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Obama, Udall Approvals Somewhat Weak

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama and Mark Udall each won their elections in Colorado last year by pretty solid margins, but Public Policy Polling’s first look at their approval numbers since taking office finds relatively weak numbers for them in the state.

Obama receives approval from 49% of voters with 45% dissenting. For Udall it’s just 41% approval and 46% disapproving.

For each that’s a much smaller swath of the electorate approving of their job performance than voted for them last fall, and it looks like a lot of that may have to do with their standing among independent voters.

An average of PPP’s final three Colorado polls last year found Obama and Udall both doing spectacularly well among independent voters. Obama had a 24 point lead with them and Udall led by 27. But now only 48% of independents approve of what the President is doing with 47% disapproving and for Udall the spread is negative at 41/48.

“Some of the voters in the middle who cast votes for Barack Obama and Mark Udall last fall aren’t giving them the best of reviews for their work so far,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Getting those folks back in their corner is going to be very important moving forward.”

86% of Democrats but only 15% of Republicans approve of Obama while for Udall those numbers are 72% and 12%.

PPP will release new numbers looking at Michael Bennet’s standing tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 1,050 Colorado voters between April 17th and 19th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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 approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Mark Udall's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 46%
Not Sure..... 13%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 36%
Republican..... 38%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q5 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 14%
White 77%
African American 4%
Other..... 5%

Q6 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..... 12%
30 to 45..... 23%
46 to 65..... 47%
Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	53%	45%
Disapprove	45%	40%	50%
Not Sure	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall Approval			
Approve	41%	44%	38%
Disapprove	46%	41%	52%
Not Sure	13%	15%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	86%	15%	48%
Disapprove	45%	8%	79%	47%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	41%	72%	12%	41%
Disapprove	46%	15%	74%	48%
Not Sure	13%	13%	14%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	58%	45%	91%	53%
Disapprove	45%	36%	49%	9%	43%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%	-	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Udall Approval					
Approve	41%	44%	38%	73%	52%
Disapprove	46%	46%	49%	12%	34%
Not Sure	13%	10%	13%	15%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	51%	44%	53%	46%
Disapprove	45%	42%	50%	42%	47%
Not Sure	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Udall Approval					
Approve	41%	40%	36%	45%	39%
Disapprove	46%	49%	51%	43%	47%
Not Sure	13%	11%	13%	13%	15%

