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**INCUMBENTS HAVE BIG LEADS IN U.S. SENATE RACES
IN COLORADO, GEORGIA, IOWA,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SWING STATE POLL FINDS**

COLORADO: Bennet 52 – Glenn 43
GEORGIA: Isakson 55 – Barksdale 34
IOWA: Grassley 55 – Judge 43

Incumbent U.S. Senators have wide likely voter leads over their challengers as they seek reelection in Colorado, Georgia and Iowa, according to a Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll released today.

In Colorado, Democratic U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet leads El Paso County Commissioner Darryl Glenn, the Republican challenger 52 – 43 percent, compared to 54 – 38 percent in an August 18 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

The Democrat leads 57 – 36 percent among women. Men are divided, with 49 percent for Glenn and 48 percent for Bennet. White voters also are divided, with 49 percent for Bennet and 46 percent for Glenn. Non-white voters go to Bennet 66 – 29 percent.

Bennet leads 98 – 2 percent among Democrats and 52 – 41 percent among independent voters. Republicans go to Glenn 85 – 12 percent.

“Sen. Michael Bennet appears to be cruising to re-election propelled by enormous support in the non-white community,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

Georgia

In Georgia, likely voters back Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson over Democratic challenger Jim Barksdale, a businessman, 55 – 34 percent.

The Republican leads 67 – 27 percent among men and 46 – 40 percent among women. White voters back Isakson 80 – 16 percent and non-white voters back Barksdale 60 – 21 percent.

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Isakson leads 96 – 1 percent among Republicans and 59 – 35 percent among independent voters. Democrats go to Barksdale 76 – 9 percent.

“Sen. Johnny Isakson is on very solid ground, his 21-point lead fortified by overwhelming support from men and independent voters,” Malloy said.

Iowa

Six-term incumbent Iowa U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley leads former Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, the Democratic challenger 55 – 43 percent, little changed from Grassley’s 51 – 42 percent lead in an August 18 Quinnipiac University poll.

The Democrat gets no help from women, who are divided 49 – 49 percent, while men go Republican 61 – 36 percent. Grassley leads 94 – 6 percent among Republicans and 53 – 42 percent among independent voters. Democrats back Judge 88 – 11 percent.

“In his six terms in the U.S. Senate, Chuck Grassley has become almost a family member across the Hawkeye State. He is a Republican who runs even with his Democratic challenger among women, something that Republicans rarely accomplish, and his 25-point edge among men is typical of his history with voters,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

From September 13 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 644 Colorado likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points;
- 638 Georgia likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points;
- 612 Iowa likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 4 percentage points.

Live interviewers call landlines 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, North Carolina, Georgia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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3a. (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.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Bennet	52%	12%	98%	52%	48%	57%	54%	43%
Glenn	43	85	2	41	49	36	42	51
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	4	3	-	7	2	7	3	7
WHITE.....								
	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht				
Bennet	46%	52%	49%	66%				
Glenn	50	41	46	29				
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1				
DK/NA	2	7	5	4				

3b. (GA only) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Jim Barksdale the Democrat and Johnny Isakson the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Barksdale or Isakson?

GEORGIA LIKELY VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Barksdale	34%	1%	76%	35%	27%	40%	25%	10%
Isakson	55	96	9	59	67	46	70	88
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-
DK/NA	10	2	15	5	7	13	4	2
WHITE.....								
	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht				
Barksdale	13%	20%	16%	60%				
Isakson	85	75	80	21				
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	1	-				
DK/NA	2	4	3	19				

3c. (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.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Judge	43%	6%	88%	42%	36%	49%	43%	41%
Grassley	55	94	11	53	61	49	55	57
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	2	1	1	5	3	2	1	3