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**COLORADO GOV'S JOB SCORE, REELECT PROSPECTS ARE UP,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
ECONOMY/JOB, EDUCATION, GUNS ARE TOP PRIORITIES**

Colorado voters approve 52 – 39 percent of the job Gov. John Hickenlooper is doing and give him comfortable leads over possible Republican challengers, but are divided 45 – 45 percent on whether he deserves reelection this November, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This is the first registered voter survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University in which Gov. Hickenlooper's approval rating tops 50 percent. There is a wide gender gap as women approve 60 – 29 percent while among men 44 percent approve and 48 percent disapprove. Approval is 84 – 6 percent among Democrats, but Republicans disapprove 63 – 28 percent. Independent voters are divided as 45 percent approve and 46 percent disapprove.

Hickenlooper tops possible Republican challengers:

- 48 – 39 percent over former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo;
- 46 – 40 percent over Secretary of State Scott Gessler;
- 47 – 37 percent over State Sen. Greg Brophy;
- 47 – 38 percent over State Sen. Mike Kopp.

“His team may have tanked in the Super Bowl, but Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper gets a bit of good news in improving approval job numbers as no serious challenge to his reelection has been mounted yet,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Voters are divided on whether they want to give Gov. Hickenlooper four more years, but they aren't rallying around any potential challengers. They give the gov a 47 – 37 percent favorability while former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo gets a negative 25 – 31 percent favorability.”

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In an open-ended question, where respondents can give any answer, a total of 20 percent of Colorado voters name the economy or jobs as the most important issue in this year's governor's race, while 10 percent list education or education funding, another 10 percent list gun issues and 4 percent cite taxes. No other issue tops 3 percent.

Colorado voters approve 53 – 37 percent of the way the governor is handling the economy and jobs, but disapprove 47 – 39 percent of the way he is handling education and disapprove 54 – 31 percent of the way he is handling gun policy.

Death Penalty, Gun Control

Voters also disapprove 36 – 28 percent of the way Hickenlooper is handling the death penalty. The death penalty should be continued, 66 percent of voters say, while 28 percent say it should be abolished and replaced with a sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole.

In a mixed message, voters oppose 52 – 43 percent stricter new gun control laws in Colorado, but support 86 – 13 percent requiring background checks for all gun buyers. Voters are divided on a ban on high capacity ammunition magazines with 50 percent in favor of a ban and 47 percent opposed.

With a large gender gap, Colorado voters support 50 – 45 percent allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns at school. Men support the measure 56 – 40 percent, with women opposed 50 – 43 percent. Arming teachers would do more to reduce gun violence in schools than stricter gun laws, voters say 47 – 39 percent. Women favor stricter gun laws 46 – 39 percent while men favor armed teachers 54 – 31 percent.

“Coloradans don't think much of where Gov. Hickenlooper comes down on guns and think more guns in schools might be a better answer,” Malloy said.

From January 29 – February 2, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,139 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Tom Tancredo the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Hickenlooper	48%	17%	94%	37%	41%	56%	47%	52%	45%	47%
Tancredo	39	71	1	46	44	33	34	32	46	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	2	2	1	-	3	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	4	5	1	6	3	2	1
DK/NA	8	8	4	10	8	9	12	9	7	7

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Tom Tancredo the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	48	46	46	42
Tancredo	39	41	45	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	3
DK/NA	8	9	8	11

2. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Scott Gessler the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Hickenlooper	46%	8%	93%	40%	39%	54%	47%	50%	45%	42%
Gessler	40	78	1	42	47	33	38	34	46	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	4	1	4	3	1	1
DK/NA	10	12	5	12	9	11	11	12	7	11

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Scott Gessler the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	46	45	47	42
Gessler	40	40	42	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	1	3
DK/NA	10	11	10	13

3. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Greg Brophy the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Hickenlooper	47%	9%	94%	37%	39%	54%	49%	52%	44%	42%
Brophy	37	74	2	40	45	30	36	30	45	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	5	5	2	4	4	3	2
DK/NA	11	13	4	16	9	13	11	12	8	14

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Greg Brophy the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	47	44	47	43
Brophy	37	38	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	4
DK/NA	11	13	10	14

4. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Mike Kopp the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Hickenlooper	47%	10%	94%	38%	39%	55%	49%	52%	43%	43%
Kopp	38	72	1	42	45	30	32	33	43	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	1	4	2	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	3	2	3	3	2	1
DK/NA	11	14	4	13	10	12	12	9	11	12

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Mike Kopp the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013
Hickenlooper	47	44
Kopp	38	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3
DK/NA	11	11

5. Is your opinion of John Hickenlooper favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	47%	22%	83%	41%	41%	55%	45%	48%	48%	47%
Unfavorable	37	58	3	46	46	26	25	33	42	43
Hvn't hrd enough	13	16	11	11	11	16	30	15	7	6
REFUSED	3	4	2	2	2	3	-	4	2	3

TREND: Is your opinion of John Hickenlooper favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	47	46	49	45
Unfavorable	37	43	42	42
Hvn't hrd enough	13	9	7	11
REFUSED	3	1	2	1

6. Is your opinion of Tom Tancredo favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	25%	38%	4%	30%	32%	17%	13%	21%	30%	32%
Unfavorable	31	16	56	25	33	29	14	29	38	38
Hvn't hrd enough	43	45	39	42	34	51	72	49	30	28
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	2	-	2	2	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Tom Tancredo favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	25	30	34	32
Unfavorable	31	30	30	29
Hvn't hrd enough	43	39	34	37
REFUSED	2	1	1	1

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	52%	28%	84%	45%	44%	60%	61%	54%	47%	48%
Disapprove	39	63	6	46	48	29	26	36	46	43
DK/NA	10	9	10	9	8	11	13	10	7	10

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling his job as Governor?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	52	48	48	47
Disapprove	39	46	44	43
DK/NA	10	7	8	10

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	41%	20%	66%	36%	37%	45%	56%	41%	36%	34%
Disapprove	47	71	18	52	54	41	35	45	53	51
DK/NA	12	9	16	12	10	15	10	14	11	14

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	41	36	37	36
Disapprove	47	51	50	49
DK/NA	12	13	13	16

29. Do you feel that John Hickenlooper deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Deserves	45%	15%	83%	40%	38%	53%	45%	48%	43%	44%
No/Does not	45	75	9	51	55	35	40	39	51	49
DK/NA	9	11	8	10	8	11	15	12	5	7

TREND: Do you feel that John Hickenlooper deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Yes/Deserves	45	42	45	45
No/Does not	45	49	48	44
DK/NA	9	9	7	11

31. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Colorado today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	11%	4%	19%	8%	12%	10%	24%	10%	8%	8%
Smwht satisfied	46	29	70	45	37	55	46	54	42	39
Smwht dissatisfied	23	35	8	24	26	19	21	19	24	28
Very dissatisfied	20	32	3	22	24	15	9	16	25	24
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Colorado today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Very satisfied	11	9	11	10
Smwht satisfied	46	44	43	44
Smwht dissatisfied	23	26	23	26
Very dissatisfied	20	20	23	20
DK/NA	1	1	1	-

32. What is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year?

	Tot
Economy (General)	12%
Jobs/Unemployment	7
Economy (Other)	1
Budget (General)	3
Government spending	1
Taxes (General)	4
Education (General)	9
Funding/Spending education	1
Gun Issues/Policy/Control	10
Healthcare	2
Abortion	1
Women's Issues	1
Social Issues/Soc Services	2
Elderly Issues	1
Immigration Issues	3
Gay marriage/Gay Issues	1
Marijuana	3
Environment	2
Hydro-fracking	2
Gas/Oil/Energy Issues	3
Party/Political Philosophy	3
Bipartisan/Cross party lines/	
Coop to get things done	1
Cand cares about people	1
Cand experience	1
Cand honest/trustworthy	2
Other	13
DK/NA	10

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling - the death penalty?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	28%	13%	46%	26%	28%	28%	41%	29%	23%	23%
Disapprove	36	57	16	38	42	30	21	32	42	49
DK/NA	36	30	38	36	30	42	38	39	35	28

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling the death penalty?

	Feb 05 2014	Aug 23 2013
Approve	28	27
Disapprove	36	48
DK/NA	36	25

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling - the economy and jobs?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	53%	29%	78%	50%	48%	58%	62%	57%	47%	50%
Disapprove	37	62	10	40	42	31	24	32	46	41
DK/NA	10	9	12	9	10	10	15	11	7	9

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling the economy and jobs? (* handling the economy)

	Feb 05 2014	Aug 23 2013*
Approve	53	50
Disapprove	37	41
DK/NA	10	9

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling - gun policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	31%	9%	61%	26%	26%	36%	24%	32%	30%	35%
Disapprove	54	79	21	59	61	46	51	51	59	54
DK/NA	15	11	18	16	12	19	25	17	11	11

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling gun policy?

	Feb 05 2014	Aug 23 2013
Approve	31	35
Disapprove	54	52
DK/NA	15	13

37. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling - education?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	39%	18%	63%	35%	36%	42%	36%	40%	35%	45%
Disapprove	47	62	24	53	52	41	51	45	50	40
DK/NA	15	20	13	12	13	17	13	15	15	15

38. Would you say that John Hickenlooper - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	60%	41%	84%	55%	55%	65%	63%	61%	59%	53%
No	34	51	12	39	41	28	30	28	37	43
DK/NA	6	8	4	6	5	8	7	10	3	3

TREND: Would you say that John Hickenlooper has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Feb 05 2014	Aug 23 2013
Yes	60	57
No	34	38
DK/NA	6	6

39. Would you say that John Hickenlooper - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	59%	40%	84%	55%	55%	64%	58%	57%	58%	65%
No	31	46	7	37	36	26	30	32	34	26
DK/NA	10	14	9	7	9	11	12	11	8	9

TREND: Would you say that John Hickenlooper is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Feb 05 2014	Aug 23 2013
Yes	59	56
No	31	35
DK/NA	10	9

40. Would you say that John Hickenlooper - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	54%	36%	83%	45%	48%	60%	60%	56%	49%	53%
No	39	57	9	49	46	31	33	35	45	40
DK/NA	7	7	8	6	6	9	8	9	6	6

TREND: Would you say that John Hickenlooper cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Feb 05 2014	Aug 23 2013
Yes	54	50
No	39	44
DK/NA	7	6

41. Do you think John Hickenlooper is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Liberal	40%	71%	5%	45%	50%	30%	37%	33%	46%	47%
Conservative	5	-	10	5	5	5	5	6	4	4
About right	46	18	79	40	38	53	47	49	44	41
DK/NA	9	10	6	10	7	11	12	12	6	8

TREND: Do you think John Hickenlooper is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Feb 05 2014	Aug 23 2013
Liberal	40	41
Conservative	5	9
About right	46	43
DK/NA	9	7

42. Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in Colorado?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	43%	12%	81%	38%	35%	51%	44%	41%	45%	43%
Oppose	52	83	14	57	62	42	49	53	53	52
DK/NA	5	5	5	5	4	6	6	6	2	5

TREND: Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in Colorado?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	43	40	40
Oppose	52	55	54
DK/NA	5	4	5

43. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	86%	86%	97%	83%	81%	92%	95%	84%	83%	90%
Oppose	13	13	3	17	18	7	5	16	16	9
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1

TREND: Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	86	85	82
Oppose	13	14	16
DK/NA	1	1	2

44. Do you support or oppose a statewide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 bullets?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	50%	26%	83%	45%	38%	62%	47%	50%	47%	54%
Oppose	47	70	15	53	59	35	50	47	51	41
DK/NA	3	4	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	5

TREND: Do you support or oppose a statewide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 bullets?

	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	50	49	49
Oppose	47	48	48
DK/NA	3	3	3

45. Do you support or oppose allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns on school grounds?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	50%	74%	19%	53%	56%	43%	61%	50%	48%	43%
Oppose	45	19	75	43	40	50	36	45	45	50
DK/NA	5	7	6	4	4	7	3	4	6	7

46. Which of these do you think would do more to reduce gun violence in schools, having stricter gun laws or armed teachers in schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Stricter gun laws	39%	9%	77%	33%	31%	46%	36%	38%	39%	40%
Armed teachers	47	77	15	48	54	39	57	47	46	41
DK/NA	15	14	8	19	15	15	7	15	15	20

47. Do you think the death penalty should be abolished in Colorado and replaced with life in prison with no chance of parole or do you think Colorado should continue to have the death penalty?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Abolished	28%	13%	51%	22%	25%	31%	30%	27%	27%	29%
Continue	66	85	41	72	69	63	62	69	68	65
DK/NA	6	2	8	6	6	6	8	4	6	6

TREND: Do you think the death penalty should be abolished in Colorado and replaced with life in prison with no chance of parole or do you think Colorado should continue to have the death penalty?

	Feb 05 2014	Jun 13 2013
Abolished	28	24
Continue	66	69
DK/NA	6	7