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Hickenlooper Strong With or Without Tancredo in Race

Raleigh, N.C. – After coming from way behind in the last few months to beat ethically troubled Scott McInnis in the Republican primary last night, Dan Maes has an even more daunting challenge if he hopes to take the Colorado governorship from the Democrats this fall. Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper leads Maes by double digits whether American Constitution candidate Tom Tancredo stays in the race or not, but when the Republican vote is split, Hickenlooper has a decisive advantage.

In a two-way, Hickenlooper tops Maes 50-38, with 12% undecided. In the three-candidate race, Hickenlooper barely falls to 48%, with Maes and Tancredo locked at 23% and 22% of the vote, respectively; only 7% are undecided then. Hickenlooper gets 11% of the GOP vote against just Maes, to Maes' 6% of the Democratic vote, but the mayor even gets 10% in the three-way, with Maes at only 48% to Tancredo's 32% of Republicans. Hickenlooper pulls 87% or 88% of his own party's support in either configuration, and he leads Maes with independents, 52-29, and has 46% to Tancredo's 32% and Maes' 13%.

Unlike in other states, the candidate of the incumbent party does not suffer from the low job performance ratings of the retiring head of state. Bill Ritter has a 33-50 approval margin, but Hickenlooper's personal favorability is exactly the opposite, 50-33. Even 21% of Republicans like him. After a divisive primary, Maes has only a 23-38 favorability mark. Tancredo is even worse, 27-50. Independents like Hickenlooper by a 47-30 margin, but they dislike the other two by 17-41 and 24-47 margins, respectively.

“Unless Tancredo drops out and Maes suddenly turns things around with independents and brings more of his party to the fold, Democrats have to feel better about retaining this seat than almost any in the country. Hickenlooper is well liked, and he has a near majority even in a three-way race,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,015 Colorado voters from August 7th to 8th. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



Colorado Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Bill Ritter's job performance?

Approve 33%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not sure..... 18%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Hickenlooper?

Favorable..... 50%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Maes?

Favorable..... 23%
Unfavorable 38%
Not sure 39%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Tancredo?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 23%

Q5 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat John Hickenlooper and Republican Dan Maes, who would you vote for?

John Hickenlooper 50%
Dan Maes 38%
Undecided..... 12%

Q6 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat John Hickenlooper, Republican Dan Maes, and American Constitution Party candidate Tom Tancredo, who would you vote for?

John Hickenlooper 48%
Dan Maes 23%
Tom Tancredo 22%
Undecided..... 7%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q8 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 14%
White 78%
African-American 4%
Other..... 4%

Q9 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..... 11%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65..... 25%

Q10 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 45%
Barack Obama..... 49%
Someone else/Don't remember 6%





Q11 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 24%
Moderate..... 39%
Conservative..... 37%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or some other party, press 3.

Democrat..... 40%
Republican..... 39%
Independent/Other..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Ritter Approval			
Approve	33%	34%	31%
Disapprove	50%	43%	58%
Not sure	18%	23%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper Favorability			
Favorable	50%	53%	46%
Unfavorable	33%	26%	41%
Not sure	17%	21%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Maes Favorability			
Favorable	23%	20%	27%
Unfavorable	38%	35%	40%
Not sure	39%	46%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tancredo Favorability			
Favorable	27%	22%	32%
Unfavorable	50%	50%	50%
Not sure	23%	28%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper/Maes			
John Hickenlooper	50%	55%	45%
Dan Maes	38%	32%	43%
Undecided	12%	13%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo			
John Hickenlooper	48%	54%	42%
Dan Maes	23%	20%	25%
Tom Tancredo	22%	18%	27%
Undecided	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Ritter Approval					
Approve	33%	28%	33%	29%	44%
Disapprove	50%	51%	50%	50%	42%
Not sure	18%	21%	17%	21%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Hickenlooper Favorability					
Favorable	50%	51%	50%	45%	46%
Unfavorable	33%	31%	33%	45%	39%
Not sure	17%	18%	17%	9%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Maes Favorability					
Favorable	23%	28%	22%	18%	24%
Unfavorable	38%	34%	37%	59%	39%
Not sure	39%	38%	41%	23%	37%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Tancredo Favorability					
Favorable	27%	28%	27%	14%	28%
Unfavorable	50%	55%	49%	55%	49%
Not sure	23%	17%	24%	32%	23%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Hickenlooper/Maes					
John Hickenlooper	50%	58%	49%	57%	54%
Dan Maes	38%	30%	39%	38%	37%
Undecided	12%	12%	13%	5%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo					
John Hickenlooper	48%	52%	47%	59%	46%
Dan Maes	23%	18%	24%	14%	23%
Tom Tancredo	22%	23%	22%	18%	29%
Undecided	7%	6%	7%	9%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Ritter Approval					
Approve	33%	30%	30%	37%	29%
Disapprove	50%	47%	44%	52%	52%
Not sure	18%	23%	25%	11%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper Favorability					
Favorable	50%	39%	53%	53%	45%
Unfavorable	33%	45%	27%	31%	38%
Not sure	17%	16%	21%	16%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Maes Favorability					
Favorable	23%	29%	20%	23%	24%
Unfavorable	38%	32%	33%	43%	35%
Not sure	39%	38%	47%	35%	41%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tancredo Favorability					
Favorable	27%	30%	21%	27%	30%
Unfavorable	50%	42%	53%	53%	47%
Not sure	23%	29%	26%	20%	23%





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Hickenlooper/Maes					
John Hickenlooper	50%	45%	54%	55%	43%
Dan Maes	38%	43%	36%	32%	46%
Undecided	12%	12%	10%	13%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hickenlooper/Maes/Tancredo					
John Hickenlooper	48%	41%	51%	52%	43%
Dan Maes	23%	31%	20%	19%	27%
Tom Tancredo	22%	23%	22%	22%	23%
Undecided	7%	4%	7%	7%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Ritter Approval				
Approve	33%	9%	56%	15%
Disapprove	50%	77%	24%	58%
Not sure	18%	14%	20%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	50%	21%	78%	35%
Unfavorable	33%	57%	10%	50%
Not sure	17%	22%	12%	15%





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Maes Favorability				
Favorable	23%	40%	7%	28%
Unfavorable	38%	20%	54%	35%
Not sure	39%	40%	39%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	27%	42%	11%	40%
Unfavorable	50%	32%	68%	34%
Not sure	23%	25%	21%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper/Maes				
John Hickenlooper	50%	13%	87%	36%
Dan Maes	38%	70%	6%	48%
Undecided	12%	17%	7%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	48%	10%	85%	34%
Dan Maes	23%	45%	3%	12%
Tom Tancredo	22%	35%	8%	50%
Undecided	7%	11%	3%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Ritter Approval				
Approve	33%	55%	43%	8%
Disapprove	50%	26%	37%	78%
Not sure	18%	19%	20%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	50%	78%	65%	15%
Unfavorable	33%	12%	19%	62%
Not sure	17%	11%	16%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	23%	9%	15%	41%
Unfavorable	38%	51%	46%	20%
Not sure	39%	41%	39%	39%

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Favorable	27%	10%	19%	46%
Unfavorable	50%	73%	56%	29%
Not sure	23%	18%	25%	25%





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Hickenlooper/Maes				
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Undecided	12%	6%	12%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hickenlooper/Maes/- Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	48%	85%	63%	9%
Dan Maes	23%	4%	14%	44%
Tom Tancredo	22%	8%	17%	37%
Undecided	7%	3%	6%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Ritter Approval				
Approve	33%	58%	9%	27%
Disapprove	50%	23%	75%	53%
Not sure	18%	19%	15%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper Favorability				
Favorable	50%	79%	21%	47%
Unfavorable	33%	10%	58%	30%
Not sure	17%	10%	21%	23%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Maes Favorability				
Favorable	23%	8%	42%	17%
Unfavorable	38%	52%	21%	41%
Not sure	39%	40%	38%	42%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	27%	11%	44%	24%
Unfavorable	50%	69%	32%	47%
Not sure	23%	20%	24%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper/Maes				
John Hickenlooper	50%	88%	11%	52%
Dan Maes	38%	6%	74%	29%
Undecided	12%	6%	15%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hickenlooper/Maes/ Tancredo				
John Hickenlooper	48%	87%	10%	46%
Dan Maes	23%	3%	48%	13%
Tom Tancredo	22%	8%	32%	32%
Undecided	7%	3%	10%	9%

