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Obama approval unchanged since April

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama’s approval rating in Colorado when PPP polled the state in April was 49% and four months later it’s unchanged.

47% of voters express disapproval of the President’s performance and 4% are unsure. 88% of Democrats, 48% of independents, and 13% of Republicans think he’s doing a good job.

Obama’s approval rating in Colorado is surprisingly low given his victory with 54% of the vote in the state last fall. Polling released by Gallup last week also showed Obama’s popularity lagging many other states where he did not do as well at the ballot box.

Obama’s health care plan is not popular with voters in the state. 51% of them say they are opposed to it with just 38% in support. There is a big drop among Democrats from Obama’s overall approval to support for his health care plans.

The ‘birther’ movement has a fair amount of support in Colorado. Only 58% of voters say they think Obama was born in the United States, with 24% saying they think he was not, and 18% unsure.

“Obama’s lack of popularity in Colorado is one of the most curious developments on the state level of his early Presidency,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It’s unclear why he’s so much less popular there than other states where he performed similarly at the polls.”

Tomorrow PPP will release numbers looking at how Bill Ritter is doing.

PPP surveyed 969 Colorado voters from August 14th to 16th. 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.

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..... 47%
Not Sure..... 4%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Support 38%
Oppose 51%
No Opinion..... 11%

Q3 Do you think the government should stay out of Medicare? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 38%
No 46%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q4 Do you think Barack Obama was born in the United States? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 58%
No 24%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q5 Do you consider Hawaii to be part of the United States? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 97%
No 2%
Not Sure..... 2%

Q6 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 39%
Disapprove..... 38%
Not Sure..... 23%

Q7 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

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

Q8 If you make less than \$25,000 a year, press 1. If you make between \$25,000 and \$50,000 a year, press 2. If you make between \$50,000 and \$75,000 a year, press 3. If you make between \$75,000 and \$100,000 a year, press 4. If you make more than \$100,000 a year, press 5.

Less than 25k 26%
25 to 50k..... 29%
50 to 75k..... 20%
75 to 100k..... 11%
More than 100k..... 13%





Q9 Which of these categories best describes your education level? If you have some graduate or professional schooling after college, press 1. If you have a bachelor's degree, press 2. If you attended some college, including community college, after high school press 3. If you are a high school graduate, press 4. If you did not graduate from high school, press 5.

Post-Graduate Schooling..... 37%
Bachelor's Degree 26%
Some College 28%
High School Grad 8%
Didn't Finish High School..... 1%

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

Woman 49%
Man..... 51%

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..... 39%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 13%
White 79%
African American 3%
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..... 16%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	89%	58%	14%
Disapprove	47%	7%	39%	82%
Not Sure	4%	4%	3%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	38%	86%	41%	7%
Oppose	51%	8%	44%	85%
No Opinion	11%	6%	15%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Government out of Medicare				
Yes	38%	14%	32%	60%
No	46%	76%	52%	21%
Not Sure	16%	10%	17%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama born in US				
Yes	58%	90%	66%	30%
No	24%	5%	21%	38%
Not Sure	18%	5%	13%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hawaii Part of US				
Yes	97%	98%	98%	94%
No	2%	0%	1%	3%
Not Sure	2%	1%	1%	3%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Udall Approval				
Approve	39%	76%	45%	10%
Disapprove	38%	6%	31%	65%
Not Sure	23%	18%	24%	25%

	Base	Income				
		Less than 25k	25 to 50k	50 to 75k	75 to 100k	More than 100k
Obama Approval						
Approve	49%	50%	48%	44%	57%	47%
Disapprove	47%	44%	48%	53%	40%	50%
Not Sure	4%	6%	4%	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Income				
		Less than 25k	25 to 50k	50 to 75k	75 to 100k	More than 100k
Obama Health Care Plan						
Support	38%	37%	40%	36%	40%	37%
Oppose	51%	43%	51%	57%	51%	56%
No Opinion	11%	20%	8%	6%	9%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Income				
		Less than 25k	25 to 50k	50 to 75k	75 to 100k	More than 100k
Government out of Medicare						
Yes	38%	42%	36%	34%	40%	41%
No	46%	42%	49%	42%	47%	50%
Not Sure	16%	16%	15%	24%	13%	9%

	Base	Income				
		Less than 25k	25 to 50k	50 to 75k	75 to 100k	More than 100k
Obama born in US						
Yes	58%	51%	60%	55%	66%	68%
No	24%	23%	26%	20%	28%	24%
Not Sure	18%	26%	14%	25%	6%	8%

	Base	Income				
		Less than 25k	25 to 50k	50 to 75k	75 to 100k	More than 100k
Hawaii Part of US						
Yes	97%	94%	97%	97%	99%	100%
No	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	-
Not Sure	2%	4%	2%	2%	-	-

	Base	Income				
		Less than 25k	25 to 50k	50 to 75k	75 to 100k	More than 100k
Udall Approval						
Approve	39%	37%	39%	38%	44%	40%
Disapprove	38%	31%	37%	45%	39%	42%
Not Sure	23%	32%	24%	17%	17%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Education				
		Post-Graduate Schooling	Bachelor's Degree	Some College	High School Grad	Didn't Finish High School
Obama Approval						
Approve	49%	60%	48%	36%	44%	52%
Disapprove	47%	37%	50%	58%	52%	27%
Not Sure	4%	3%	2%	6%	4%	21%

	Base	Education				
		Post-Graduate Schooling	Bachelor's Degree	Some College	High School Grad	Didn't Finish High School
Obama Health Care Plan						
Support	38%	50%	39%	25%	24%	48%
Oppose	51%	41%	55%	61%	57%	31%
No Opinion	11%	9%	6%	15%	19%	21%

	Base	Education				
		Post-Graduate Schooling	Bachelor's Degree	Some College	High School Grad	Didn't Finish High School
Government out of Medicare						
Yes	38%	26%	41%	47%	52%	38%
No	46%	58%	45%	35%	27%	55%
Not Sure	16%	16%	14%	18%	20%	7%

	Base	Education				
		Post-Graduate Schooling	Bachelor's Degree	Some College	High School Grad	Didn't Finish High School
Obama born in US						
Yes	58%	69%	65%	44%	41%	55%
No	24%	18%	20%	31%	36%	31%
Not Sure	18%	13%	16%	25%	22%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Education				
		Post-Graduate Schooling	Bachelor's Degree	Some College	High School Grad	Didn't Finish High School
Hawaii Part of US						
Yes	97%	98%	99%	94%	93%	90%
No	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	7%
Not Sure	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%

	Base	Education				
		Post-Graduate Schooling	Bachelor's Degree	Some College	High School Grad	Didn't Finish High School
Udall Approval						
Approve	39%	50%	40%	26%	33%	14%
Disapprove	38%	29%	41%	46%	38%	62%
Not Sure	23%	21%	19%	28%	29%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	50%	47%
Disapprove	47%	45%	49%
Not Sure	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care Plan			
Support	38%	39%	37%
Oppose	51%	50%	52%
No Opinion	11%	11%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Government out of Medicare			
Yes	38%	39%	38%
No	46%	42%	49%
Not Sure	16%	19%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama born in US			
Yes	58%	55%	62%
No	24%	27%	21%
Not Sure	18%	18%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hawaii Part of US			
Yes	97%	97%	96%
No	2%	1%	2%
Not Sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Udall Approval			
Approve	39%	40%	38%
Disapprove	38%	33%	42%
Not Sure	23%	27%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	88%	13%	48%
Disapprove	47%	10%	83%	46%
Not Sure	4%	2%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	38%	73%	8%	36%
Oppose	51%	13%	88%	48%
No Opinion	11%	14%	4%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Government out of Medicare				
Yes	38%	15%	62%	34%
No	46%	69%	22%	49%
Not Sure	16%	16%	16%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama born in US				
Yes	58%	82%	33%	64%
No	24%	7%	43%	18%
Not Sure	18%	11%	24%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hawaii Part of US				
Yes	97%	98%	95%	97%
No	2%	1%	3%	1%
Not Sure	2%	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Udall Approval				
Approve	39%	72%	11%	35%
Disapprove	38%	10%	64%	37%
Not Sure	23%	18%	25%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	69%	44%	89%	45%
Disapprove	47%	25%	53%	11%	41%
Not Sure	4%	6%	3%	-	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	38%	51%	35%	75%	33%
Oppose	51%	27%	56%	13%	55%
No Opinion	11%	22%	9%	11%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Government out of Medicare					
Yes	38%	26%	40%	23%	50%
No	46%	57%	44%	47%	38%
Not Sure	16%	18%	16%	30%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama born in US					
Yes	58%	63%	56%	67%	77%
No	24%	17%	26%	9%	12%
Not Sure	18%	20%	18%	24%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Hawaii Part of US					
Yes	97%	93%	97%	96%	96%
No	2%	3%	1%	-	2%
Not Sure	2%	4%	1%	4%	2%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Udall Approval					
Approve	39%	49%	37%	53%	31%
Disapprove	38%	25%	40%	30%	38%
Not Sure	23%	25%	23%	17%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	59%	51%	46%	42%
Disapprove	47%	38%	47%	50%	53%
Not Sure	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Health Care Plan					
Support	38%	48%	35%	38%	31%
Oppose	51%	39%	54%	51%	58%
No Opinion	11%	12%	10%	11%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Government out of Medicare					
Yes	38%	42%	38%	35%	44%
No	46%	45%	48%	46%	40%
Not Sure	16%	12%	14%	19%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama born in US					
Yes	58%	61%	64%	58%	49%
No	24%	12%	25%	25%	31%
Not Sure	18%	27%	11%	17%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hawaii Part of US					
Yes	97%	100%	98%	97%	91%
No	2%	-	1%	2%	4%
Not Sure	2%	-	2%	1%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Udall Approval					
Approve	39%	45%	39%	38%	35%
Disapprove	38%	27%	37%	41%	42%
Not Sure	23%	27%	24%	21%	23%

