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**COLORADO GOV GETS LOW GRADES ON GUNS, DEATH
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CLINTON, CHRISTIE TIED IN EARLY LOOK AT 2016 RACE**

Colorado voters disapprove by wide margins of the way Gov. John Hickenlooper is handling gun control and the death penalty, leaving him with a lackluster approval rating and locked in a too-close-to-call race for reelection next year, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters disapprove 48 – 27 percent of the way Gov. Hickenlooper is handling the death penalty and disapprove 52 – 35 percent of the way he is handling gun policy, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

These negatives are offset by a 50 – 41 percent approval for his handling of the economy, leaving the governor with an overall job approval rating of 48 – 44 percent.

Hickenlooper gets good marks for personal characteristics. Voters say:

- 57 – 38 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 56 – 35 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 50 – 44 percent that he cares about their needs and problems.

“The key for Gov. John Hickenlooper, as it is for many issues in America today, is the attitude of independent voters. These voters go against the governor on his handling of gun control and the death penalty, but split 46 – 46 percent on his overall job approval,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“On almost every question, women side with the governor more than men, giving him a 54 – 37 percent approval rating, while men disapprove 51 – 43 percent.

Only 45 percent of Colorado voters say Hickenlooper deserves to be reelected while 48 percent say he does not.

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In an early look at the 2014 election for Colorado governor, Hickenlooper gets 46 percent to 45 percent for former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo, the Republican. Independent voters are divided 43 – 43 percent.

Facing Republican Secretary of State Scott Gessler, Hickenlooper leads 47 – 42 percent.

The governor tops Republican State Sen. Greg Brophy 47 – 40 percent.

“Gov. Hickenlooper has gone against popular opinion on the death penalty and gun control, but he is doing better on that bread and butter issue – the economy. Let’s see how that plays out in the next 14 months,” Malloy said.

2016 White House Race

Colorado keeps its status as a swing state in the 2016 presidential election as former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton ties New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie 42 – 43 percent.

Clinton gets 45 percent to 42 percent for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, too close to call.

Vice President Joseph Biden trails Gov. Christie 50 – 33 percent and falls behind Sen. Cruz 45 – 39 percent.

The former first lady has 51 – 44 percent favorability rating. Christie has lower negatives as he scores a 50 – 22 percent favorability. Cruz gets a 26 – 16 percent score as 58 percent of voters say they don’t know enough about him to form an opinion. Biden gets a negative 40 – 50 percent favorability.

Colorado voters disapprove 56 – 41 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, little changed from a 54 – 43 percent disapproval in a June 14 Quinnipiac University poll.

U.S. Sen. Mark Udall gets a 47 – 34 percent approval rating as voters say 44 – 36 percent he deserves to be reelected next year.

Voters approve 42 – 34 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet is doing.

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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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	Wht	Hsp
Hickenlooper	46%	9%	88%	43%	39%	53%	45%	54%
Tancredo	45	83	9	43	53	37	47	31
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	1	-
DK/NA	8	7	3	10	7	9	6	14

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?

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	46	42
Tancredo	45	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3
DK/NA	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	Wht	Hsp
Hickenlooper	47%	7%	89%	45%	39%	54%	44%	60%
Gessler	42	82	7	39	49	34	44	25
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	-	2	2	1	2	-
DK/NA	10	9	4	13	9	11	9	14

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?

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	47	42
Gessler	42	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3
DK/NA	10	13

3. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Greg Brophy the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Hickenlooper	47%	9%	89%	44%	40%	53%	45%	59%
Brophy	40	79	6	38	49	32	43	24
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	2	2	2	-
DK/NA	10	10	3	14	8	12	9	14

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Greg Brophy the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	47	43
Brophy	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4
DK/NA	10	14

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	49%	18%	84%	45%	44%	54%	47%	61%
Unfavorable	42	76	10	42	50	35	45	25
Hvn't hrd enough	7	5	4	11	6	9	6	14
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	-

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	49	45
Unfavorable	42	42
Hvn't hrd enough	7	11
REFUSED	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	34%	52%	8%	39%	41%	28%	35%	25%
Unfavorable	30	11	59	24	31	29	31	29
Hvn't hrd enough	34	35	31	37	27	41	32	45
REFUSED	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	34	32
Unfavorable	30	29
Hvn't hrd enough	34	37
REFUSED	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	16%	29%	4%	14%	20%	12%	16%	17%
Unfavorable	15	2	33	13	15	15	16	11
Hvn't hrd enough	67	67	62	72	63	71	67	72
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	-

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

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

7. Is your opinion of Greg Brophy favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	10%	18%	4%	10%	14%	7%	10%	11%
Unfavorable	4	-	10	3	4	5	4	5
Hvn't hrd enough	84	81	85	87	82	87	85	83
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	10	8
Unfavorable	4	5
Hvn't hrd enough	84	86
REFUSED	1	1

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Clinton	45%	3%	92%	41%	38%	53%	44%	55%
Cruz	42	86	2	41	51	33	44	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	2	3	-
DK/NA	9	7	5	13	7	11	9	10

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Biden	39%	2%	84%	33%	33%	45%	37%	47%
Cruz	45	90	5	45	55	36	48	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	3
DK/NA	11	5	7	16	7	14	10	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	42%	5%	88%	34%	33%	50%	39%	58%
Christie	43	83	5	43	50	36	46	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	2	2	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	-	6	6	2	4	-
DK/NA	10	6	6	15	9	10	9	6

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?

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Clinton	42	41
Christie	43	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4
DK/NA	10	8

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	33%	2%	75%	23%	28%	37%	30%	51%
Christie	50	86	13	54	55	46	54	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	2	8	7	4	5	3
DK/NA	10	5	8	14	8	12	9	8

TREND: 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?

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Biden	33	32
Christie	50	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4
DK/NA	10	12

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	51%	11%	95%	49%	43%	59%	49%	64%
Unfavorable	44	85	3	45	52	37	46	30
Hvn't hrd enough	4	3	2	5	5	3	4	6
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Favorable	51	53
Unfavorable	44	44
Hvn't hrd enough	4	2
REFUSED	1	1

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	40%	3%	85%	35%	33%	48%	38%	46%
Unfavorable	50	89	8	53	60	41	54	33
Hvn't hrd enough	8	7	6	10	7	9	6	21
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Favorable	40	39
Unfavorable	50	49
Hvn't hrd enough	8	11
REFUSED	1	1

14. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	26%	45%	4%	28%	36%	17%	26%	25%
Unfavorable	16	2	34	12	17	14	17	10
Hvn't hrd enough	58	53	62	60	47	68	56	65
REFUSED	1	-	1	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	50%	60%	45%	50%	49%	51%	53%	32%
Unfavorable	22	17	27	17	28	16	21	23
Hvn't hrd enough	28	23	25	33	23	32	25	42
REFUSED	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	2

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Favorable	50	49
Unfavorable	22	17
Hvn't hrd enough	28	32
REFUSED	1	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	48%	16%	84%	46%	43%	54%	46%	62%
Disapprove	44	76	10	46	51	37	47	27
DK/NA	8	9	6	8	6	10	8	11

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	48	47
Disapprove	44	43
DK/NA	8	10

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	37%	10%	67%	33%	34%	40%	36%	47%
Disapprove	50	78	21	51	56	45	51	44
DK/NA	13	11	12	16	10	16	13	10

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	37	36
Disapprove	50	49
DK/NA	13	16

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	47%	27%	71%	47%	48%	46%	47%	51%
Disapprove	34	54	12	33	36	33	35	29
DK/NA	18	19	17	19	16	21	18	20

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	47	45
Disapprove	34	31
DK/NA	18	24

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	42%	24%	65%	37%	39%	44%	41%	48%
Disapprove	34	52	14	35	40	28	34	29
DK/NA	24	24	21	28	21	28	25	22

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	42	40
Disapprove	34	31
DK/NA	24	29

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	41%	6%	85%	35%	33%	48%	38%	54%
Disapprove	56	94	13	58	63	48	59	43
DK/NA	4	1	2	7	4	4	4	3

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	41	43
Disapprove	56	54
DK/NA	4	3

21. 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	Wht	Hsp
Yes/Deserves	45%	9%	81%	45%	41%	49%	43%	60%
No/Does not	48	85	12	46	56	40	51	30
DK/NA	7	5	6	9	4	11	7	10

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Yes/Deserves	45	45
No/Does not	48	44
DK/NA	7	11

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	44%	19%	69%	45%	46%	42%	44%	43%
No/Does not	36	58	13	34	39	32	37	29
DK/NA	21	23	18	21	15	26	19	29

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

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Yes/Deserves	44	40
No/Does not	36	33
DK/NA	21	27

23. 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	Wht	Hsp
Very satisfied	11%	3%	22%	8%	12%	10%	10%	13%
Smwht satisfied	43	23	63	42	39	46	41	54
Smwht dissatisfied	23	35	10	27	23	24	24	22
Very dissatisfied	23	39	4	22	27	19	24	11
DK/NA	1	-	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?

	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Very satisfied	11	10
Smwht satisfied	43	44
Smwht dissatisfied	23	26
Very dissatisfied	23	20
DK/NA	1	-

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling - the death penalty?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	27%	12%	49%	22%	22%	32%	25%	41%
Disapprove	48	63	31	48	54	42	49	39
DK/NA	25	25	19	30	25	26	26	21

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Hickenlooper is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	50%	22%	80%	49%	48%	52%	50%	53%
Disapprove	41	69	10	42	45	37	42	34
DK/NA	9	10	10	9	7	12	9	14

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	35%	6%	71%	31%	32%	38%	35%	43%
Disapprove	52	86	16	53	59	45	52	43
DK/NA	13	8	13	16	9	17	13	14

27. Would you say that John Hickenlooper - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	57%	31%	86%	57%	52%	62%	55%	69%
No	38	62	10	37	43	33	39	26
DK/NA	6	7	4	7	6	6	6	5

28. Would you say that John Hickenlooper - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	56%	34%	86%	53%	54%	58%	56%	62%
No	35	57	8	37	38	31	35	25
DK/NA	9	9	6	10	8	10	8	13

29. Would you say that John Hickenlooper - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	50%	24%	81%	49%	47%	53%	48%	62%
No	44	71	15	45	49	40	47	27
DK/NA	6	5	4	6	4	7	5	12

30. Do you think John Hickenlooper is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Liberal	41%	80%	5%	39%	48%	34%	44%	24%
Conservative	9	3	15	9	9	9	9	12
About right	43	12	75	43	37	49	40	56
DK/NA	7	6	4	9	6	9	7	7