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**LEGALIZED MARIJUANA HURTS COLORADO'S IMAGE,  
SLIM MAJORITY TELLS QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL;  
ONLY 10% SAY THEY'VE USED MARIJUANA SINCE LEGALIZATION**

Legalization of marijuana for recreational use is bad for the state's image, Colorado voters say 51 – 38 percent in a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

There are wide differences among parties and among age groups, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Legalization is bad for the state's image, Republicans say 73 – 18 percent and independent voters say 56 – 36 percent. It's good for the state's image, Democrats say 57 – 30 percent.

Voters 18 to 29 years old say 57 – 41 percent it's good for the state's image while voters over 65 years old say 67 – 21 percent it's bad for the state's image.

Only 10 percent of Colorado voters say they've tried marijuana since it became legal January 1, but 51 percent of voters say they've tried marijuana at some point. Among voters over 65 years old, 26 percent say they've tried marijuana at some point, rising to 57 to 59 percent among voters in younger age groups.

Voters oppose 81 – 14 percent changing the law to allow people to grow more than 12 marijuana plants in their home, but say 73 – 26 percent that it wouldn't bother them if a neighbor grows marijuana at home. Even voters over 65 say 56 – 41 percent it wouldn't bother them.

“Slightly more than half of Coloradans say they've smoked marijuana at some time in their life, but only 10 percent admit to taking a legal tokes since January 1,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“And 51 percent of voters, the slimmest of majorities, think legalization is bad for the state's wholesome image.”

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Only 17 percent of Colorado voters say it is “very likely” or “somewhat likely” they would try marijuana brownies if someone brought them to a gathering, while 12 percent say it is “somewhat unlikely” and 70 percent say it is “very unlikely” they would try the brownies.

And 64 percent of voters say they would be “very uncomfortable” riding in a car with a driver who has smoked or consumed moderate amounts of marijuana, while 17 percent would be “somewhat uncomfortable.” A total of 17 percent would be “very comfortable” or “somewhat comfortable.”

Colorado voters approve 53 – 34 percent of the way Gov. John Hickenlooper is handling marijuana policy. There is almost no gender gap, but voters 18 to 29 years old approve 63 – 26 percent while voters over 65 years old disapprove 50 – 38 percent.

“Coloradans don’t mind if their neighbors grow a little grass in their living room, but the prospect of big time grow houses next door is a turnoff,” Malloy said.

“And they say thanks but no thanks to marijuana brownies.”

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	53%	32%	74%	48%	53%	52%	63%	58%	51%	38%
Disapprove	34	52	14	37	35	33	26	25	38	50
DK/NA	14	16	12	14	12	15	11	17	12	12

48. As you may know, voters in Colorado passed a law legalizing marijuana for recreational use last year. Do you support or oppose this law?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	58%	39%	76%	55%	59%	56%	78%	66%	55%	33%
Oppose	39	57	20	43	37	41	22	29	42	64
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	4	3	1	5	4	3

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Support	58	54
Oppose	39	41
DK/NA	4	5

49. Do you think the legalization of marijuana for recreational use in Colorado has been good or bad for Colorado's national image?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Good	38%	18%	57%	36%	42%	34%	57%	43%	34%	21%
Bad	51	73	30	56	48	55	41	45	55	67
DK/NA	10	9	14	8	10	11	2	13	11	12

50. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	51%	46%	55%	49%	57%	45%	59%	57%	58%	26%
No	47	52	42	49	41	54	39	41	39	73
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2

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Yes	51	51
No	47	47
DK/NA	2	2

51. Have you used marijuana after recreational sales began in Colorado on January 1st?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	10%	7%	12%	8%	14%	5%	27%	8%	6%	3%
No	89	93	87	91	85	94	71	90	93	95
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1

52. Under current law, Coloradans are allowed to grow up to a dozen marijuana plants in their homes. Do you think the law should be changed to allow Coloradans to grow more than a dozen marijuana plants in their homes or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	14%	12%	15%	11%	17%	10%	20%	16%	12%	7%
No	81	85	78	85	77	85	72	79	83	87
DK/NA	6	4	8	4	6	6	8	5	5	5

53. Would it bother you if one of your neighbors is growing marijuana in their home or wouldn't that bother you?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	26%	37%	16%	26%	21%	30%	13%	24%	24%	41%
No	73	61	82	73	78	68	85	75	75	56
DK/NA	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	-	1	3

54. If you were at a gathering, and someone you knew brought marijuana brownies, how likely would you be to try one; very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very likely	6%	2%	9%	5%	8%	4%	9%	8%	5%	2%
Smwht likely	11	7	15	8	10	12	25	10	8	6
Smwht unlikely	12	10	14	12	12	12	13	12	15	8
Very unlikely	70	80	62	73	70	71	51	69	73	84
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

55. How comfortable would you be as a passenger in a car, with a driver who has smoked or consumed moderate amounts of marijuana; very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable, or very uncomfortable?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very comfortable	7%	3%	8%	7%	9%	5%	13%	9%	6%	2%
Smwht comfortable	10	7	13	7	11	9	16	12	8	5
Smwht uncomfortable	17	15	24	16	21	14	19	17	19	15
Very uncomfortable	64	74	54	69	58	71	52	61	67	77
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	2	1	1