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BEAUPREZ PULLS AHEAD IN COLORADO GOV RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; REPUBLICAN UP 21 POINTS AMONG MEN

Men are going Republican in a big way in the Colorado governor's race, giving former U. S. Rep. Bob Beauprez, the Republican challenger a 45 – 40 percent likely voter lead over Gov. John Hickenlooper, the Democratic incumbent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Libertarian candidate Matthew Hess has 4 percent, with 2 percent for Green Party candidate Harry Hempy. Another 9 percent are undecided.

This compares to an October 23 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-peack) University showing 45 percent for Gov. Hickenlooper and 44 percent for Beauprez.

With Hess out of the race, Beauprez leads 46 - 41 percent, with 3 percent for Hempy. With Hempy out, Beauprez leads 45 - 40 percent, with 5 percent for Hess.

Men back Beauprez 54 - 33 percent, compared to 49 - 41 percent last week. This overwhelms Hickenlooper's 47 - 37 percent lead among women.

Independent voters are split 38 - 38 percent. Democrats go to the governor 87 - 3 percent, while Republicans back Beauprez 89 - 6 percent.

"Five points down, six days to go. The numbers are tight and the ticking clock is the enemy. Is the wolf at the door for Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper?" asked Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

"The gender battle leans Republican Bob Beauprez' way as a surge of support from men eclipses Gov. Hickenlooper's once commanding lead with women."

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Just six days before Election Day, 88 percent of Colorado likely voters who name a candidate say their mind is made up, while 12 percent say they might change their mind.

Colorado likely voters have a mixed opinion of Hickenlooper, giving him a split 46-46 percent favorability rating, compared to a positive 51-42 percent favorability rating last week.

Beauprez gets a 47 - 34 percent favorability, compared to 45 - 39 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 87 percent don't know enough about Hempy.

From October 22–27, Quinnipiac University surveyed 844 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 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		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Voted		
Hickenlooper	40%	6%	87%	38%	33%	47%	42%		
Beauprez	45	89	3	38	54	37	47		
Hess	4	1	1	7	4	4	2		
Hempy	2	_	-	3	1	2	1		
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	_	1	-	1	-	1	_		
DK/NA	9	3	8	13	9	9	8		

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2014	2014	2014	Sep 17 2014
40	45	42	40
45	44	46	50
4	1	5	3
2	2	1	3
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9	7	6	3
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1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	CANDI	Y VOTERS DATE CHOSEN Q1 CANDIDATE OF Hickenloope	L
Mind made up	88%	88%	91%
Might change	12	11	9
DK/NA	1	1	_

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

		VOTERS		
	Oct 29	Oct 23 2014	Oct 15	Sep 17
Mind made up	88	91	84	77
Might change	12	8	16	22
DK/NA	1	_	1	1

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

	LIKEL	Y VOTER	lS					
	MATCH	UP Q1 W	TITHOUT	HESS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted	
Hickenlooper	41%	6%	87%	40%	33%	48%	42%	
Beauprez	46	91	3	39	55	38	47	
Hempy	3	-	1	6	3	3	2	
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	-	1	_	1	1	
DK/NA	9	3	8	15	10	9	8	

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

	LIKELY VOTERS							
	MATCHUP WITHOUT HESS							
	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17				
	2014	2014	2014	2014				
Hickenlooper	41	45	43	40				
Beauprez	46	45	48	52				
Нетру	3	2	2	3				
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	_	1				
DK/NA	9	7	7	4				

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

	LIKELY MATCHUE						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Hickenlooper	40%	6%	87%	38%	33%	48%	42%
Beauprez	45	89	3	38	54	37	47
Hess	5	1	1	9	5	5	2
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	_	1	-	1	-	1	_
DK/NA	9	3	8	14	9	9	8

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

	LIKELY VOTERS						
	2014	2014	2014	2014			
Hickenlooper Beauprez	40 45	45 44	43 46	41 51			
Hess	5	2	5	4			
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	_	1	_	1			
DK/NA	9	8	6	3			

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

	LIKELY	VOTERS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Favorable	46%	13%	90%	44%	40%	52%	47%
Unfavorable	46	79	8	44	56	37	47
Hvn't hrd enough	6	6	2	10	4	8	3
REFUSED	2	3	_	1	1	3	3

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

	Oct 29	VOTERS Oct 23 2014	Oct 15	
Favorable	46	51	48	43
Unfavorable	46	42	44	51
Hvn't hrd enough	6	4	6	5
REFUSED	2	2	2	1

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

	LIKELY	VOTERS.					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Already Voted
Favorable	47%	86%	12%	39%	56%	38%	49%
Unfavorable	34	5	71	34	31	37	40
Hvn't hrd enough	17	8	16	25	12	22	8
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	3	2

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

	LIKELY	VOTERS		
	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014	2014
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Favorable	47	45	45	49
Unfavorable	34	39	36	31
Hvn't hrd enough	17	12	17	19
REFUSED	2	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	6%	4%	4%	10%	8%	4%	5%
Unfavorable	3	4	2	2	4	3	5
Hvn't hrd enough	89	90	93	86	87	90	88
REFUSED	2	2	1	1	1	3	2

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

	LIKELY	VOTERS				
	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17		
	2014	2014	2014	2014		
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vorable	3	4	6	4		
t hrd enough	89	89	86	90		
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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	5%	2%	3%	8%	7%	3%	3%	
Unfavorable	6	9	4	4	8	4	5	
Hvn't hrd enough	87	87	90	87	84	90	88	
REFUSED	3	2	4	1	1	4	3	

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

	LIKELY	VOTERS		
	Oct 29	Oct 23	Oct 15	Sep 17
	2014	2014	2014	2014
Favorable	5	4	4	3
Unfavorable	6	4	7	4
Hvn't hrd enough	87	90	88	91
REFUSED	3	1	1	1