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**ECONOMY, HEALTHCARE HURT UDALL IN COLORADO RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
SEN. RAND PAUL LEADS 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PACK**

The economy and healthcare, listed by Colorado voters as top issues in this year's U.S. Senate race, could be the mountains which Democratic incumbent Sen. Mark Udall must climb, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Sen. Udall gets 45 percent to 44 percent for U.S. Rep. Cory Gardner, his Republican challenger, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

The gender gap is wide as Udall leads 52 – 35 percent among women while Gardner leads 53 – 38 percent among men. Udall leads among Democrats 90 – 3 percent while Gardner takes Republicans 88 – 7 percent and gets 43 percent of independent voters to Udall's 41 percent.

In an open-ended question, allowing for any answer, 16 percent of voters list the economy or jobs as the most important issue in deciding their U.S. Senate vote, and 14 percent list healthcare. No other issue comes close.

Voters who list the economy back Gardner over Udall 53 – 40 percent and voters who cite health care back the Republican 57 – 36 percent.

Colorado voters oppose the Affordable Care Act 59 – 37 percent, including 62 – 34 percent among independent voters.

“In a race that is both too close to call and one of the prime targets for Republicans trying to take back the Senate, Colorado Sen. Mark Udall might best focus on one predominant concern – the economy,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

Voters have a mixed outlook on the economy as 60 percent say the state's economy is “excellent” or “good,” while 39 percent say “not so good” or “poor.”

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At the same time, only 26 percent of voters say the nation’s economy is “excellent” or “good,” while 73 percent say “not so good” or “poor.”

Colorado voters are divided 42 – 42 percent in their approval of the job Udall is doing as a U.S. Senator and say 46 – 40 percent he does not deserve to be reelected.

The incumbent gets a 43 – 38 percent favorability rating, compared to Gardner’s 30 – 18 percent score. But 50 percent of voters don’t know enough about Gardner to form an opinion.

2016 Presidential Race

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky is the strongest candidate in Colorado in the 2016 presidential race, topping former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton 48 – 43 percent. There is a huge gender gap as men back the Republican Paul 55 – 35 percent while women go with the Democrat Clinton 50 – 40 percent. Independent voters back Paul 48 – 37 percent.

In other possible matchups:

- Clinton ties New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie 42 – 42 percent;
- Clinton leads former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush 45 – 40 percent;
- Clinton gets 45 percent to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee’s 44 percent.

Paul also has the highest favorability rating, 41 – 30 percent, edging Huckabee’s 37 – 30 percent favorability. Clinton gets a divided 48 – 47 percent favorability, with Christie tilting slightly negative at 35 – 38 percent and Bush getting a negative 29 – 40 percent score.

“The road to the White House has many twists and turns, but right now, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul is the man to beat in Colorado,” Malloy said.

Colorado voters disapprove 59 – 38 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing. Disapproval is 95 – 5 percent among Republicans and 65 – 32 percent among independent voters, while Democrats approve 83 – 12 percent.

Disapproval is 65 – 32 percent among men and 54 – 44 percent among women.

Voters disapprove 60 – 37 percent of the way President Obama is handling the economy and disapprove 60 – 36 percent of the way he is handling foreign policy.

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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10. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Udall the Democrat and Cory Gardner the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Udall	45%	7%	90%	41%	38%	52%	56%	43%	43%	42%
Gardner	44	88	3	43	53	35	25	48	47	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	2	-	3	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
DK/NA	8	4	6	13	5	11	15	8	6	6

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Economy HlthCare

Udall	40%	36%
Gardner	53	57
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-
DK/NA	6	4

11. Is your opinion of Mark Udall 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	43%	12%	78%	43%	37%	49%	50%	41%	42%	41%
Unfavorable	38	71	6	36	47	31	17	40	44	47
Hvn't hrd enough	17	16	15	20	15	19	32	18	12	11
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

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

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013
Favorable	43	42	44
Unfavorable	38	35	38
Hvn't hrd enough	17	21	17
REFUSED	1	1	1

12. Is your opinion of Cory Gardner 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	30%	55%	10%	29%	40%	21%	15%	34%	33%	35%
Unfavorable	18	1	38	17	16	21	12	15	23	23
Hvn't hrd enough	50	44	52	52	43	58	72	51	42	41
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1

13. What is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for United States Senator this year?

	Tot
Economy (General)	10%
Jobs/Unemployment	5
Economy (Other Specific)	1
Class inequality	1
Budget (General)	1
Government spending	2
Budget deficit	1
Taxes (General)	1
Education (General)	4
Education (Other Specific)	1
Gun Issues/Policy/Control	4
Healthcare	14
Immigration Issues	3
Abortion	2
Women's Issues	1
Social Issues	1
Social Services (General)	1
Elderly Issues	1
Gay marriage/Gay Issues	1
Marijuana	1
Environment	4
Hydro-fracking	1
Gas/Oil/Energy Issues	1
Military Issues/Benefits	1
Foreign policy	1
Party/Political Philosophy	5
Caring about people	2
Honesty/Trustworthiness	2
Candidate experience	1
Bipartisan/Cross party lines/ Coop to get things done	1
Other	11
DK/NA	14

14. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	42%	5%	90%	38%	33%	51%	50%	42%	42%	38%
Christie	42	85	5	41	49	36	33	42	45	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	4	3	1	1	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	1	4	6	3	3	6	5	3
DK/NA	9	5	5	13	9	8	14	7	6	9

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Clinton	42	43	38	42	41
Christie	42	42	46	43	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	3	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	5	4	4
DK/NA	9	9	9	10	8

15. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	43%	6%	90%	37%	35%	50%	43%	43%	44%	39%
Paul	48	87	5	48	55	40	43	50	47	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-	3	1	2	2	1	1	3
DK/NA	7	5	5	10	7	7	12	5	7	6

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013
Clinton	43	43	44
Paul	48	47	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	3
DK/NA	7	7	5

16. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	45%	6%	92%	41%	37%	54%	50%	46%	47%	39%
Bush	40	86	4	35	45	35	29	41	41	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	5	4	1	2	2	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	-	6	6	3	3	5	5	4
DK/NA	8	4	4	12	8	8	16	6	5	8

17. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	45%	5%	92%	40%	37%	52%	47%	46%	45%	40%
Huckabee	44	89	3	42	49	38	36	44	44	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	3	1	2	1	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	4	3	2	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	7	4	4	10	7	7	13	7	5	6

18. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	48%	11%	93%	44%	39%	57%	52%	49%	47%	42%
Unfavorable	47	85	5	48	56	38	37	47	48	55
Hvn't hrd enough	3	3	1	5	3	3	10	2	3	1
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Apr 24 2014	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Favorable	48	51	53
Unfavorable	47	44	44
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	2
REFUSED	2	1	1

19. Is your opinion of Chris Christie 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	35%	51%	19%	37%	38%	33%	23%	35%	40%	39%
Unfavorable	38	23	52	35	41	35	25	39	40	42
Hvn't hrd enough	26	24	27	26	19	32	51	23	20	16
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	-	3

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

	Apr 24 2014	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Favorable	35	50	49
Unfavorable	38	22	17
Hvn't hrd enough	26	28	32
REFUSED	1	1	2

20. Is your opinion of Rand Paul 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	41%	61%	11%	43%	52%	30%	31%	43%	41%	44%
Unfavorable	30	10	56	28	29	31	27	29	31	32
Hvn't hrd enough	28	28	32	28	18	38	40	28	28	23
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

21. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush 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	29%	53%	13%	24%	33%	25%	16%	28%	31%	38%
Unfavorable	40	15	58	42	41	39	32	43	42	36
Hvn't hrd enough	30	31	27	34	25	36	51	28	26	24
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	2	-	2	1	-	2

22. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee 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	37%	69%	6%	38%	44%	30%	29%	37%	36%	46%
Unfavorable	30	6	53	28	31	29	20	29	34	31
Hvn't hrd enough	32	24	40	33	24	40	51	32	29	22
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Udall is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	42%	14%	75%	41%	35%	49%	50%	39%	42%	39%
Disapprove	42	71	12	42	52	33	20	44	48	49
DK/NA	16	16	13	17	13	18	30	17	9	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Udall is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	42	45	44	47	45
Disapprove	42	41	44	34	31
DK/NA	16	14	12	18	24

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bennet is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	36%	23%	56%	34%	33%	38%	34%	31%	41%	39%
Disapprove	37	53	17	38	44	30	26	39	40	36
DK/NA	28	24	27	28	23	32	39	30	19	26

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bennet is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	36	39	39	42	40
Disapprove	37	36	39	34	31
DK/NA	28	26	23	24	29

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	38%	5%	83%	32%	32%	44%	38%	36%	38%	38%
Disapprove	59	95	12	65	65	54	57	62	58	59
DK/NA	3	-	5	4	4	3	5	2	4	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	38	37	36	41	43
Disapprove	59	59	59	56	54
DK/NA	3	3	5	4	3

29. Do you feel that Mark Udall 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	40%	11%	74%	39%	36%	44%	48%	38%	39%	38%
No/Does not	46	76	15	47	55	37	26	49	51	51
DK/NA	14	13	11	15	9	18	25	13	10	11

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

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Yes/Deserves	40	42	41	44	40
No/Does not	46	42	47	36	33
DK/NA	14	16	11	21	27

31. Would you describe the state of Colorado's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	4%	2%	7%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%
Good	56	46	71	53	60	52	68	56	52	50
Not so good	30	35	16	35	27	32	21	30	31	33
Poor	9	17	3	8	8	11	7	8	11	12
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	2

TREND: Would you describe the state of Colorado's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Apr 24 2014	Jun 13 2013
Excellent	4	2
Good	56	52
Not so good	30	33
Poor	9	11
DK/NA	1	1

32. Do you think Colorado's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Better	45%	27%	66%	43%	47%	44%	55%	46%	42%	39%
Worse	13	21	6	11	12	14	10	13	13	14
The same	40	50	25	44	40	40	33	40	43	44
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	2

TREND: Do you think Colorado's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Apr 24 2014	Jun 13 2013
Better	45	47
Worse	13	11
The same	40	42
DK/NA	2	1

33. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation 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	1%	-	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Smwht satisfied	23	7	49	18	17	29	22	24	24	22
Smwht dissatisfied	35	32	35	39	36	35	41	37	33	28
Very dissatisfied	40	60	12	42	46	35	35	39	40	47
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	37%	5%	79%	32%	33%	42%	40%	35%	39%	37%
Disapprove	60	95	17	64	65	55	59	62	59	60
DK/NA	3	-	4	4	2	3	1	3	2	3

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	36%	6%	73%	33%	30%	42%	38%	34%	37%	37%
Disapprove	60	92	21	62	66	54	54	63	60	60
DK/NA	4	1	6	6	4	5	8	3	4	4

36. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	1%	-	3%	-	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%
Good	25	8	53	20	24	27	29	23	26	24
Not so good	42	44	37	46	41	44	41	48	42	38
Poor	31	47	7	33	34	28	28	29	31	36
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1

37. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Better	28%	12%	54%	25%	28%	29%	30%	27%	27%	29%
Worse	32	50	12	33	32	32	25	35	32	34
The same	39	38	33	42	40	38	46	38	40	37
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1

38. Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	37%	4%	76%	34%	32%	42%	40%	35%	37%	36%
Oppose	59	94	19	62	65	54	56	61	59	59
DK/NA	4	1	5	4	3	4	3	3	3	5

TREND: Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Apr 24 2014	Feb 06 2014	Nov 20 2013
Support	37	37	40
Oppose	59	60	56
DK/NA	4	4	4