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Obama holds 3 point lead in Colorado

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's newest Colorado poll finds Barack Obama holding onto a small lead over Mitt Romney, 50/47. That's down from a 51/45 advantage before the first Presidential debate and matches the smallest lead PPP has found for Obama in the state all year.

Romney's seen the same kind of improvement in his image in Colorado that he has throughout the country this month. In September his favorability was a net -6 spread with 45% of voters seeing him favorably to 51% with a negative opinion. That's improved by 5 points to -1 at 48/49. Meanwhile Obama's seen a slight decline in his numbers, with his approval dipping from positive ground at 50/47 to break even at 49/49.

Obama's continuing to lead thanks largely to a 51/42 advantage with independents. There's a large generational gap in Colorado with voters under 65 supporting Obama 51/46, but seniors preferring Romney 55/43. Romney has a narrow advantage with white voters at 50/47, but Obama more than offsets that with big leads among Hispanics (59/38) and other non-white voters (59/29).

Obama has the trust advantage on both the economy (50/46) and Libya (50/44), lending more credence to the thought that Romney botched that issue during the debate on Tuesday. When Gary Johnson is included in the poll he gets 4% and pulls more from Romney than Obama, pushing the President's lead up to 49/44.

“Barack Obama still has the lead in Colorado but it’s a tenuous one,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The race is the closest it’s been all year and it’s trended in Mitt Romney’s direction over the last month.”

Democrats lead the generic legislative ballot 47/42, including a 46/32 lead with independent voters. John Hickenlooper continues to be one of the most popular Governors in the country. 54% of voters approve of the job he's doing to 23% who disapprove, and he leads a generic Republican opponent 56/31.

PPP surveyed 1,000 likely voters from October 16th to 18th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1%. 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..... 49%
Not sure 2%

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

Favorable..... 48%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure 3%

Q3 The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mitt Romney..... 47%
Undecided..... 3%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

Favorable..... 8%
Unfavorable 9%
Not sure 82%

Q5 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..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 44%
Gary Johnson 4%
Undecided..... 3%

Q6 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mitt Romney..... 46%
Not sure 5%

Q7 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of Libya?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mitt Romney..... 44%
Not sure 6%

Q8 Generally speaking, if there was an election for the state legislature today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

Democratic.....47% *Not sure*11%
Republican.....42%

Q9 Are you very excited, somewhat excited, or not at all excited about voting in the 2012 elections?

Very excited62% *Not at all excited*11%
Somewhat excited .26%

Q10 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor John Hickenlooper's job performance?

Approve54% *Not sure*23%
Disapprove.....23%

Q11 Generally speaking, if there was an election today, would you vote for Democratic John Hickenlooper or his Republican opponent?

John Hickenlooper .56% *Not sure*13%
Republican opponent.....31%





Q12 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mark Udall's job performance?

Approve36% Not sure35%
Disapprove.....29%

Q13 Generally speaking, if there was an election today, would you vote for Democrat Mark Udall or his Republican opponent?

Mark Udall.....47% Not sure15%
Republican
opponent.....39%

Q14 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Michael Bennet's job performance?

Approve32% Not sure37%
Disapprove.....31%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 10%
Somewhat liberal 21%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 26%
Very conservative 14%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q17 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..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 27%

Q18 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

Hispanic..... 14%
White 80%
Other..... 7%

Q19 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..... 18%
30 to 45..... 30%
46 to 65..... 35%
Older than 65..... 17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	49%	85%	80%	62%	17%	9%
Disapprove	49%	13%	18%	36%	81%	91%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	48%	13%	15%	36%	77%	91%
Unfavorable	49%	87%	83%	60%	19%	7%
Not sure	3%	-	2%	3%	5%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	50%	87%	81%	61%	19%	8%
Mitt Romney	47%	13%	16%	34%	77%	92%
Undecided	3%	-	4%	4%	4%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Johnson Favorability						
Favorable	8%	16%	5%	11%	7%	6%
Unfavorable	9%	10%	7%	10%	7%	16%
Not sure	82%	74%	87%	80%	86%	79%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney/Johnson						
Barack Obama	49%	82%	84%	59%	15%	9%
Mitt Romney	44%	8%	12%	32%	77%	87%
Gary Johnson	4%	10%	2%	5%	5%	2%
Undecided	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Economy?						
Barack Obama	50%	90%	81%	59%	18%	7%
Mitt Romney	46%	10%	13%	34%	78%	93%
Not sure	5%	1%	6%	7%	4%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Libya?						
Barack Obama	50%	87%	87%	59%	19%	5%
Mitt Romney	44%	12%	11%	32%	75%	92%
Not sure	6%	1%	3%	10%	7%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Leg. Ballot						
Democratic	47%	87%	79%	52%	19%	4%
Republican	42%	9%	12%	27%	72%	92%
Not sure	11%	4%	9%	21%	10%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Voter Enthusiasm						
Very excited	62%	65%	63%	54%	60%	81%
Somewhat excited	26%	24%	30%	30%	30%	8%
Not at all excited	11%	11%	7%	16%	10%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hickenlooper Approval						
Approve	54%	72%	74%	59%	42%	18%
Disapprove	23%	11%	11%	14%	36%	46%
Not sure	23%	16%	15%	26%	22%	37%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hickenlooper or GOP Opponent?						
John Hickenlooper	56%	87%	84%	69%	28%	8%
Republican opponent	31%	7%	10%	17%	50%	81%
Not sure	13%	7%	7%	13%	22%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Udall Approval						
Approve	36%	67%	61%	39%	17%	4%
Disapprove	29%	11%	10%	23%	44%	59%
Not sure	35%	23%	29%	39%	40%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Udall or GOP Opponent?						
Mark Udall	47%	90%	80%	51%	17%	5%
Republican opponent	39%	8%	10%	29%	62%	88%
Not sure	15%	3%	10%	20%	21%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bennet Approval						
Approve	32%	47%	50%	39%	15%	7%
Disapprove	31%	13%	17%	23%	50%	50%
Not sure	37%	40%	33%	38%	35%	43%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	49%	48%
Disapprove	49%	48%	50%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	48%	45%	50%
Unfavorable	49%	51%	48%
Not sure	3%	4%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	50%	50%	50%
Mitt Romney	47%	47%	48%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Johnson Favorability			
Favorable	8%	7%	10%
Unfavorable	9%	7%	12%
Not sure	82%	86%	78%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney/Johnson			
Barack Obama	49%	50%	48%
Mitt Romney	44%	43%	45%
Gary Johnson	4%	4%	5%
Undecided	3%	4%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Economy?			
Barack Obama	50%	50%	50%
Mitt Romney	46%	45%	46%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Libya?			
Barack Obama	50%	49%	52%
Mitt Romney	44%	44%	44%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Leg. Ballot			
Democratic	47%	50%	44%
Republican	42%	39%	45%
Not sure	11%	11%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voter Enthusiasm			
Very excited	62%	60%	64%
Somewhat excited	26%	27%	26%
Not at all excited	11%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper Approval			
Approve	54%	49%	59%
Disapprove	23%	21%	25%
Not sure	23%	30%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper or GOP Opponent?			
John Hickenlooper	56%	57%	55%
Republican opponent	31%	28%	34%
Not sure	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall Approval			
Approve	36%	32%	40%
Disapprove	29%	23%	35%
Not sure	35%	45%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall or GOP Opponent?			
Mark Udall	47%	50%	44%
Republican opponent	39%	34%	43%
Not sure	15%	17%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet Approval			
Approve	32%	32%	33%
Disapprove	31%	25%	36%
Not sure	37%	42%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	84%	10%	50%
Disapprove	49%	14%	89%	48%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	48%	15%	87%	42%
Unfavorable	49%	82%	11%	53%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	50%	84%	11%	51%
Mitt Romney	47%	13%	89%	42%
Undecided	3%	3%	0%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	8%	7%	7%	11%
Unfavorable	9%	11%	9%	8%
Not sure	82%	82%	84%	81%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	49%	83%	9%	50%
Mitt Romney	44%	12%	85%	40%
Gary Johnson	4%	2%	6%	6%
Undecided	3%	3%	1%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Economy?				
Barack Obama	50%	83%	11%	49%
Mitt Romney	46%	12%	89%	41%
Not sure	5%	5%	0%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Libya?				
Barack Obama	50%	84%	9%	52%
Mitt Romney	44%	11%	86%	40%
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democratic	47%	83%	4%	46%
Republican	42%	11%	86%	32%
Not sure	11%	5%	10%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	62%	64%	68%	53%
Somewhat excited	26%	28%	20%	32%
Not at all excited	11%	8%	12%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper Approval				
Approve	54%	71%	32%	56%
Disapprove	23%	12%	38%	20%
Not sure	23%	17%	30%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper or GOP Opponent?				
John Hickenlooper	56%	87%	16%	60%
Republican opponent	31%	7%	66%	22%
Not sure	13%	6%	17%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	36%	57%	13%	34%
Disapprove	29%	12%	51%	26%
Not sure	35%	31%	37%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall or GOP Opponent?				
Mark Udall	47%	81%	6%	48%
Republican opponent	39%	10%	80%	27%
Not sure	15%	9%	13%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	32%	52%	11%	32%
Disapprove	31%	15%	50%	29%
Not sure	37%	33%	40%	39%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	58%	47%	58%
Disapprove	49%	40%	52%	37%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	5%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	48%	40%	50%	37%
Unfavorable	49%	55%	48%	59%
Not sure	3%	5%	2%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	50%	59%	47%	59%
Mitt Romney	47%	38%	50%	29%
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	12%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	8%	10%	8%	10%
Unfavorable	9%	11%	9%	10%
Not sure	82%	79%	83%	80%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	49%	52%	48%	56%
Mitt Romney	44%	39%	46%	28%
Gary Johnson	4%	5%	4%	5%
Undecided	3%	4%	2%	10%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Trust More on Economy?				
Barack Obama	50%	53%	48%	64%
Mitt Romney	46%	41%	47%	29%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Trust More on Libya?				
Barack Obama	50%	57%	48%	65%
Mitt Romney	44%	40%	46%	31%
Not sure	6%	3%	6%	5%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democratic	47%	55%	45%	49%
Republican	42%	36%	44%	24%
Not sure	11%	10%	11%	27%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	62%	70%	61%	56%
Somewhat excited	26%	21%	28%	25%
Not at all excited	11%	9%	11%	19%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper Approval				
Approve	54%	52%	55%	43%
Disapprove	23%	24%	23%	20%
Not sure	23%	24%	22%	37%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Hickenlooper or GOP Opponent?				
John Hickenlooper	56%	60%	55%	62%
Republican opponent	31%	29%	32%	28%
Not sure	13%	11%	14%	10%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	36%	24%	39%	30%
Disapprove	29%	31%	29%	24%
Not sure	35%	44%	33%	47%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Udall or GOP Opponent?				
Mark Udall	47%	47%	47%	47%
Republican opponent	39%	38%	39%	29%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%	24%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	32%	29%	34%	25%
Disapprove	31%	34%	31%	22%
Not sure	37%	37%	36%	53%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	51%	47%	52%	44%
Disapprove	49%	47%	51%	47%	55%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	48%	46%	46%	46%	56%
Unfavorable	49%	49%	53%	51%	41%
Not sure	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	50%	52%	49%	52%	43%
Mitt Romney	47%	42%	47%	46%	55%
Undecided	3%	6%	4%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	8%	13%	8%	7%	7%
Unfavorable	9%	13%	5%	10%	12%
Not sure	82%	74%	86%	83%	81%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney/Johnson					
Barack Obama	49%	51%	49%	52%	42%
Mitt Romney	44%	36%	43%	44%	54%
Gary Johnson	4%	9%	5%	2%	2%
Undecided	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust More on Economy?					
Barack Obama	50%	54%	50%	51%	42%
Mitt Romney	46%	41%	44%	45%	54%
Not sure	5%	5%	6%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust More on Libya?					
Barack Obama	50%	55%	53%	50%	42%
Mitt Romney	44%	36%	43%	45%	52%
Not sure	6%	9%	5%	5%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Leg. Ballot					
Democratic	47%	50%	50%	47%	36%
Republican	42%	36%	40%	41%	53%
Not sure	11%	14%	10%	12%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	62%	66%	53%	67%	63%
Somewhat excited	26%	21%	37%	21%	26%
Not at all excited	11%	13%	10%	12%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper Approval					
Approve	54%	51%	58%	54%	51%
Disapprove	23%	24%	22%	23%	23%
Not sure	23%	25%	20%	23%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper or GOP Opponent?					
John Hickenlooper	56%	58%	60%	55%	50%
Republican opponent	31%	32%	26%	31%	37%
Not sure	13%	9%	14%	14%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Udall Approval					
Approve	36%	35%	37%	38%	34%
Disapprove	29%	27%	28%	29%	31%
Not sure	35%	38%	36%	33%	35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Udall or GOP Opponent?					
Mark Udall	47%	52%	45%	49%	41%
Republican opponent	39%	38%	35%	38%	47%
Not sure	15%	10%	20%	14%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet Approval					
Approve	32%	18%	32%	39%	32%
Disapprove	31%	37%	27%	30%	32%
Not sure	37%	45%	41%	30%	36%

