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COLORADO GOV HAS EARLY LEAD IN REELECT BID, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS BACK FRACKING, MIXED SIGNALS ON GUN CONTROL

Colorado voters give Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper a split approval rating and more voters say he does not deserve to be reelected, but he has small leads against possible Republican challengers in an early look at the 2014 governor's race, according to a Quinnipiac University poll completed last night and released today.

Gov. Hickenlooper gets a 48 percent approval rating, while 46 percent disapprove, almost identical to his 48 – 44 percent approval rating in an August 23 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. Voters say 49 – 42 percent today that the governor does not deserve reelection, also little changed from August.

But Hickenlooper edges four possible GOP challengers:

- 46 – 41 percent over former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo;
- 45 – 40 percent over Secretary of State Scott Gessler;
- 44 – 38 percent over State Sen. Greg Brophy;
- 44 – 40 percent over former State Senate Minority Leader Mike Kopp.

In each case, independent voters are almost evenly divided between the candidates.

“Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper does not have much room to breathe the Rocky Mountain air, and certainly no clear sailing back to the statehouse. With the election a year away, he has slight leads over his Republican challengers and a mixed approval rating, but 9 in 10 voters list jobs as a top priority and the new gun control laws sit very badly with Colorado gun owners,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Almost half of Colorado voters don't want to give Gov. Hickenlooper four more years, but they seem to like the other guys a little less.”

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A total of 53 percent of Colorado voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in the state, while 46 percent are “somewhat dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied.”

The economy/jobs is the most important issue for Colorado voters, as a total of 89 percent say it is “extremely important” or “very important,” looking at other issues:

- 77 percent say education is extremely or very important;
- 68 percent say gun policy is extremely or very important;
- 68 percent say taxes are extremely or very important;
- 47 percent say fracking is extremely or very important;
- 33 percent say the death penalty is extremely or very important.

In one question Colorado voters oppose “the stricter new gun control laws” 55 – 40 percent. But voters support 85 – 14 percent requiring background checks for all gun-buyers. And 49 percent of voters support a statewide ban on the sale of ammunition magazines holding more than 15 rounds, while 48 percent are opposed.

Voters statewide oppose 49 – 38 percent the recall of State Sen. Evie Hudak for supporting stricter new gun control laws. Voters oppose 57 – 36 percent recall efforts for legislators with whom they don’t agree, saying they should wait for the regular reelection.

With a large gender gap, Colorado voters support fracking for natural gas and oil 51 – 34 percent. Men support it 60 – 30 percent while women are divided with 42 percent for fracking and 38 percent opposed. Support is 80 – 9 percent among Republicans 51 – 32 percent among independent voters, while Democrats are opposed 54 – 26 percent.

“Voters don’t like gun control, or maybe they just don’t like the words, ‘gun control,’” Malloy said. “There’s some support for limiting multi-round magazines, and overwhelming support for background checks.”

From November 15 – 18, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,206 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 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%	11%	88%	41%	40%	52%	44%	60%
Tancredo	41	78	4	43	47	35	44	20
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	3	4	2	2	9
DK/NA	9	7	5	12	7	10	8	9

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?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	46	46	42
Tancredo	41	45	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	3
DK/NA	9	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	45%	7%	89%	39%	39%	50%	42%	56%
Gessler	40	82	4	39	46	34	44	23
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	4	3	3	2	9
DK/NA	11	9	4	16	10	12	10	9

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?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	45	47	42
Gessler	40	42	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	3
DK/NA	11	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	44%	7%	86%	39%	38%	50%	42%	55%
Brophy	38	78	4	37	45	32	42	23
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	3	3	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	4	2	3	2	6
DK/NA	13	12	7	17	12	14	12	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?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Hickenlooper	44	47	43
Brophy	38	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	4
DK/NA	13	10	14

4. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hickenlooper the Democrat and Mike Kopp the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Hickenlooper	44%	5%	88%	40%	39%	50%	42%	59%
Kopp	40	81	4	38	46	33	43	19
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	4	3	2	2	9
DK/NA	11	12	5	15	10	13	11	10

5. 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	46%	15%	84%	41%	39%	54%	45%	54%
Unfavorable	43	75	7	48	50	37	46	22
Hvn't hrd enough	9	8	8	10	10	8	7	22
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1

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

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	46	49	45
Unfavorable	43	42	42
Hvn't hrd enough	9	7	11
REFUSED	1	2	1

6. 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	30%	53%	7%	32%	34%	26%	31%	21%
Unfavorable	30	14	50	26	28	31	32	24
Hvn't hrd enough	39	32	41	41	37	41	36	55
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

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

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Favorable	30	34	32
Unfavorable	30	30	29
Hvn't hrd enough	39	34	37
REFUSED	1	1	1

25. 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%	82%	45%	43%	53%	46%	60%
Disapprove	46	78	13	47	53	38	47	31
DK/NA	7	6	5	8	5	9	7	9

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

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	48	48	47
Disapprove	46	44	43
DK/NA	7	8	10

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	36%	16%	63%	32%	34%	39%	36%	37%
Disapprove	51	73	22	58	59	43	52	46
DK/NA	13	10	16	11	8	17	12	17

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

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Approve	36	37	36
Disapprove	51	50	49
DK/NA	13	13	16

30. 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	42%	12%	78%	38%	36%	49%	41%	50%
No/Does not	49	84	12	52	56	42	51	34
DK/NA	9	5	10	10	8	10	8	16

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

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Yes/Deserves	42	45	45
No/Does not	49	48	44
DK/NA	9	7	11

32. 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	9%	3%	15%	8%	9%	8%	7%	12%
Smwht satisfied	44	21	67	44	37	51	44	51
Smwht dissatisfied	26	37	12	30	31	21	27	20
Very dissatisfied	20	38	4	18	22	19	21	16
DK/NA	1	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?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 13 2013
Very satisfied	9	11	10
Smwht satisfied	44	43	44
Smwht dissatisfied	26	23	26
Very dissatisfied	20	23	20
DK/NA	1	1	-

Q36-41. Summary table - For each issue I name, please tell me how important it is in your decision of who to support in the general election for governor. How about - (Taxes/Education/The death penalty/The economy and jobs/Gun policy/Fracking), would you say this is extremely important in your choice in the election for governor, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all

	HOW IMPORTANT TO VOTE IS.....					
	Taxes	Educ	Death pnlty	Econ/ jobs	Gun policy	Fracking
Extremely important	30%	38%	12%	47%	34%	19%
Very important	38	39	21	42	34	28
Somewhat important	26	19	36	9	20	33
Not so important	4	3	19	1	6	8
Not important at all	1	1	10	1	4	6
DK/NA	1	-	2	-	1	6

36. (Intro Q36-41: For each issue I name, please tell me how important it is in your decision of who to support in the general election for governor.) How about - taxes, would you say this is extremely important in your choice in the election for governor, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Extremely important	30%	44%	15%	30%	31%	28%	30%	26%
Very important	38	41	36	37	38	38	36	45
Somewhat important	26	12	37	27	24	28	28	19
Not so important	4	1	9	3	4	4	5	4
Not important at all	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	5
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-

37. (Intro at Q36) How about - education, would you say this is extremely important in your choice in the election for governor, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Extremely important	38%	27%	53%	35%	34%	42%	37%	50%
Very important	39	38	38	40	37	40	39	38
Somewhat important	19	28	8	21	22	15	21	11
Not so important	3	5	1	4	5	2	3	1
Not important at all	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

38. (Intro at Q36) How about - the death penalty, would you say this is extremely important in your choice in the election for governor, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Extremely important	12%	13%	10%	14%	12%	12%	10%	18%
Very important	21	23	25	17	19	23	21	26
Somewhat important	36	39	38	32	34	38	38	26
Not so important	19	16	18	24	22	16	21	14
Not important at all	10	7	9	11	10	9	8	15
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	-

39. (Intro at Q36) How about - the economy and jobs, would you say this is extremely important in your choice in the election for governor, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Extremely important	47%	56%	42%	45%	48%	47%	49%	37%
Very important	42	38	45	43	42	41	39	50
Somewhat important	9	4	11	10	8	10	9	7
Not so important	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	2
Not important at all	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	4
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

40. (Intro at Q36) How about - gun policy, would you say this is extremely important in your choice in the election for governor, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Extremely important	34%	44%	25%	35%	35%	34%	36%	25%
Very important	34	35	36	32	30	38	34	33
Somewhat important	20	15	27	21	24	17	21	23
Not so important	6	2	6	7	6	6	6	8
Not important at all	4	4	6	4	5	4	4	10
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1

41. (Intro at Q36) How about - fracking, would you say this is extremely important in your choice in the election for governor, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Extremely important	19%	16%	16%	21%	20%	18%	19%	10%
Very important	28	32	22	28	29	26	28	32
Somewhat important	33	34	38	31	32	35	35	26
Not so important	8	6	10	8	8	8	8	8
Not important at all	6	5	7	6	8	5	6	7
DK/NA	6	7	7	5	4	9	5	16

42. 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%	14%	76%	33%	33%	48%	27%	62%
Oppose	55	83	20	61	65	45	70	32
DK/NA	4	3	4	5	2	6	3	7

TREND: Do you support or oppose the stricter new gun control laws in Colorado?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	40	40
Oppose	55	54
DK/NA	4	5

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	GUN HSHOLD	
							Yes	No
Support	85%	78%	99%	83%	79%	92%	80%	95%
Oppose	14	22	1	16	20	8	19	5
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

TREND: Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	85	82
Oppose	14	16
DK/NA	1	2

44. 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%	25%	81%	42%	38%	60%	35%	70%
Oppose	48	73	17	55	60	36	63	26
DK/NA	3	2	2	4	2	4	2	4

TREND: Do you support or oppose a statewide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 bullets?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Support	49	49
Oppose	48	48
DK/NA	3	3

45. Do you think State Senator Evie Hudak 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	38%	60%	11%	42%	49%	27%	47%	22%
No	49	25	76	45	43	55	42	62
DK/NA	13	15	13	13	8	18	11	16

46. 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	36%	52%	13%	43%	44%	29%	44%	23%
Wait/Reelection	57	40	81	51	51	63	49	71
DK/NA	7	8	6	6	5	9	8	6

TREND: 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?

	Nov 19 2013	Aug 22 2013
Face special recall	36	31
Wait/Reelection	57	60
DK/NA	7	9

47. Do you support or oppose the use of fracking, a drilling method that uses high-pressure water and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Support	51%	80%	26%	51%	60%	42%	52%	46%
Oppose	34	9	54	32	30	38	34	33
DK/NA	16	11	20	16	11	21	14	21

48. Do you think fracking is a very safe method to extract oil and natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Very safe	20%	40%	4%	19%	26%	14%	21%	11%
Smwht safe	36	41	31	37	38	33	36	38
Not very safe	16	6	26	15	14	18	16	17
Not at all safe	18	5	27	18	16	19	17	17
DK/NA	10	8	12	11	6	15	10	17

49. If a candidate for governor supports fracking does that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
More likely	25%	49%	3%	25%	33%	17%	26%	19%
Less likely	26	8	42	25	24	28	27	20
No difference	46	39	52	46	41	51	44	56
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	2	5	3	5