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**CHRISTIE, RUBIO, CLINTON CLOSE IN 2016 COLORADO RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
UDALL GETS LUKEWARM REELECTION SUPPORT FOR 2014**

New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie gets 44 percent to 41 percent for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in an early look at the 2016 presidential race in Colorado, an important swing state, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

In another possible matchup, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida gets 46 percent to Ms. Clinton's 45 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Vice President Joseph Biden trails Gov. Christie 48 – 32 percent and loses to Sen. Rubio 48 – 35 percent.

There is a big gender gap in the Christie-Clinton matchup, as women back the Democrat 49 – 38 percent while men back the Republican 51 – 32 percent. Christie leads 86 – 6 percent among Republicans and gets 41 percent of independent voters to Clinton's 38 percent.

Democrats go to Clinton 88 – 5 percent. Hispanic voters back Clinton 66 – 26 percent as white voters back Christie 49 – 36 percent.

The gender gap is strong in the Rubio-Clinton face-off as women go to her 53 – 38 percent while men go to him 53 – 36 percent. Democrats back Clinton 91 – 3 percent as independent voters split with 44 percent for Clinton and 43 percent for Rubio. He wins Republicans 89 – 7 percent. Hispanic voters go Democratic 66 – 26 percent while white voters go Republican 50 – 40 percent.

“Colorado has emerged as an important swing state in presidential politics and these very early numbers reinforce that perception. New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio are in a real horse race – a long horse race – for the White House in 2016,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

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“Way behind is Vice President Joseph Biden,” Malloy added.

“Is Benghazi tarnishing Ms. Clinton’s luster? Is Gov. Christie, the hero of Superstorm Sandy, the leader everyone wants? Has Sen. Rubio recovered from dry mouth?

“Or are Colorado voters just shopping around? Time will tell.”

Colorado voters have a 49 – 17 percent favorable opinion of Christie. Favorability ratings for other possible presidential contenders are:

- 53 – 44 percent favorable for Clinton;
- 49 – 39 percent unfavorable for Biden;
- 39 – 22 percent favorable for Rubio.

Obama, Udall Approval

Voters disapprove 54 – 43 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing. Disapproval is 90 – 9 percent among Republicans and 58 – 40 percent among independent voters while Democrats approve 91 – 6 percent. Women approve 51 – 46 percent while men disapprove 62 – 35 percent. White voters disapprove 59 – 39 percent as Hispanic voters approve 64 – 31 percent.

U.S. Sen. Mark Udall gets a 45 – 31 percent approval rating, with less partisan, gender and ethnic division than President Obama.

Voters say 40 – 33 percent that Sen. Udall deserves reelection next year.

U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet gets a 40 – 31 percent approval rating.

“Colorado voters have little love for President Barack Obama,” Malloy said.

“As Sen. Mark Udall prepares for a reelection campaign next year, he cannot be happy with an approval rating short of the magic 50 percent mark.”

From June 5 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,065 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 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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8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Clinton	45%	7%	91%	44%	36%	53%	40%	66%	
Rubio	46	89	3	43	53	38	50	26	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	2	3	3	2	2	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	1	2	-	
DK/NA	6	3	4	8	7	6	6	6	
WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG									
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	Yes	No
Clinton	47%	35%	28%	44%	31%	49%	17%	40%	
Rubio	46	53	66	52	57	43	79	53	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	1	1	3	2	1	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	3	-	-	2	1	-	1	
DK/NA	5	7	5	2	7	5	3	5	
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Clinton	47%	43%	48%	44%	40%	52%	43%	45%	38%
Rubio	46	46	40	51	51	40	45	45	54
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	3	2	1	1	2	3	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	2	3	-	-	2	3	-	1
DK/NA	6	7	6	3	8	4	7	7	6

9. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Biden	35%	3%	83%	31%	28%	42%	32%	46%	
Rubio	48	92	4	44	56	40	51	32	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	4	3	1	2	4	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	5	
DK/NA	12	3	10	19	11	14	12	13	
WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG									
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	Yes	No
Biden	38%	28%	20%	37%	25%	39%	12%	31%	
Rubio	50	53	67	51	59	44	80	53	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	1	3	3	1	1	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	2	1	3	3	1	2	
DK/NA	10	13	11	8	11	13	7	12	
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Biden	37%	34%	40%	33%	33%	37%	30%	38%	33%
Rubio	49	47	39	54	54	41	51	46	53
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	3	2	1	3	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3	2	4	5	5	2	2
DK/NA	10	14	14	9	8	13	12	13	11

10. 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	Wht	Hsp	
Clinton	41%	6%	88%	38%	32%	49%	36%	66%	
Christie	44	86	5	41	51	38	49	26	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	5	4	3	3	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	1	4	5	2	4	1	
DK/NA	8	2	5	12	8	8	8	5	
WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG									
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Born	Agn	Ev
Clinton	41%	32%	25%	40%	27%	44%	17%	34%	
Christie	46	52	64	46	56	43	73	51	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	4	1	4	4	2	3	3	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	5	3	4	5	3	2	4	
DK/NA	9	8	6	6	8	8	6	8	
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Clinton	42%	40%	47%	38%	35%	51%	40%	41%	34%
Christie	45	44	39	48	51	41	42	45	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4	3	4	2	1	4	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	4	4	2	4	4	2	5
DK/NA	8	7	7	6	10	3	10	8	9

11. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Biden	32%	2%	78%	26%	26%	38%	26%	57%	
Christie	48	89	9	46	53	43	54	29	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	1	1	6	5	2	4	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	-	4	5	3	4	5	
DK/NA	12	3	12	18	11	14	13	9	
WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG									
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Born	Agn	Ev
Biden	31%	23%	17%	28%	21%	32%	9%	26%	
Christie	51	56	69	54	59	49	80	54	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	5	1	6	5	2	3	4	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	5	3	4	4	3	2	2	
DK/NA	14	12	10	8	11	15	6	13	
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Biden	33%	31%	38%	31%	25%	43%	29%	32%	26%
Christie	49	48	42	50	57	38	46	50	56
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	5	4	4	2	4	5	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	3
DK/NA	13	12	11	11	14	9	15	13	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	53%	16%	93%	54%	42%	63%	49%	69%
Unfavorable	44	80	5	42	53	34	47	20
Hvn't hrd enough	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	11
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	-

13. Is your opinion of - Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	39%	6%	83%	37%	34%	43%	37%	47%
Unfavorable	49	84	6	50	56	43	55	21
Hvn't hrd enough	11	9	10	12	9	13	8	29
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3

14. Is your opinion of - Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	39%	62%	13%	40%	51%	29%	42%	32%
Unfavorable	22	4	47	22	20	25	23	16
Hvn't hrd enough	38	33	40	38	29	46	35	52
REFUSED	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-

15. Is your opinion of - Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	49%	59%	40%	50%	55%	43%	53%	32%
Unfavorable	17	12	28	15	18	17	17	15
Hvn't hrd enough	32	27	32	32	24	40	28	52
REFUSED	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Approve	43%	9%	91%	40%	35%	51%	39%	64%	
Disapprove	54	90	6	58	62	46	59	31	
DK/NA	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	5	
WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG									
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	Yes	No
Approve	47%	33%	28%	36%	31%	46%	15%	39%	
Disapprove	50	65	71	60	66	52	82	60	
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	48%	40%	48%	40%	40%	51%	40%	44%	37%
Disapprove	49	57	49	58	58	46	54	54	62
DK/NA	3	3	3	1	2	2	6	2	1

22. 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	Wht	Hsp	
Yes/Deserves	40%	24%	60%	42%	37%	43%	39%	52%	
No/Does not	33	51	17	31	39	27	35	18	
DK/NA	27	25	23	27	24	30	26	30	
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes/Deserves	45%	37%	41%	40%	45%	42%	35%	39%	49%
No/Does not	34	32	31	37	32	28	33	36	31
DK/NA	20	31	28	23	22	30	32	25	20
AREA.....									
	Denv/ Bould	Arap/ Jeff	West	RestOf State					
Yes/Deserves	49%	43%	36%	33%					
No/Does not	29	30	37	36					
DK/NA	22	27	27	31					