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Interview dates: October 15-17, 2010
Interviews: 600 registered voters; 405 likely voters in Colorado
231 Democrats/Lean Democrats (RV); 309 Republicans/Lean Republicans (RV)
Margin of error: ± 4.0% for registered voters; ± 4.9 for likely voters
± 6.5% for Democrats (RV); ± 5.6% for Republicans (RV)

Political Polling in Colorado: Wave 2 Research undertaken for Reuters

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted October 15-17, 2010 on behalf of Reuters. For the survey, a representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 600 adults aged 18 and older across Colorado who are registered voters was interviewed by Ipsos. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 4.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire population of registered voters in Colorado been polled. Likely voters (reported on for ballot questions only) are defined as individuals currently registered to vote, who voted in the 2008 Presidential election, are a 7-10 on a 10-point likelihood to vote scale, and are interested in following news about the campaign 'a great deal' or 'quite a bit.' Individuals who did not vote in the 2008 Presidential election qualify as likely voters if they are registered to vote, are an 8-10 on a 10-point likelihood to vote scale, and are interested in following news about the campaign 'a great deal' or 'quite a bit.' Out of our sample of 600 registered voters, 405 are likely voters. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within ±4.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled.

All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the actual Colorado registered voter population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish. Figures filtered on Democrats, Republicans, and Independents are based on registered voters and not likely voters. Figures marked by an asterisk (*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. **Where trend data (italicized) is present, it is taken from the last Reuters poll in Colorado carried out by Ipsos, for which the fieldwork period was Aug 20-22, 2010.**

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

1. Are you currently registered to vote, or not?

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Yes	100	100	100	100
No	0	0	0	0

2. Sometimes things come up and people are not able to vote. In the 2008 election for President, did you happen to vote?

Yes	91
No	9
Don't know / Refused	*

3. Why not? *BASE = All who did not vote at 2008 Presidential Election (27)*

Not registered, too busy, something came up	42
Too young to vote at the time	19
Did not live in state/district at the time	10
Could not get to the polls	6
Did not vote / did not want to	3
Did not approve of candidates	2
Health reasons	1
Other	13
DK / Ref	4



4. On November 2nd, midterm elections will be held. Colorado voters will elect a Senator, Members of Congress, Governor, and other state-level positions. Using a 1-to-10 scale, where 10 means you are completely certain you will vote and 1 means you are completely certain you will NOT vote, how likely are you to vote in the upcoming elections? You can use any number between 1 and 10, to indicate how strongly you feel about your likelihood to vote.

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
1 – Completely certain will NOT vote	1	1	*	5
2	2	4	0	2
3	1	2	2	0
4	*	0	0	0
5	4	4	3	9
6	2	1	2	6
7	2	2	1	9
8	4	6	1	1
9	4	5	1	5
10 – Completely certain WILL vote	80	75	91	60
Don't know / Refused	1	1	0	4

5. How much interest do you have in following news about the campaigns for the midterm elections in Colorado?

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
A great deal	34	32	38	24
Quite a bit	28	23	34	23
Only some	20	25	14	25
Very little	12	14	9	18
No interest at all	6	6	4	9
Not sure / Refused	*	1	*	0
TOTAL: Great deal/Quite a bit	62	55	72	47
TOTAL: None/Very little	18	19	14	27

6. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?
 IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q6, Q7 ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q6, Q8 ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q6, Q9 ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)
7. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
8. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
9. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	<u>Likely voters</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
Strongly Democrat	20	21
Moderately Democrat	10	12
Lean Democrat	10	12
Strongly Republican	26	20
Moderately Republican	11	9
Lean Republican	14	14
Independent (No lean)	6	8
DK / Ref	3	4
Total Democrats	40	44
Total Republicans	51	43
Total Independents	8	9



10. Generally speaking, would you say things in Colorado are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.

	Current Poll, Oct 15-17				August 20-22
	Registered voters	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Registered voters
Right direction	40	62	18	33	42
Wrong track	53	30	76	57	50
Not sure / Refused	7	9	6	10	8

11. What do you think are the biggest problems facing Colorado now?
 OPEN-ENDED: DO NOT READ OUT. INTERVIEWERS: CODE INTO CATEGORIES BELOW UNLESS RESPONSE ABSOLUTELY DOES NOT FIT. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE 'BROAD' DEFINITIONS AND TRY TO CODE RESPONSES INTO PRECODES BELOW.

	Current Poll Oct 15-17	Aug 20-22
Economy / jobs (<i>includes: national economy, Colorado's economy, lack of jobs, wrong jobs, not enough work, etc</i>)	55	57
Education	18	15
Budget / Deficit	15	13
Government / politics / politicians (<i>includes: named politicians, corrupt government, legislature, parties, national government, etc</i>)	14	13
Taxes (<i>includes: too much tax, tax increases, disproportionate tax, etc</i>)	12	9
Healthcare (<i>includes: national and also within Colorado</i>)	10	6
Immigration	8	10
Energy (<i>includes: oil issues/concerns, lack of energy, gas prices, price of power, etc</i>)	2	4
Transportation (<i>includes: lack of public transportation, traffic, car/truck problems, etc</i>)	2	1
Environment/Pollution (<i>includes: global warming, damage to natural environment, littering, exhaust from cars, etc</i>)	1	3
Other	6	9
Don't know / Refused	6	8

Thinking about the elections on November 2nd ...

12. ...if the election for US Senator were held today, would you vote for Republican candidate Ken Buck or Democratic candidate Michael Bennet [REVERSE NAMES]? ASK Q13 IF 'DK/ REFUSED' AT Q12
13. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards Republican candidate Ken Buck or Democratic candidate Michael Bennet [REVERSE NAMES]?

COMBINED Q12/13

	Current Poll, Oct 15-17					August 20-22
	Likely voters	Registered voters	Democrats (RV)	Republicans (RV)	Independents (RV)	Likely voters
Ken Buck (Republican)	48	42	5	88	21	49
Michael Bennet (Democrat)	45	48	93	7	28	40
Candidate from another political party (VOL)	2	2	0	2	14	1
DK/Ref/Unsure (VOL)	5	8	2	4	38	10



14. ...if the election for Governor of Colorado were today, would you vote for Republican candidate Dan Maes, Democratic candidate John Hickenlooper, or American Constitution candidate Tom Tancredo [REVERSE NAMES]? ASK Q15 IF 'DON'T KNOW / REFUSED' AT Q14
15. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards Republican candidate Dan Maes, Democratic candidate John Hickenlooper, or American Constitution candidate Tom Tancredo [REVERSE NAMES]?

COMBINED Q14/15

	Current Poll, Oct 15-17					August 20-22
	<u>Likely voters</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>	<u>Likely voters</u>
Dan Maes (Republican)	14	15	3	30	9	33
John Hickenlooper (Democrat)	46	51	89	13	34	41
Tom Tancredo (American Constitution)	35	29	5	54	34	16
Candidate from another political party (VOL)	*	*	0	1	0	*
DK/Ref/Unsure (VOL)	5	6	3	3	23	9

16. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Bill Ritter is handling his job as Governor of Colorado? IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK Q19. IF MIXED/DK/REF, ASK Q20
17. Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?
18. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Current Poll, Oct 15-17				August 20-22
	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
Strongly approve	9	17	1	3	10
Somewhat approve	13	20	6	16	18
Lean approve	22	31	15	19	19
Still have mixed feelings	4	4	2	4	3
Lean disapprove	20	15	24	22	22
Somewhat disapprove	10	7	13	14	6
Strongly disapprove	20	4	38	20	23
Not sure	2	2	2	3	1
TOTAL: Approve	44	68	22	38	46
TOTAL: Disapprove	50	26	75	56	50

19. For each one, please tell me if you think Republican Senate candidate Ken Buck or Democratic Senate candidate Michael Bennet has the right policies on the issue? READ OUT EACH AND RANDOMIZE.

	<u>Ken Buck (R)</u>	<u>Michael Bennet (D)</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Don't know / Refused</u>
Abortion	27	50	0	8	15
<i>Think it should always be legal (Base = 297)</i>	10	70	0	9	12
<i>Think it depends on circumstances (Base = 217)</i>	40	33	0	8	19
<i>Think it should always be illegal* (Base = 73)</i>	72	11	0	4	13
Taxes	41	38	1	9	11
Healthcare	36	43	1	10	11
Immigration	38	33	*	12	17

*Small base size means figures are indicative only



20. As you may know, the Tea Party movement emerged in 2009 to protest the federal government's stimulus package. They staged a series of protests and rallies across the US. Participants are opposed to increased tax and large-scale government spending. To what extent, if at all, do you personally identify with the ideals of the Tea Party movement? READ OUT AS NECESSARY

	Current Poll, Oct 15-17				<u>26-28 Feb 2010: NATIONAL (US) COMPARISON</u>
	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
I identify with them strongly	23	4	45	8	15
I identify with them	14	4	25	16	16
I identify with them a little	25	24	23	43	29
I do not identify with them at all	36	64	7	28	37
Not sure / Refused	2	3	1	6	3
TOTAL: Identify at all (1-3)	62	33	93	66	60

21. And in your view, is Republican Senate Candidate Ken Buck strongly, weakly, or not at all aligned with the ideals of the Tea Party movement? [READ OUT. REVERSE FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS]

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Identify strongly with Tea Party (Base = 164)</u>	<u>Identify at least a little with Tea Party (Base = 401)</u>	<u>Do not identify with tea party at all (Base = 186)</u>
	Strongly aligned	41	39	51	21	54	39
Weakly aligned	26	26	27	29	24	28	23
Not at all aligned	12	16	4	33	7	12	10
Not sure / Refused	21	19	18	17	15	21	18
TOTAL: Strongly / weakly aligned	67	65	78	50	78	67	71

22. Which of these comes closest to your views about abortion? READ OUT. ROTATE

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
A woman should be able to get an abortion if she decides she wants one no matter what the reason.	53	71	32	66
Abortion should only be legal in certain circumstances, such as when a woman's health is endangered or when the pregnancy results from rape or incest.	34	26	42	30
Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances.	11	2	24	1
Not sure / Refused	2	1	3	3