

**INTERVIEWS: Tom Jensen 919-744-6312****IF YOU HAVE BASIC METHODOLOGICAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE E-MAIL  
information@publicpolicypolling.com, OR CONSULT THE FINAL PARAGRAPH  
OF THE PRESS RELEASE**

## **Obama leads by 6 points in Colorado**

**Raleigh, N.C.--** PPP's newest Colorado poll finds Barack Obama leading Mitt Romney 51-45 in the state. That represents a three point improvement for Obama since Labor Day weekend when he had a 49-46 advantage.

The key for Obama in Colorado is that he's neutralizing or even holding a small lead with some of the groups he tends to struggle with. For instance he's actually slightly ahead, 49-48, with white voters and when you add his typical 65-29 lead with Hispanics to the mix it gives him his overall healthy lead. He's also leading 51-46 with men to go along with his usual advantage among women, 52-44 in this case. Romney does have a 52-45 lead with seniors but Obama more than offsets that with a 58-38 lead among voters under 45.

Since our last poll Obama has seen a 4 point improvement in his net approval rating, from slightly negative ground at 48/49 to slightly positive at 50/47. Romney's seen a small decline in his favorability numbers from 46/50 to 45/51.

Romney did not help himself with his '47%' comments earlier this week. 38% of voters said his sentiment made them less likely to vote for him, compared to only 27% who consider them a positive. Romney trails Obama 51-41 with independents and Obama is also benefiting from a more unified party with 91% of Democrats supporting him compared to 86% of Republicans who are behind Romney.

We also tested an iteration of the Presidential race in Colorado including Libertarian Gary Johnson. Johnson polls at 4% but doesn't have any sort of spoiler effect- he pulls equally from Obama and Romney, still leaving Obama with a 6 point lead at 49-43.

“We have consistently found Barack Obama leading in Colorado and that advantage is widening again as the election nears,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Romney’s going to need to get it turned around soon to have a chance at winning the state.”

PPP surveyed 940 likely Colorado voters from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> . The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.2%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization.



## Colorado Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 50%  
*Disapprove*..... 47%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

*Favorable*..... 45%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 51%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q3** The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 51%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 45%  
*Undecided*..... 4%

**Q4** Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?

*Barack Obama*..... 49%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 46%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q5** Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of foreign policy?

*Barack Obama*..... 53%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 45%  
*Not sure* ..... 2%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

*Favorable*..... 9%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 15%  
*Not sure*..... 76%

**Q7** If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney, and Libertarian Gary Johnson, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 49%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 43%  
*Gary Johnson* ..... 4%  
*Undecided*..... 3%

**Q8** Are you very excited, somewhat excited, or not at all excited about voting in the 2012 elections?

*Very excited* ..... 62% *Not at all excited* ..... 14%  
*Somewhat excited* .25%

**Q9** Are you familiar with comments Mitt Romney has made about the '47%', or not?

*Familiar* ..... 90%  
*Not familiar*..... 10%

**Q10** Mitt Romney recently said, "There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. All right? There are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it, that that's an entitlement. And the government should give it to them. And they will vote for this president no matter what.... These are people who pay no income tax." Do you think Romney's comments were appropriate or inappropriate?

*Appropriate* ..... 44%  
*Inappropriate*..... 51%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%





**Q11** Do these comments make you more or less likely to vote for Mitt Romney, or do they not make a difference?

*More likely*..... 27%  
*Less likely*..... 38%  
*Not sure*..... 35%

**Q12** Do you think Mitt Romney should release his tax returns for the last 12 years, or not?

*He should*..... 52%  
*He should not*..... 41%  
*Not sure*..... 8%

**Q13** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 10%  
*Somewhat liberal*..... 20%  
*Moderate*..... 29%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 24%  
*Very conservative*..... 16%

**Q14** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

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

**Q15** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 34%  
*Republican*..... 34%  
*Independent/Other*..... 31%

**Q16** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

*Hispanic*..... 11%  
*White*..... 83%  
*Other*..... 7%

**Q17** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 12%  
*30 to 45*..... 30%  
*46 to 65*..... 38%  
*Older than 65*..... 20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>						
Approve	50%	92%	88%	61%	16%	13%
Disapprove	47%	8%	8%	35%	82%	87%
Not sure	3%	-	4%	5%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
Favorable	45%	8%	9%	32%	74%	90%
Unfavorable	51%	92%	89%	61%	21%	9%
Not sure	4%	-	3%	7%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>						
Barack Obama	51%	93%	92%	60%	18%	11%
Mitt Romney	45%	7%	5%	33%	78%	88%
Undecided	4%	-	3%	7%	4%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>						
Barack Obama	49%	92%	90%	57%	17%	8%
Mitt Romney	46%	8%	5%	35%	79%	90%
Not sure	5%	-	5%	8%	3%	2%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Trust More on Foreign Policy?</b>						
Barack Obama	53%	93%	93%	63%	20%	10%
Mitt Romney	45%	7%	6%	32%	78%	88%
Not sure	2%	-	1%	5%	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>						
Favorable	9%	11%	11%	8%	7%	10%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	11%	15%	15%	19%
Not sure	76%	75%	78%	77%	78%	71%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>						
Barack Obama	49%	91%	90%	57%	17%	8%
Mitt Romney	43%	5%	5%	32%	75%	86%
Gary Johnson	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Undecided	3%	1%	1%	7%	4%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>						
Very excited	62%	70%	60%	53%	59%	79%
Somewhat excited	25%	21%	30%	27%	28%	10%
Not at all excited	14%	8%	10%	20%	13%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Familiar with Romney Comments?</b>						
<b>Familiar</b>	90%	93%	91%	91%	87%	94%
<b>Not familiar</b>	10%	7%	9%	9%	13%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?</b>						
<b>Appropriate</b>	44%	16%	8%	33%	72%	87%
<b>Inappropriate</b>	51%	84%	91%	62%	17%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	-	1%	5%	11%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him</b>						
<b>More likely</b>	27%	12%	7%	21%	35%	62%
<b>Less likely</b>	38%	61%	60%	52%	15%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	35%	27%	33%	26%	50%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Should Romney Release Taxes?</b>						
<b>He should</b>	52%	83%	83%	67%	24%	7%
<b>He should not</b>	41%	16%	10%	27%	66%	81%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	1%	6%	7%	10%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	50%	51%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	46%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	43%	47%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	53%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	52%	51%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	45%	44%	46%
<b>Undecided</b>	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	50%	49%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	46%	44%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	6%	3%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trust More on Foreign Policy?</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	53%	53%	52%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	45%	43%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	4%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	9%	8%	10%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	15%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	76%	77%	76%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	50%	48%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	43%	42%	45%
<b>Gary Johnson</b>	4%	3%	5%
<b>Undecided</b>	3%	5%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>			
<b>Very excited</b>	62%	63%	61%
<b>Somewhat excited</b>	25%	23%	27%
<b>Not at all excited</b>	14%	14%	13%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Familiar with Romney Comments?</b>			
<b>Familiar</b>	<b>90%</b>	91%	90%
<b>Not familiar</b>	<b>10%</b>	9%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?</b>			
<b>Appropriate</b>	<b>44%</b>	43%	45%
<b>Inappropriate</b>	<b>51%</b>	51%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him</b>			
<b>More likely</b>	<b>27%</b>	27%	28%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>38%</b>	37%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>35%</b>	37%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Should Romney Release Taxes?</b>			
<b>He should</b>	<b>52%</b>	52%	52%
<b>He should not</b>	<b>41%</b>	40%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	8%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	50%	90%	11%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	8%	88%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	2%	1%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	8%	86%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	90%	12%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	1%	3%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	91%	12%	51%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	45%	7%	86%	41%
<b>Undecided</b>	4%	2%	2%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	90%	9%	49%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	46%	7%	87%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	3%	4%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Trust More on Foreign Policy?</b>				
Barack Obama	53%	93%	11%	54%
Mitt Romney	45%	6%	86%	42%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>				
Favorable	9%	8%	9%	10%
Unfavorable	15%	14%	16%	14%
Not sure	76%	78%	76%	75%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>				
Barack Obama	49%	90%	9%	49%
Mitt Romney	43%	6%	86%	38%
Gary Johnson	4%	2%	4%	6%
Undecided	3%	2%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>				
Very excited	62%	63%	70%	51%
Somewhat excited	25%	26%	18%	31%
Not at all excited	14%	11%	12%	18%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Familiar with Romney Comments?</b>				
<b>Familiar</b>	<b>90%</b>	88%	91%	92%
<b>Not familiar</b>	<b>10%</b>	12%	9%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?</b>				
<b>Appropriate</b>	<b>44%</b>	11%	81%	42%
<b>Inappropriate</b>	<b>51%</b>	84%	15%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	4%	4%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	<b>27%</b>	11%	45%	25%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>38%</b>	63%	12%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>35%</b>	26%	42%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Should Romney Release Taxes?</b>				
<b>He should</b>	<b>52%</b>	81%	21%	52%
<b>He should not</b>	<b>41%</b>	14%	70%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	6%	9%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	50%	67%	48%	57%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	29%	50%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	4%	2%	9%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	31%	48%	31%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	63%	50%	58%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	6%	3%	11%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	65%	49%	58%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	45%	29%	48%	30%
<b>Undecided</b>	4%	6%	3%	12%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	64%	47%	58%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	46%	28%	50%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	8%	3%	13%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Trust More on Foreign Policy?</b>				
Barack Obama	53%	71%	50%	64%
Mitt Romney	45%	29%	48%	29%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	7%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>				
Favorable	9%	13%	8%	14%
Unfavorable	15%	20%	14%	12%
Not sure	76%	67%	78%	74%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>				
Barack Obama	49%	66%	47%	54%
Mitt Romney	43%	25%	47%	29%
Gary Johnson	4%	4%	4%	7%
Undecided	3%	5%	3%	10%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>				
Very excited	62%	68%	61%	56%
Somewhat excited	25%	23%	25%	20%
Not at all excited	14%	9%	13%	24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Familiar with Romney Comments?</b>				
<b>Familiar</b>	<b>90%</b>	86%	91%	92%
<b>Not familiar</b>	<b>10%</b>	14%	9%	8%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?</b>				
<b>Appropriate</b>	<b>44%</b>	36%	46%	36%
<b>Inappropriate</b>	<b>51%</b>	58%	50%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	<b>27%</b>	35%	26%	22%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>38%</b>	43%	37%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>35%</b>	22%	36%	37%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Should Romney Release Taxes?</b>				
<b>He should</b>	<b>52%</b>	62%	50%	60%
<b>He should not</b>	<b>41%</b>	36%	42%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	3%	8%	9%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	50%	68%	54%	46%	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	30%	43%	52%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	35%	39%	49%	52%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	51%	63%	57%	48%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	65%	55%	47%	45%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	45%	35%	39%	49%	52%
<b>Undecided</b>	4%	-	5%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	49%	60%	55%	46%	41%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	46%	35%	39%	52%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%	6%	2%	6%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trust More on Foreign Policy?</b>					
Barack Obama	53%	68%	57%	49%	45%
Mitt Romney	45%	33%	40%	49%	51%
Not sure	2%	-	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>					
Favorable	9%	10%	9%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	15%	20%	11%	16%	15%
Not sure	76%	70%	80%	75%	78%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>					
Barack Obama	49%	65%	53%	44%	43%
Mitt Romney	43%	33%	37%	48%	51%
Gary Johnson	4%	3%	6%	4%	3%
Undecided	3%	-	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>					
Very excited	62%	66%	61%	62%	62%
Somewhat excited	25%	22%	27%	25%	23%
Not at all excited	14%	13%	13%	14%	15%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Familiar with Romney Comments?</b>					
<b>Familiar</b>	<b>90%</b>	78%	92%	94%	89%
<b>Not familiar</b>	<b>10%</b>	22%	8%	6%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Comments Appropriate/Inappropriate?</b>					
<b>Appropriate</b>	<b>44%</b>	40%	45%	43%	46%
<b>Inappropriate</b>	<b>51%</b>	57%	51%	52%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	3%	4%	5%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Comments: More/Less Likely to Vote for Him</b>					
<b>More likely</b>	<b>27%</b>	20%	29%	27%	28%
<b>Less likely</b>	<b>38%</b>	50%	40%	36%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>35%</b>	30%	31%	37%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Should Romney Release Taxes?</b>					
<b>He should</b>	<b>52%</b>	60%	55%	51%	46%
<b>He should not</b>	<b>41%</b>	30%	39%	42%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	10%	7%	6%	9%

