CO voters favor assault weapons ban, legal pot, civil unions

Raleigh, N.C. – Colorado voters are skeptical that any legislative reforms could have prevented the Aurora tragedy—only 35% think it could have, and 58% think it could not have. But they overwhelmingly support a renewal of the assault weapons ban, 58-35. 52% of independents, 84% of Democrats, and even 38% of Republicans support that. Favor for a measure to outlaw certain types of body armor and SWAT Team gear is split, with 41% in support and 40% opposed.

Support has also grown for a ballot measure which would legalize and regulate limited production, possession, and use of marijuana. When PPP polled the state in mid-June, support for the so-called Amendment 64 narrowly outpaced opposition, 46-42. In PPP's first poll of likely voters in this fall's election, almost two months later, support has grown to 47-38. This movement is entirely because of independents, who were already in favor of the amendment by a 49-40 margin; they now support it by 30 points, 58-28. Democrats are still slightly more in favor (59-22) than Republicans opposed (26-61).

Coloradans also still strongly support a bill killed by legislative Republicans which would have legalized civil unions for same-sex couples. 57% support the bill, and 37% oppose it. That is similar to June's 56-38. The difference is that Republicans have moved slightly more in favor, from 27-65 in opposition to only 34-59. 60% of independents and 79% of Democrats support the bill.

John Hickenlooper's approval rating, though still quite lofty, is down from June. While 60% approved and only 26% disapproved of the governor's job performance in the last survey, making him then the most popular governor in the country, that is now down to 56-29, tying him for fourth most popular of the 36 governors on which PPP has polled in the last less than two years. This slight decline is not likely due to Hickenlooper's divorce. His ratings with Republicans—those most likely to frown on a Democrat's personal troubles—remain the same (36-44), very strong cross-aisle support. Instead, he has slipped a little in the eyes of Democrats and independents, though still 75% and 57% of them approve, respectively.

PPP surveyed 779 likely Colorado voters from August 2nd to 5th. 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 Governor John Hickenlooper's job performance?

Approve.....56% Not sure 15%
Disapprove.....29%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mark Udall's job performance?

Approve41% Not sure24%
Disapprove.....35%

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

Approve36% Not sure27%
Disapprove.....37%

Q4 If there was an election for the state legislature today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

Democratic.....45% Undecided.....10%
Republican.....45%

Q5 Amendment 64 is an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning marijuana, and, in connection therewith, providing for the regulation of marijuana; permitting a person twenty-one years of age or older to consume or possess limited amounts of marijuana; providing for the licensing of cultivation facilities, product manufacturing facilities, testing facilities, and retail stores; permitting local governments to regulate or prohibit such facilities; requiring the general assembly to enact an excise tax to be levied upon wholesale sales of marijuana; requiring that the first \$40 million in revenue raised annually by such tax be credited to the public school capital construction assistance fund; and requiring the general assembly to enact legislation governing the cultivation, processing, and sale of industrial hemp. If the election was today, would you vote for or against Amendment 64?

For47% Not sure15%
Against.....38%

Q6 In general, do you think marijuana usage should be legal or illegal?

Legal.....50% Not sure 8%
Illegal42%

Q7 Would you support or oppose the Colorado legislature passing a bill that would let same-sex couples form civil unions?

Support57% Not sure 6%
Oppose37%

Q8 Do you support or oppose the tax credit for wind energy production companies?

Support45% Not sure24%
Oppose31%

Q9 Would you support or oppose a federal ban on the ownership of assault weapons?

Support58% Not sure 7%
Oppose35%

Q10 Would you support or oppose a federal ban on the ownership of certain types of body armor and SWAT Team gear?

Support41% Not sure19%
Oppose40%

Q11 Do you think any reforms of state or federal gun laws could have prevented the Aurora tragedy, or do you think no law reforms could have prevented it?

Some gun law reforms could have prevented it.....35% Law reforms could not have prevented it.....58%
Not sure 7%

Q12 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain.....45%
Barack Obama.....48%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%





Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	14%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	16%
<i>Moderate</i>	27%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	21%
<i>Very conservative</i>	22%

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

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

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.

<i>Democrat</i>	34%
<i>Republican</i>	37%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	29%

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

<i>Hispanic</i>	13%
<i>White</i>	78%
<i>Other</i>	9%

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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	15%
<i>30 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	37%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper Approval				
Approve	56%	36%	76%	46%
Disapprove	29%	46%	13%	34%
Not sure	15%	18%	11%	20%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Udall Approval				
Approve	41%	18%	63%	38%
Disapprove	35%	56%	15%	41%
Not sure	24%	26%	22%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Bennet Approval				
Approve	36%	19%	54%	22%
Disapprove	37%	55%	20%	36%
Not sure	27%	26%	26%	42%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic St. Leg. Ballot				
Democratic	45%	9%	79%	35%
Republican	45%	84%	10%	36%
Undecided	10%	7%	11%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Amendment 64				
For	47%	33%	61%	44%
Against	38%	56%	23%	34%
Not sure	15%	12%	17%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Pot Use Legal/Illegal?				
Legal	50%	34%	65%	49%
Illegal	42%	61%	25%	40%
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill				
Support	57%	33%	80%	53%
Oppose	37%	60%	14%	40%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Wind Credit				
Support	45%	23%	67%	40%
Oppose	31%	52%	11%	34%
Not sure	24%	25%	22%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban				
Support	58%	35%	80%	50%
Oppose	35%	57%	13%	42%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Armor/SWAT Gear Ban				
Support	41%	32%	51%	37%
Oppose	40%	54%	26%	45%
Not sure	19%	14%	23%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Could Gun Law Reforms Have Prevented Aurora?				
Some gun law reforms could have prevented it	35%	15%	57%	16%
Law reforms could not have prevented it	58%	81%	33%	70%
Not sure	7%	4%	9%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hickenlooper Approval						
Approve	56%	69%	80%	72%	41%	25%
Disapprove	29%	15%	15%	17%	39%	55%
Not sure	15%	16%	6%	11%	20%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Udall Approval						
Approve	41%	69%	64%	54%	19%	11%
Disapprove	35%	13%	12%	22%	55%	65%
Not sure	24%	18%	25%	24%	26%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bennet Approval						
Approve	36%	50%	58%	48%	17%	15%
Disapprove	37%	21%	12%	26%	58%	58%
Not sure	27%	29%	30%	26%	24%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic St. Leg. Ballot						
Democratic	45%	90%	90%	50%	12%	6%
Republican	45%	5%	3%	27%	80%	90%
Undecided	10%	5%	6%	23%	7%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Amendment 64						
For	47%	78%	59%	50%	38%	24%
Against	38%	11%	18%	32%	55%	63%
Not sure	15%	11%	23%	19%	8%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Pot Use Legal/Illegal?						
Legal	50%	84%	71%	52%	30%	28%
Illegal	42%	9%	20%	37%	64%	65%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	10%	6%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill						
Support	57%	89%	87%	68%	34%	23%
Oppose	37%	9%	7%	23%	60%	71%
Not sure	6%	2%	7%	9%	6%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Wind Credit						
Support	45%	64%	72%	60%	25%	14%
Oppose	31%	11%	10%	16%	51%	60%
Not sure	24%	24%	18%	24%	24%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban						
Support	58%	76%	91%	65%	44%	25%
Oppose	35%	18%	7%	25%	52%	63%
Not sure	7%	7%	2%	9%	5%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Armor/SWAT Gear Ban						
Support	41%	60%	51%	47%	32%	23%
Oppose	40%	20%	24%	33%	53%	62%
Not sure	19%	20%	25%	20%	15%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Could Gun Law Reforms Have Prevented Aurora?						
Some gun law reforms could have prevented it	35%	64%	54%	44%	17%	9%
Law reforms could not have prevented it	58%	24%	36%	50%	79%	85%
Not sure	7%	12%	10%	7%	5%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper Approval			
Approve	56%	60%	52%
Disapprove	29%	24%	35%
Not sure	15%	16%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall Approval			
Approve	41%	42%	39%
Disapprove	35%	29%	42%
Not sure	24%	29%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet Approval			
Approve	36%	40%	33%
Disapprove	37%	29%	45%
Not sure	27%	32%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic St. Leg. Ballot			
Democratic	45%	47%	42%
Republican	45%	39%	51%
Undecided	10%	14%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Amendment 64			
For	47%	44%	50%
Against	38%	35%	41%
Not sure	15%	20%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Pot Use Legal/Illegal?			
Legal	50%	48%	51%
Illegal	42%	42%	43%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill			
Support	57%	62%	51%
Oppose	37%	31%	43%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Wind Credit			
Support	45%	50%	40%
Oppose	31%	23%	40%
Not sure	24%	28%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban			
Support	58%	64%	51%
Oppose	35%	26%	44%
Not sure	7%	10%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Armor/SWAT Gear Ban			
Support	41%	41%	41%
Oppose	40%	35%	46%
Not sure	19%	24%	13%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Could Gun Law Reforms Have Prevented Aurora?			
Some gun law reforms could have prevented it	35%	41%	29%
Law reforms could not have prevented it	58%	50%	66%
Not sure	7%	9%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper Approval				
Approve	56%	75%	36%	57%
Disapprove	29%	14%	44%	28%
Not sure	15%	10%	19%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	41%	67%	16%	42%
Disapprove	35%	14%	57%	33%
Not sure	24%	19%	27%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	36%	58%	18%	34%
Disapprove	37%	17%	57%	34%
Not sure	27%	25%	25%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic St. Leg. Ballot				
Democratic	45%	94%	8%	33%
Republican	45%	4%	89%	39%
Undecided	10%	3%	3%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Amendment 64				
For	47%	59%	26%	58%
Against	38%	22%	61%	28%
Not sure	15%	18%	13%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Pot Use Legal/Illegal?				
Legal	50%	65%	28%	58%
Illegal	42%	24%	67%	33%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill				
Support	57%	79%	34%	60%
Oppose	37%	13%	59%	36%
Not sure	6%	8%	7%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Wind Credit				
Support	45%	69%	22%	45%
Oppose	31%	9%	53%	31%
Not sure	24%	22%	24%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban				
Support	58%	84%	38%	52%
Oppose	35%	12%	53%	41%
Not sure	7%	5%	10%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Armor/SWAT Gear Ban				
Support	41%	58%	30%	35%
Oppose	40%	22%	56%	43%
Not sure	19%	20%	15%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Could Gun Law Reforms Have Prevented Aurora?				
Some gun law reforms could have prevented it	35%	61%	11%	33%
Law reforms could not have prevented it	58%	29%	85%	59%
Not sure	7%	10%	4%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper Approval				
Approve	56%	66%	55%	52%
Disapprove	29%	24%	29%	35%
Not sure	15%	10%	16%	12%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	41%	43%	39%	48%
Disapprove	35%	39%	35%	31%
Not sure	24%	17%	25%	21%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	36%	46%	35%	31%
Disapprove	37%	34%	37%	41%
Not sure	27%	20%	28%	29%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Generic St. Leg. Ballot				
Democratic	45%	59%	41%	54%
Republican	45%	29%	50%	25%
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	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Amendment 64				
For	47%	41%	48%	49%
Against	38%	44%	38%	30%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%	20%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Pot Use Legal/Illegal?				
Legal	50%	44%	51%	48%
Illegal	42%	47%	43%	34%
Not sure	8%	9%	7%	17%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill				
Support	57%	53%	59%	47%
Oppose	37%	39%	37%	36%
Not sure	6%	9%	5%	18%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Support/Oppose Wind Credit				
Support	45%	50%	44%	47%
Oppose	31%	35%	31%	27%
Not sure	24%	15%	25%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban				
Support	58%	67%	56%	60%
Oppose	35%	26%	37%	35%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Support/Oppose Arm or/SWAT Gear Ban				
Support	41%	46%	41%	38%
Oppose	40%	42%	40%	35%
Not sure	19%	12%	19%	27%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Could Gun Law Reforms Have Prevented Aurora?				
Some gun law reforms could have prevented it	35%	44%	33%	41%
Law reforms could not have prevented it	58%	49%	60%	47%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper Approval					
Approve	56%	50%	58%	58%	55%
Disapprove	29%	37%	27%	29%	27%
Not sure	15%	13%	16%	13%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
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Udall Approval					
Approve	41%	47%	41%	39%	39%
Disapprove	35%	32%	29%	42%	36%
Not sure	24%	21%	29%	20%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet Approval					
Approve	36%	29%	33%	40%	39%
Disapprove	37%	39%	33%	40%	34%
Not sure	27%	32%	34%	20%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic St. Leg. Ballot					
Democratic	45%	53%	48%	41%	40%
Republican	45%	32%	41%	50%	52%
Undecided	10%	16%	11%	9%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Amendment 64					
For	47%	58%	59%	41%	34%
Against	38%	30%	30%	43%	47%
Not sure	15%	12%	12%	16%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Pot Use Legal/Illegal?					
Legal	50%	61%	53%	50%	36%
Illegal	42%	33%	39%	44%	51%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	6%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Civil Unions Bill					
Support	57%	69%	60%	53%	51%
Oppose	37%	28%	33%	41%	39%
Not sure	6%	3%	6%	6%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Wind Credit					
Support	45%	57%	39%	47%	41%
Oppose	31%	27%	33%	33%	30%
Not sure	24%	17%	28%	20%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban					
Support	58%	60%	53%	58%	62%
Oppose	35%	33%	38%	37%	29%
Not sure	7%	7%	9%	5%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Armor/SWAT Gear Ban					
Support	41%	50%	31%	42%	48%
Oppose	40%	37%	47%	40%	33%
Not sure	19%	13%	22%	18%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Could Gun Law Reforms Have Prevented Aurora?					
Some gun law reforms could have prevented it	35%	37%	34%	33%	40%
Law reforms could not have prevented it	58%	57%	59%	60%	51%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	7%	9%

