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**COLORADO GOV RACE TOO CLOSE TO CALL,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
HICKENLOOPER CLOSES 10-POINT GAP IN FIVE WEEKS**

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, behind 50 – 40 percent September 17, now has 45 percent to former U. S. Rep. Bob Beauprez' 44 percent among likely voters, leaving the governor's race too close to call, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Libertarian candidate Matthew Hess has 1 percent, with 2 percent for Green Party candidate Harry Hempy. Another 7 percent are undecided.

An October 15 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showed 46 percent for Beauprez and 42 percent for Gov. Hickenlooper.

With Hess out of the race, Hickenlooper and Beauprez are tied 45 – 45 percent, with 2 percent for Hempy. With Hempy out, Hickenlooper gets 45 percent to Beauprez' 44 percent, with 2 percent for Hess.

Women are the key to Hickenlooper's strength, backing the incumbent 49 – 39 percent. Men back Beauprez 49 – 41 percent.

Hickenlooper gets 45 percent of independent voters to Beauprez' 40 percent. Democrats today go to the governor 94 – 4 percent, while Republicans back their challenger 86 – 6 percent.

“Off the mat and clearly building momentum, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper fights off a ten count and enters the final round of the gubernatorial slugfest looking stronger by the day,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“In just a few weeks, what looked like a slide toward political oblivion for Gov. Hickenlooper morphs into a down-to-the-wire Rocky Mountain slugfest with Bob Beauprez.”

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“Let’s see who’s still standing when the bell rings on Election Night. Will they be talking about Hick the Comeback Kid of 2014, or Bob ‘The Bomber’ Beauprez?” Malloy asked.

With 12 days until Election Day, 91 percent of Colorado likely voters who name a candidate say their mind is made up, while 8 percent say they might change their mind.

By a 51 – 42 percent margin, Colorado likely voters have a favorable opinion of Hickenlooper, compared to 48 – 44 percent favorable October 15.

Beauprez gets a 45 – 39 percent favorability, compared to 45 – 36 percent last week.

Hess and Hempy remain largely unknown as 89 percent of voters don’t know enough about Hess to form an opinion and 90 percent don’t know enough about Hempy.

From October 15 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 974 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 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, Bob Beauprez the Republican, Matthew Hess the Libertarian, and Harry Hempy the Green party candidate, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Hickenlooper, Beauprez, Hess, or Hempy? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already Voted
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Hickenlooper	45%	6%	94%	45%	41%	49%	40%
Beauprez	44	86	4	40	49	39	46
Hess	1	-	-	2	2	1	2
Hempy	2	1	-	2	2	1	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
DK/NA	7	6	2	10	5	9	9

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 17 2014
Hickenlooper	45	42	40
Beauprez	44	46	50
Hess	1	5	3
Hempy	2	1	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1
DK/NA	7	6	3

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1	
		Hickenlooper	Beauprez
Mind made up	91%	89%	95%
Might change	8	10	4
DK/NA	-	-	-

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN.....		
	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 17 2014
Mind made up	91	84	77
Might change	8	16	22
DK/NA	-	1	1

2a. RECALCULATED MATCHUP Q1 ASKING HESS VOTERS: Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						
	MATCHUP Q1 WITHOUT HESS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Hickenlooper	45%	6%	94%	45%	41%	49%	40%
Beauprez	45	86	4	40	50	39	47
Hempy	2	1	-	3	3	2	4
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	7	6	2	10	5	9	9

TREND: RECALCULATED MATCHUP ASKING HESS VOTERS: Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	MATCHUP WITHOUT HESS..		
	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014
Hickenlooper	45	43	40
Beauprez	45	48	52
Hempy	2	2	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1
DK/NA	7	7	4

2b. RECALCULATED MATCHUP Q1 ASKING HEMPY VOTERS: Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						
	MATCHUP Q1 WITHOUT HEMPY.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Hickenlooper	45%	6%	94%	45%	41%	49%	40%
Beauprez	44	86	4	40	49	39	46
Hess	2	1	-	3	3	1	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
DK/NA	8	6	2	10	5	10	10

TREND: RECALCULATED MATCHUP ASKING HEMPY VOTERS: Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	MATCHUP WITHOUT HEMPY		
	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014
Hickenlooper	45	43	41
Beauprez	44	46	51
Hess	2	5	4
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1
DK/NA	8	6	3

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already Voted
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Favorable	51%	18%	92%	50%	46%	56%	47%
Unfavorable	42	76	4	43	48	37	49
Hvn't hrd enough	4	4	4	4	4	4	3
REFUSED	2	2	-	2	1	3	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 17 2014
Favorable	51	48	43
Unfavorable	42	44	51
Hvn't hrd enough	4	6	5
REFUSED	2	2	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						Already Voted
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Favorable	45%	84%	9%	40%	52%	39%	50%
Unfavorable	39	4	77	39	37	41	38
Hvn't hrd enough	12	11	13	15	10	15	6
REFUSED	3	1	1	6	1	5	6

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 17 2014
Favorable	45	45	49
Unfavorable	39	36	31
Hvn't hrd enough	12	17	19
REFUSED	3	2	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Favorable	5%	4%	2%	6%	7%	4%	2%
Unfavorable	4	2	5	4	5	2	3
Hvn't hrd enough	89	91	92	88	87	91	93
REFUSED	2	3	1	1	1	3	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 17 2014
Favorable	5	7	4
Unfavorable	4	6	4
Hvn't hrd enough	89	86	90
REFUSED	2	1	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Favorable	4%	2%	5%	2%	5%	3%	5%
Unfavorable	4	3	4	6	5	3	2
Hvn't hrd enough	90	93	90	91	89	92	92
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15 2014	Sep 17 2014
Favorable	4	4	3
Unfavorable	4	7	4
Hvn't hrd enough	90	88	91
REFUSED	1	1	1