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**GRASSLEY UP 9 POINTS IN IOWA SENATE RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SWING STATE POLL FINDS;
BENNET SWAMPING GOP CHALLENGER IN COLORADO**

Incumbent U.S. Senators hold comfortable likely voter leads in reelection races in Colorado and Iowa, according to a Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll released today.

In Colorado, first-term Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet is cruising to a second term with a 54 – 38 percent lead over El Paso County Commissioner Darryl Glenn, his Republican challenger, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Party loyalty trumps race as non-white likely voters go Democratic 64 – 22 percent, even though Glenn is black. White voters back the incumbent 53 – 41 percent.

Bennet leads 96 – 1 percent among Democrats and 55 – 33 percent among independent voters. Republicans back Glenn 84 – 8 percent. Bennet leads 59 – 33 percent among women and 49 – 43 percent among men.

“For first term Sen. Michael Bennet, the path to a second six years in DC may seem as clear as a crisp day in the Rockies, but there is still time for Darryl Glenn to summon enough support to win a Senate seat the GOP sorely needs,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

Iowa

In Iowa, six-term Republican incumbent Sen. Chuck Grassley is holding off his Democratic challenger, former Lieutenant Gov. Patty Judge 51 – 42 percent.

The challenger gets no bounce from women likely voters, who are divided, with 47 percent for the Democrat and 46 percent for the Republican.

Iowa men back Grassley 57 – 36 percent. He leads 93 – 5 percent among Republicans and 57 – 37 percent among independent voters. Democrats back Judge 91 – 4 percent.

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“Iowans have known, liked and voted for Sen. Chuck Grassley for decades. That’s why he appears in strong position to avoid the kind of down-ballot bloodletting that may hurt some Republicans in other states who are not as well attuned to the views and values of their home base,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Sen. Grassley’s chances for reelection also are helped by the fact that Donald Trump is running better in Iowa against Hillary Clinton than Trump is in many other states.”

From August 9 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 830 Colorado likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points;
- 846 Iowa 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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11a. (CO only) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Michael Bennet the Democrat and Darryl Glenn the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Bennet or Glenn?

COLORADO LIKELY VOTERS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Bennet	54%	8%	96%	55%	49%	59%	59%	45%
Glenn	38	84	1	33	43	33	36	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	8	7	3	12	8	8	5	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Bennet	63%	51%	52%	52%	47%	59%	53%	64%
Glenn	25	41	41	43	47	35	41	22
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	12	8	7	5	7	6	7	14

11b. (IA only) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Patty Judge the Democrat and Chuck Grassley the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Judge or Grassley?

IOWA LIKELY VOTERS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Judge	42%	5%	91%	37%	36%	47%	43%	40%
Grassley	51	93	4	57	57	46	52	52
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
DK/NA	6	3	4	6	6	7	4	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom
Judge	39%	32%	47%	50%	37%	46%
Grassley	51	60	47	47	58	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	9	8	5	2	4	7