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**COLORADO VOTERS OPPOSE RECALL EFFORT BY WIDE MARGIN,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
MARIJUANA BILL WON'T BRING ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH**

By wide margins, Colorado voters oppose efforts to recall two state legislators and say 2-1 that efforts to remove legislators when people don't agree with their vote should be when they face reelection, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters say 54 – 35 percent that State Senate President John Morse should not be removed from office because of his support for stricter gun control, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Voters also say 52 – 36 percent that State Sen. Angela Giron should not be recalled because of her support for stricter gun control.

Colorado voters say 60 – 31 percent that when people don't agree with a legislator, they should wait for reelection, rather than attempt a recall.

While Republicans support both recall efforts by margins of 2 – 1, only 47 percent support the overall concept of recall, while 42 percent say wait for reelection.

All voters oppose 54 – 40 percent the stricter new gun control laws which led to the recall effort. Democrats support the stricter laws 78 – 16 percent, while opposition is 89 – 7 percent among Republicans and 56 – 39 percent among independent voters. Women are divided on the stricter laws 48 – 45 percent, with men opposed 64 – 33 percent.

“With wide partisan and gender divisions, Colorado voters oppose the state's stricter new gun control laws, but they don't want to recall State Senate President John Morse or Sen. Angela Giron because they supported these laws,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “Philosophically, voters don't want a recall election every time they disagree with a legislator. They'd rather deal with it every four years.”

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Colorado voters support 82 – 16 percent requiring background checks for all gun buyers. Support is strong among all groups.

Voters are divided 49 – 48 percent on a ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 rounds.

Colorado’s new gun laws will make the state less safe, 40 percent of voters say, while 37 percent say the state will be safer and 16 percent say the laws won’t make a difference.

Background checks and a limit on magazines could not have prevented the Columbine or Aurora mass killings, voters say 68 – 25 percent, and could not have reduced the number of people killed in those shootings, voters say 56 – 40 percent.

Colorado voters support 54 – 41 percent the state’s new law legalizing marijuana for recreational use. Support is 73 – 24 percent among Democrats and 54 – 39 percent among independent voters, with Republicans opposed 63 – 35 percent.

Voters 18 to 29 years old support legalized marijuana 74 – 21 percent while voters over 65 years old are opposed 56 – 39 percent.

Voters say 54 – 39 percent that the legalization law will lead to illegal marijuana sales across state lines.

But legalization will not create drug abuse problems, voters say 55 – 42 percent.

Half of Colorado voters, 51 percent, say they’ve tried marijuana. That includes 55 percent of men and 47 percent of women, 43 percent of Republicans, 58 percent of Democrats and 51 percent of independent voters.

But only 15 percent of Colorado voters, including 35 percent of voters 18 to 29 years old, say they will smoke marijuana after recreational sale becomes legal in January.

“There are partisan differences but no gender gap as Colorado voters support legalization of marijuana. Many voters admit they’ve tried pot, but don’t expect a Rocky Mountain high once marijuana becomes legal,” Malloy said.

From August 15 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,184 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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31. Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in Colorado?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Support	40%	7%	78%	39%	33%	48%	24%	59%
Oppose	54	89	16	56	64	45	71	35
DK/NA	5	4	5	5	4	7	5	6

32. Do you think Colorado's stricter new gun control laws go too far, don't go far enough, or are they about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Too far	53%	87%	14%	56%	61%	44%	69%	33%
Not far enough	17	3	40	12	13	22	8	27
About right	24	6	40	25	21	26	18	31
DK/NA	6	4	6	8	5	8	5	8

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Support	82%	70%	98%	80%	77%	86%	75%	92%
Oppose	16	27	2	18	21	11	23	6
DK/NA	2	4	-	2	2	3	2	2

34. 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	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Support	49%	19%	84%	46%	38%	59%	32%	69%
Oppose	48	77	15	51	60	37	64	29
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3

35. Do you think Colorado's new gun laws will make the state safer or less safe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Safer	37%	9%	72%	33%	31%	42%	22%	54%
Less safe	40	73	7	40	47	33	54	24
NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)	16	12	15	18	17	16	18	14
DK/NA	7	6	5	9	5	9	5	8

36. Do you think background checks and a limitation on how many rounds can be in a magazine could have prevented the Columbine and Aurora mass killings or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Yes/Prevented	25%	7%	52%	19%	19%	32%	14%	37%
No	68	89	36	75	76	60	81	54
DK/NA	7	4	12	6	6	8	4	9

37. Do you think background checks and a limitation on how many rounds can be in a magazine could have reduced the number of those killed in the Columbine and Aurora mass killings or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Yes/Reduced	40%	13%	74%	35%	32%	47%	26%	56%
No	56	83	22	61	63	49	71	39
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	5

38. Do you think State Senate President John Morse should be removed from office in a recall election for voting in favor of stricter new gun control laws or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Yes	35%	62%	5%	36%	44%	26%	47%	20%
No	54	24	88	52	47	61	43	68
DK/NA	11	14	7	12	9	13	11	12

39. Do you think State Senator Angela Giron should be removed from office in a recall election for voting in favor of stricter new gun control laws or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Yes	36%	60%	6%	38%	45%	27%	47%	22%
No	52	24	87	49	45	59	43	65
DK/NA	12	16	7	13	11	14	11	14

40. Do you think legislators should face special recall efforts to remove them from office because people don't agree with how they vote or should voters wait until legislators are up for reelection?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Face special recall	31%	47%	10%	34%	41%	22%	39%	21%
Wait/Reelection	60	42	85	57	50	70	52	71
DK/NA	9	12	5	9	10	8	10	8

41. 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	54%	35%	73%	54%	54%	55%	74%	58%	50%	39%
Oppose	41	63	24	39	41	41	21	39	44	56
DK/NA	5	2	4	7	5	4	4	4	6	4

42. Do you think the legalization of marijuana in Colorado will lead to illegal sales of marijuana across state lines or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	54%	72%	44%	48%	56%	51%	40%	55%	55%	60%
No	39	23	49	42	36	42	54	38	38	32
DK/NA	7	5	7	9	8	7	7	7	7	8

43. Do you think legal access to marijuana in Colorado will create drug abuse problems or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	42%	63%	31%	36%	41%	43%	25%	40%	45%	53%
No	55	35	66	60	56	55	75	57	52	41
DK/NA	3	2	4	4	4	3	-	3	3	6

44. 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%	43%	58%	51%	55%	47%	61%	56%	56%	26%
No	47	55	38	48	43	50	37	41	41	73
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	1

45. Do you think you will smoke marijuana after recreational sales begin in Colorado in January 2014?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	15%	10%	21%	13%	16%	14%	35%	12%	13%	6%
No	83	88	76	85	81	84	63	85	84	93
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	1