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**WOMEN KEEP HICKENLOOPER AHEAD IN COLORADO GOV RACE,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
VOTERS BACK ARMED TEACHERS, SCHOOL METAL DETECTORS**

Margins of 19 percentage points or more among women, and smaller margins among independent voters keep Colorado's Democratic governor, John Hickenlooper, ahead of possible Republican challengers, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters approve 52 – 39 percent of the job Gov. Hickenlooper is doing and say 47 – 43 percent that he deserves reelection, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Hickenlooper's leads over possible Republican contenders are:

- 47 – 40 percent, over former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo. Men back Tancredo 47 – 42 percent while women go to Hickenlooper 53 – 34 percent. Independent voters go Democratic 44 – 39 percent.
- 48 – 38 percent over Secretary of State Scott Gessler. Men back Gessler by a slim 44 – 41 percent margin while women back Hickenlooper 55 – 32 percent. Independent voters go Democratic 43 – 36 percent.
- 48 – 39 percent over former U.S. Rep. Bob Beauprez, with men to Beauprez 46 – 41 percent and women for Hickenlooper 55 – 33 percent. Independent voters go Democratic 45 – 36 percent.
- 47 – 38 percent over former State Sen. Mike Kopp, with men for Kopp 44 – 40 percent and women for Hickenlooper 54 – 32 percent. Independent voters go Democratic 44 – 36 percent.

“Strong support from women and an edge among independent voters give Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper a solid foothold in his reelection effort,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

“Meanwhile, the Republican contenders are looking for a handhold to pull themselves up in the Rocky Mountain State.”

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Colorado voters give Hickenlooper a 51 – 37 percent favorability rating, including 87 – 5 percent among Democrats and 48 – 37 percent among independent voters. Women give the governor a 58 – 30 percent favorability, with men divided 44 – 45 percent. He gets a negative 22 – 67 percent rating from Republicans.

Tancredo gets a split 31 – 30 percent favorability, with 37 percent who don't know enough about him to form an opinion. Some 65 percent don't know enough about Gessler to form an opinion; 52 percent don't know enough about Beauprez and 77 percent don't know enough about Kopp.

### **Gun Control**

Colorado voters oppose 56 – 39 percent the state's stricter new gun control laws. They support 85 – 14 percent background checks for all gun buyers, but oppose 51 – 45 percent a statewide ban on ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 rounds.

Voters support 50 – 45 percent allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns on school grounds. Men support the measure 59 – 38 percent while women are opposed 51 – 42 percent.

By an overwhelming 74 – 20 percent, voters support metal detectors at school entrances. Support is strong among all groups listed.

Deciding what measure would be most effective in reducing gun violence in schools:

- 38 percent of voters list metal detectors;
- 30 percent prefer armed teachers;
- 21 percent want stricter gun laws.

“In large numbers, Colorado voters want metal detectors in the doorways of schools, and half of voters want teachers and school officials armed in the interest of keeping kids safe,” Malloy said.

From April 15 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,298 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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	47%	10%	92%	44%	42%	53%	59%	46%	47%	40%
Tancredo	40	80	4	39	47	34	25	43	42	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
DK/NA	9	7	4	14	7	12	14	8	8	9

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?

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	47	48	46	46	42
Tancredo	40	39	41	45	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	3	1	3
DK/NA	9	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	48%	13%	92%	43%	41%	55%	58%	47%	46%	43%
Gessler	38	77	2	36	44	32	22	38	42	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
DK/NA	12	8	5	18	11	12	18	12	10	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?

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	48	46	45	47	42
Gessler	38	40	40	42	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	3	1	3
DK/NA	12	10	11	10	13

3. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Bob Beauprez 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%	9%	93%	45%	41%	55%	58%	46%	47%	43%
Beauprez	39	81	3	36	46	33	25	41	43	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	2	1	2	2	1	1
DK/NA	10	7	4	14	9	10	15	9	8	9

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%	91%	44%	40%	54%	53%	46%	46%	42%
Kopp	38	78	3	36	44	32	29	38	42	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	3	2	2
DK/NA	12	10	5	15	11	12	18	12	8	11

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?

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013
Hickenlooper	47	47	44
Kopp	38	38	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3
DK/NA	12	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	51%	22%	87%	48%	44%	58%	56%	51%	51%	47%
Unfavorable	37	67	5	37	45	30	16	38	42	45
Hvn't hrd enough	10	10	8	13	9	11	26	10	5	6
REFUSED	2	1	-	2	2	1	2	1	2	2

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	51	47	46	49	45
Unfavorable	37	37	43	42	42
Hvn't hrd enough	10	13	9	7	11
REFUSED	2	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	31%	49%	9%	34%	39%	23%	13%	34%	35%	36%
Unfavorable	30	15	52	27	33	28	15	28	39	37
Hvn't hrd enough	37	36	38	37	27	48	71	37	25	26
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

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

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

7. Is your opinion of Scott Gessler 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	19%	32%	5%	19%	23%	14%	14%	18%	22%	20%
Unfavorable	16	8	31	12	17	15	14	12	20	18
Hvn't hrd enough	65	60	63	68	58	71	71	69	58	61
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	1

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

	Apr 23 2014	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	19	16	15
Unfavorable	16	15	11
Hvn't hrd enough	65	67	74
REFUSED	1	1	1

8. Is your opinion of Bob Beauprez 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	27%	48%	8%	25%	33%	20%	9%	30%	32%	30%
Unfavorable	20	7	36	18	18	21	13	16	26	23
Hvn't hrd enough	52	44	54	55	46	58	76	53	40	45
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	2

9. Is your opinion of Mike Kopp 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	12%	22%	2%	12%	14%	10%	15%	8%	14%	13%
Unfavorable	9	2	18	8	10	9	6	9	13	8
Hvn't hrd enough	77	74	79	79	75	80	76	81	73	78
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1

23. 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%	22%	87%	50%	46%	59%	64%	51%	50%	48%
Disapprove	39	69	8	39	47	31	16	42	43	46
DK/NA	9	9	6	11	7	11	20	8	7	6

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	52	52	48	48	47
Disapprove	39	39	46	44	43
DK/NA	9	10	7	8	10

24. 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	34%	11%	56%	38%	31%	38%	45%	34%	31%	32%
Disapprove	51	76	29	47	58	44	30	55	55	53
DK/NA	15	13	15	15	11	19	25	11	13	15

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	34	41	36	37	36
Disapprove	51	47	51	50	49
DK/NA	15	12	13	13	16

28. 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	47%	16%	84%	45%	42%	52%	59%	46%	45%	43%
No/Does not	43	74	10	44	51	35	22	45	47	51
DK/NA	10	10	6	11	7	13	19	10	8	6

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Yes/Deserves	47	45	42	45	45
No/Does not	43	45	49	48	44
DK/NA	10	9	9	7	11

30. 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	10%	5%	19%	8%	10%	10%	12%	9%	9%	11%
Smwht satisfied	44	22	62	46	38	49	56	43	42	35
Smwht dissatisfied	26	38	13	28	28	25	25	27	26	27
Very dissatisfied	20	35	4	18	24	16	7	20	23	26
DK/NA	-	-	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?

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

39. 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	39%	12%	74%	38%	29%	49%	40%	33%	45%	42%
Oppose	56	84	21	58	67	46	55	63	52	51
DK/NA	5	5	6	4	4	5	5	5	3	7

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	39	43	40	40
Oppose	56	52	55	54
DK/NA	5	5	4	5

40. 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	85%	75%	97%	85%	78%	91%	89%	84%	84%	83%
Oppose	14	23	2	14	20	8	10	15	14	13
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	85	86	85	82
Oppose	14	13	14	16
DK/NA	1	1	1	2

41. 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	45%	24%	75%	41%	36%	54%	42%	38%	51%	51%
Oppose	51	72	21	54	62	40	49	59	46	46
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	2	6	9	3	3	3

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	45	50	49	49
Oppose	51	47	48	48
DK/NA	4	3	3	3

42. 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%	63%	25%	57%	59%	42%	50%	55%	50%	40%
Oppose	45	31	70	38	38	51	44	40	47	52
DK/NA	5	5	6	5	3	7	6	5	3	8

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

	Apr 23 2014	Feb 05 2014
Support	50	50
Oppose	45	45
DK/NA	5	5

43. Do you support or oppose using metal detectors at school entrances?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	74%	80%	71%	74%	70%	78%	62%	74%	77%	79%
Oppose	20	16	20	20	24	16	33	19	18	16
DK/NA	6	4	8	6	6	6	5	7	5	5

44. Which of these do you think would do more to reduce gun violence in schools, having stricter gun laws, armed teachers in schools, or using metal detectors at school entrances?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Stricter gun laws	21%	6%	42%	17%	18%	24%	21%	18%	25%	21%
Armed teachers	30	45	8	32	38	22	30	33	29	25
Metal detectors	38	38	37	41	32	43	34	38	38	40
DK/NA	11	10	12	10	11	11	14	11	9	14