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Bennet not off to a great start

Raleigh, N.C. – Three months into his appointment as a Senator, Michael Bennet isn't making a strong positive impression on Colorado voters.

41% say they disapprove of his job performance so far, with 34% approving. 25% don't have an opinion one way or the other. He is meeting with approval from 59% of Democrats but only 11% of Republicans, and his overall reviews from independents are negative as well, with 32% approving but 43% disapproving.

Bennet does lead three of his most mentioned possible Republican opponents next year in hypothetical match ups. He's up 39-35 on Ryan Frazier, 40-34 on Ken Buck, and 41-34 on Josh Penry. He trails former Congressman Bob Beauprez 43-42.

There's still some indication within the numbers that Hispanic voters might be angry that one of them was not appointed to replace Ken Salazar. Bennet's spread with Hispanics is 36/45, much worse than Barack Obama's 58/36 and one he'll have to improve with that Democratic leaning demographic if he's going to be reelected.

"These numbers for Michael Bennet are not very good," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "The good news for him is that he still hasn't had the opportunity to define himself the way he wants to the voters in a campaign, and when he has the opportunity to do that next year he may fare better than he is now."

Beauprez's favorability numbers, at 33/43, are worse than Bennet's and the voters already had an opportunity to form opinions about him when he ran for Governor in 2006.

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 Democratic Senator Michael Bennet's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve..... 34% *Not Sure*..... 25%
Disapprove..... 41%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman and Gubernatorial candidate Bob Beauprez? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 43%
Not Sure..... 25%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Aurora City Councilman Ryan Frazier? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 14% *Not Sure*..... 66%
Unfavorable..... 20%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Weld County District Attorney Ken Buck? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 17% *Not Sure*..... 61%
Unfavorable 22%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican State Senate Minority Leader Josh Penry? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 25% *Not Sure*..... 50%
Unfavorable 26%

Q6 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Bob Beauprez, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Bob Beauprez, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bennet 42%
Beauprez 43%
Undecided..... 16%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Ryan Frazier, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Ryan Frazier, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bennet 39%
Frazier..... 35%
Undecided..... 26%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Ken Buck, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Ken Buck, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bennet 40%
Buck..... 34%
Undecided..... 26%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Josh Penry, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Josh Penry, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Bennet 41%
Penry 34%
Undecided..... 25%

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

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%





Q11 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%

Q12 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%

Q13 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
Bennet Approval			
Approve	34%	36%	31%
Disapprove	41%	34%	50%
Not Sure	25%	30%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Beauprez Favorability			
Favorable	33%	29%	37%
Unfavorable	43%	41%	45%
Not Sure	25%	30%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Frazier Favorability			
Favorable	14%	11%	16%
Unfavorable	20%	20%	21%
Not Sure	66%	69%	63%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Buck Favorability			
Favorable	17%	15%	20%
Unfavorable	22%	20%	24%
Not Sure	61%	65%	56%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Penry Favorability			
Favorable	25%	20%	30%
Unfavorable	26%	25%	27%
Not Sure	50%	55%	43%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Beauprez			
Bennet	42%	45%	38%
Beauprez	43%	41%	45%
Undecided	16%	15%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Frazier			
Bennet	39%	43%	35%
Frazier	35%	33%	37%
Undecided	26%	25%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Buck			
Bennet	40%	44%	35%
Buck	34%	32%	37%
Undecided	26%	24%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Penry			
Bennet	41%	44%	36%
Penry	34%	30%	39%
Undecided	25%	25%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet Approval				
Approve	34%	59%	11%	32%
Disapprove	41%	16%	64%	43%
Not Sure	25%	24%	25%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Beauprez Favorability				
Favorable	33%	11%	56%	29%
Unfavorable	43%	68%	21%	40%
Not Sure	25%	22%	23%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Frazier Favorability				
Favorable	14%	5%	25%	10%
Unfavorable	20%	36%	7%	19%
Not Sure	66%	59%	69%	71%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Buck Favorability				
Favorable	17%	9%	27%	15%
Unfavorable	22%	38%	8%	19%
Not Sure	61%	53%	65%	66%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Penry Favorability				
Favorable	25%	8%	39%	27%
Unfavorable	26%	44%	10%	24%
Not Sure	50%	48%	51%	49%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Beauprez				
Bennet	42%	77%	10%	38%
Beauprez	43%	9%	77%	40%
Undecided	16%	14%	12%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Frazier				
Bennet	39%	75%	8%	35%
Frazier	35%	8%	67%	25%
Undecided	26%	18%	25%	40%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Buck				
Bennet	40%	78%	7%	36%
Buck	34%	8%	65%	25%
Undecided	26%	14%	27%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Peñry				
Bennet	41%	79%	7%	35%
Peñry	34%	8%	65%	25%
Undecided	25%	13%	28%	40%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Bennet Approval					
Approve	34%	36%	32%	56%	46%
Disapprove	41%	45%	42%	19%	30%
Not Sure	25%	18%	26%	25%	24%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Beauprez Favorability					
Favorable	33%	33%	34%	11%	25%
Unfavorable	43%	41%	42%	56%	47%
Not Sure	25%	26%	24%	34%	27%





Crosstabs

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		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Frazier Favorability					
Favorable	14%	14%	14%	15%	10%
Unfavorable	20%	23%	19%	43%	13%
Not Sure	66%	62%	67%	42%	77%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Buck Favorability					
Favorable	17%	22%	17%	8%	24%
Unfavorable	22%	25%	20%	49%	14%
Not Sure	61%	53%	63%	43%	62%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Penry Favorability					
Favorable	25%	23%	25%	16%	28%
Unfavorable	26%	31%	23%	51%	29%
Not Sure	50%	46%	52%	34%	43%

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Bennet/Beauprez					
Bennet	42%	44%	40%	53%	45%
Beauprez	43%	39%	45%	15%	39%
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Bennet	40%	49%	38%	61%	38%
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Not Sure	25%	16%	24%	27%	26%

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Favorable	25%	36%	25%	21%	24%
Unfavorable	26%	40%	23%	25%	21%
Not Sure	50%	24%	52%	53%	54%





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Beauprez	43%	47%	50%	38%	44%
Undecided	16%	16%	13%	17%	17%

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