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## **Bennet still looking vulnerable**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – More than halfway through his first year in the Senate Michael Bennet continues to sport weak approval numbers, Public Policy Polling's newest Colorado survey finds.

Bennet has a 31% approval rating, with 38% of voters in the state disapproving of his job performance. That's virtually unchanged from a 34/41 breakdown when PPP last polled Colorado in April. 57% of Democrats, 29% of independents, and 9% of Republicans like the job he's doing.

Voters aren't too fond of his potential Republican opponents for reelection either though. 40% have an unfavorable opinion of former Congressman Bob Beauprez to just 30% favorable. For Aurora City Councilman Ryan Frazier it's 19% unfavorable to 11% favorable and for Weld County District Attorney it's 18% unfavorable to 17% favorable.

Head to head contests between Bennet and the Republican trio are all close. Beauprez leads Bennet 42-39, while Bennet has a 39-35 advantage over Buck and a 38-33 one over Frazier.

"Colorado voters continue to be pretty uninspired by their choices for the US Senate next year," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "You still have to peg Bennet as the favorite because of his superior fundraising but it doesn't look like a slam dunk by any means."

PPP will be releasing new Colorado numbers for the rest of the week. Tomorrow's release will look at the popularity of President Obama and his health care plan.

PPP surveyed 969 Colorado voters from August 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.2%. 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](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

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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*..... 31% *Not Sure*..... 31%  
*Disapprove*..... 38%

**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*..... 30%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 40%  
*Not Sure*..... 31%

**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*..... 11% *Not Sure*..... 70%  
*Unfavorable*..... 19%

**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*..... 64%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 18%

**Q5** 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* ..... 39%  
*Beauprez* ..... 42%  
*Undecided*..... 19%

**Q6** 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* ..... 39%  
*Buck*..... 35%  
*Undecided*..... 26%

**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* ..... 38%  
*Frazier*..... 33%  
*Undecided*..... 30%

**Q8** If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 20%  
*Moderate*..... 45%  
*Conservative*..... 35%

**Q9** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 49%  
*Man*..... 51%

**Q10** 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*..... 39%  
*Independent/Other*..... 26%





**Q11** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.  
If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i> .....	13%
<i>White</i> .....	79%
<i>African American</i> .....	3%
<i>Other</i> .....	5%

**Q12** 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.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	16%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	26%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	43%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	15%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Bennet Approval</b>				
Approve	31%	62%	36%	7%
Disapprove	38%	8%	30%	66%
Not Sure	31%	30%	35%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Beauprez Favorability</b>				
Favorable	30%	12%	21%	50%
Unfavorable	40%	66%	46%	16%
Not Sure	31%	22%	32%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Frazier Favorability</b>				
Favorable	11%	7%	7%	18%
Unfavorable	19%	35%	20%	8%
Not Sure	70%	58%	73%	74%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Buck Favorability</b>				
Favorable	17%	9%	12%	29%
Unfavorable	18%	34%	19%	8%
Not Sure	64%	57%	69%	62%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Bennet/Beauprez</b>				
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	84%	43%	8%
<b>Beauprez</b>	42%	6%	33%	75%
<b>Undecided</b>	19%	11%	24%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Bennet/Buck</b>				
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	83%	45%	8%
<b>Buck</b>	35%	4%	24%	66%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	12%	31%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Bennet/Frazier</b>				
<b>Bennet</b>	38%	80%	43%	7%
<b>Frazier</b>	33%	7%	19%	65%
<b>Undecided</b>	30%	13%	38%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bennet Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	31%	30%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	38%	32%	43%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	38%	25%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Beauprez Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	30%	28%	31%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	37%	42%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	35%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Frazier Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	13%	8%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	19%	16%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	70%	70%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Buck Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	18%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	16%	21%
<b>Not Sure</b>	64%	66%	63%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bennet/Beauprez</b>			
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	39%	38%
<b>Beauprez</b>	42%	39%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	19%	21%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bennet/Buck</b>			
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	41%	38%
<b>Buck</b>	35%	32%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	27%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bennet/Frazier</b>			
<b>Bennet</b>	38%	38%	37%
<b>Frazier</b>	33%	31%	34%
<b>Undecided</b>	30%	30%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bennet Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	31%	57%	9%	29%
<b>Disapprove</b>	38%	12%	62%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	31%	28%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Beauprez Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	30%	13%	49%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	62%	17%	43%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	25%	34%	34%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Frazier Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	7%	16%	8%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	19%	31%	7%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	62%	77%	72%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Buck Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	6%	29%	15%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	32%	8%	16%
<b>Not Sure</b>	64%	62%	63%	70%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bennet/Beauprez</b>				
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	73%	8%	38%
<b>Beauprez</b>	42%	10%	77%	36%
<b>Undecided</b>	19%	18%	15%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bennet/Buck</b>				
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	77%	8%	36%
<b>Buck</b>	35%	6%	66%	28%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	18%	26%	36%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bennet/Frazier</b>				
<b>Bennet</b>	38%	75%	6%	33%
<b>Frazier</b>	33%	6%	63%	25%
<b>Undecided</b>	30%	19%	31%	42%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Bennet Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	31%	38%	30%	46%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	38%	27%	40%	41%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	35%	31%	13%	32%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Beauprez Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	30%	20%	32%	13%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	41%	39%	58%	37%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	39%	29%	29%	39%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Frazier Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	17%	10%	16%	8%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	19%	27%	17%	42%	17%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	56%	73%	42%	75%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Buck Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	18%	18%	2%	13%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	28%	16%	28%	26%
<b>Not Sure</b>	64%	54%	66%	71%	61%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Bennet/Beauprez</b>					
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	49%	36%	53%	38%
<b>Beauprez</b>	42%	28%	46%	13%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	19%	23%	18%	34%	19%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Bennet/Buck</b>					
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	59%	35%	51%	50%
<b>Buck</b>	35%	20%	39%	16%	24%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	21%	26%	33%	26%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Bennet/Frazier</b>					
<b>Bennet</b>	38%	51%	35%	38%	37%
<b>Frazier</b>	33%	25%	34%	26%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	30%	24%	30%	36%	26%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bennet Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	31%	36%	27%	33%	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	38%	27%	41%	38%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	36%	32%	29%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Beauprez Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	30%	21%	30%	32%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	40%	36%	40%	41%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	31%	42%	30%	27%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Frazier Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	9%	13%	11%	9%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	19%	27%	16%	19%	17%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	64%	71%	71%	74%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Buck Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	15%	15%	19%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	24%	19%	17%	16%
<b>Not Sure</b>	64%	61%	66%	64%	67%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bennet/Beauprez</b>					
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	39%	40%	38%	36%
<b>Beauprez</b>	42%	33%	41%	46%	46%
<b>Undecided</b>	19%	27%	19%	16%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bennet/Buck</b>					
<b>Bennet</b>	39%	45%	40%	39%	35%
<b>Buck</b>	35%	27%	35%	36%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	27%	25%	25%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bennet/Frazier</b>					
<b>Bennet</b>	38%	39%	38%	38%	35%
<b>Frazier</b>	33%	21%	35%	35%	35%
<b>Undecided</b>	30%	39%	27%	27%	29%

