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Early Polling Numbers on Michael Bennet

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling’s newest Colorado survey finds a plurality of voters in the state still have no opinion of Michael Bennet- although he gets pretty solid marks from those who do.

33% of Coloradans view Bennet favorably, while 21% have a negative opinion of him. 46% are ambivalent at this point. One particularly good sign in the numbers for Bennet as he looks toward reelection is that among Democrats only 7% view him unfavorably. That would seem to indicate a relative lack of discord within the party over his appointment that might help him avoid a primary challenge in two years.

PPP also tested Bennet in hypothetical 2010 contests against Republicans Scott McInnis, Bill Owens, Tom Tancredo, and John Suthers. Bennet led in each of the match ups except the one against Owens, where he trailed 44-41. Still, there’s an argument to be made that a three point deficit isn’t bad against an eight year Governor for someone most voters in the state had never heard of two months ago.

Bennet leads McInnis and Suthers by 6, and Tancredo by 9.

“Michael Bennet’s standing is pretty solid for this very early stage of his career as a Senator,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He still needs to become better known to a lot of the state’s voters, but he seems to be pretty well liked by those who have already formed an opinion about him.”

PPP will release some interesting numbers tomorrow looking at the impact the appointment has had on Bill Ritter’s approval.

PPP surveyed 959 Colorado voters between January 23rd and 25th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.16%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Colorado Survey Results

Q1 Generally speaking, do you think you would vote for a Democrat or Republican for the US Senate in 2010? If you would vote Democratic, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Democrat..... 45%

Republican..... 42%

Not Sure..... 13%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Senator Michael Bennet? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 33%

Unfavorable 21%

Not Sure..... 45%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman Scott McInnis? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 32% *Not Sure*..... 37%

Unfavorable..... 32%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Attorney General John Suthers? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 36%

Unfavorable 24%

Not Sure..... 40%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Governor Bill Owens? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 49% *Not Sure*..... 10%

Unfavorable..... 41%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman Tom Tancredo? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you are not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....40% *Not Sure*.....16%

Unfavorable44%

Q7 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Scott McInnis, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Scott McInnis, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Michael Bennet43% *Undecided*.....20%

Scott McInnis37%

Q8 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican John Suthers, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If John Suthers, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Michael Bennet 40%

John Suthers..... 34%

Undecided..... 26%

Q9 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Bill Owens, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Bill Owens, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Michael Bennet 41%

Bill Owens..... 44%

Undecided..... 14%





Q10 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Michael Bennet and Republican Tom Tancredo, who would you vote for? If Michael Bennet, press 1. If Tom Tancredo, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Michael Bennet..... 48%
Tom Tancredo 39%
Undecided..... 13%

Q11 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

War in Iraq..... 11%
Education..... 7%
Economy and Jobs 52%
Taxes..... 7%
Moral and family values 10%
Health care 5%
Immigration..... 6%
Other..... 2%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 39%
Republican..... 40%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q14 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If you are Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White 79%
African-American 5%
Hispanic..... 12%
Other..... 4%

Q15 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 16%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 41%
Older than 65..... 17%

Q16

Denver Metro Area 58%
Rest of State..... 42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Ballot			
Democrat	45%	50%	39%
Republican	42%	38%	46%
Not Sure	13%	11%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet Favorability			
Favorable	33%	33%	33%
Unfavorable	21%	16%	27%
Not Sure	45%	51%	40%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McInnis Favorability			
Favorable	32%	27%	36%
Unfavorable	32%	32%	32%
Not Sure	37%	41%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Suthers Favorability			
Favorable	36%	29%	43%
Unfavorable	24%	25%	23%
Not Sure	40%	46%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Owens Favorability			
Favorable	49%	47%	52%
Unfavorable	41%	43%	39%
Not Sure	10%	10%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tancredo Favorability			
Favorable	40%	34%	47%
Unfavorable	44%	47%	42%
Not Sure	16%	20%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/McInnis			
Michael Bennet	43%	46%	41%
Scott McInnis	37%	33%	41%
Undecided	20%	21%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Suthers			
Michael Bennet	40%	44%	36%
John Suthers	34%	27%	40%
Undecided	26%	28%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Owens			
Michael Bennet	41%	45%	38%
Bill Owens	44%	38%	51%
Undecided	14%	17%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bennet/Tancredo			
Michael Bennet	48%	51%	46%
Tom Tancredo	39%	34%	44%
Undecided	13%	16%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Ballot				
Democrat	45%	89%	8%	33%
Republican	42%	3%	88%	30%
Not Sure	13%	8%	5%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet Favorability				
Favorable	33%	55%	11%	34%
Unfavorable	21%	7%	39%	14%
Not Sure	45%	38%	50%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McInnis Favorability				
Favorable	32%	8%	58%	25%
Unfavorable	32%	61%	10%	20%
Not Sure	37%	31%	32%	56%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Suthers Favorability				
Favorable	36%	15%	58%	32%
Unfavorable	24%	45%	9%	13%
Not Sure	40%	40%	32%	55%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Owens Favorability				
Favorable	49%	24%	73%	52%
Unfavorable	41%	68%	18%	34%
Not Sure	10%	8%	9%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Tancredo Favorability				
Favorable	40%	13%	68%	40%
Unfavorable	44%	77%	19%	31%
Not Sure	16%	11%	13%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/McInnis				
Michael Bennet	43%	82%	12%	30%
Scott McInnis	37%	3%	76%	27%
Undecided	20%	15%	12%	42%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Suthers				
Michael Bennet	40%	77%	9%	31%
John Suthers	34%	6%	68%	21%
Undecided	26%	17%	23%	48%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Owens				
Michael Bennet	41%	76%	12%	31%
Bill Owens	44%	11%	79%	40%
Undecided	14%	12%	9%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bennet/Tancredo				
Michael Bennet	48%	84%	14%	46%
Tom Tancredo	39%	8%	74%	31%
Undecided	13%	8%	12%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Generic Ballot					
Democrat	45%	44%	56%	46%	38%
Republican	42%	42%	38%	44%	37%
Not Sure	13%	13%	6%	10%	25%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Bennet Favorability					
Favorable	33%	35%	27%	28%	20%
Unfavorable	21%	22%	30%	14%	30%
Not Sure	45%	43%	44%	58%	50%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
McInnis Favorability					
Favorable	32%	31%	36%	35%	35%
Unfavorable	32%	31%	41%	34%	23%
Not Sure	37%	38%	23%	31%	42%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Suthers Favorability					
Favorable	36%	33%	49%	44%	47%
Unfavorable	24%	23%	19%	29%	28%
Not Sure	40%	43%	32%	27%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Owens Favorability					
Favorable	49%	51%	40%	43%	50%
Unfavorable	41%	39%	53%	49%	43%
Not Sure	10%	10%	6%	8%	8%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Tancredo Favorability					
Favorable	40%	40%	60%	35%	29%
Unfavorable	44%	44%	30%	51%	40%
Not Sure	16%	15%	10%	14%	31%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Bennet/McInnis					
Michael Bennet	43%	43%	64%	43%	20%
Scott McInnis	37%	37%	32%	46%	25%
Undecided	20%	20%	4%	11%	55%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Bennet/Suthers					
Michael Bennet	40%	41%	30%	44%	25%
John Suthers	34%	32%	62%	36%	27%
Undecided	26%	27%	8%	19%	48%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Bennet/Owens					
Michael Bennet	41%	41%	45%	45%	33%
Bill Owens	44%	45%	47%	40%	35%
Undecided	14%	14%	8%	15%	33%

	Base	Race			
		White	African-American	Hispanic	Other
Bennet/Tancredo					
Michael Bennet	48%	49%	30%	51%	38%
Tom Tancredo	39%	39%	62%	33%	30%
Undecided	13%	12%	8%	16%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Ballot					
Democrat	45%	48%	42%	45%	45%
Republican	42%	24%	48%	44%	44%
Not Sure	13%	28%	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet Favorability					
Favorable	33%	44%	28%	29%	40%
Unfavorable	21%	12%	27%	22%	21%
Not Sure	45%	44%	44%	49%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McInnis Favorability					
Favorable	32%	20%	33%	35%	32%
Unfavorable	32%	36%	26%	33%	35%
Not Sure	37%	44%	41%	32%	33%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Suthers Favorability					
Favorable	36%	36%	35%	36%	39%
Unfavorable	24%	32%	22%	22%	23%
Not Sure	40%	32%	43%	42%	38%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Owens Favorability					
Favorable	49%	44%	51%	54%	43%
Unfavorable	41%	48%	36%	40%	43%
Not Sure	10%	8%	14%	6%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tancredo Favorability					
Favorable	40%	28%	38%	45%	43%
Unfavorable	44%	52%	42%	41%	47%
Not Sure	16%	20%	20%	13%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/McInnis					
Michael Bennet	43%	56%	41%	41%	41%
Scott McInnis	37%	16%	43%	40%	39%
Undecided	20%	28%	16%	19%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/Suthers					
Michael Bennet	40%	52%	37%	39%	37%
John Suthers	34%	24%	37%	35%	36%
Undecided	26%	24%	26%	26%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/Owens					
Michael Bennet	41%	60%	35%	37%	44%
Bill Owens	44%	32%	49%	48%	39%
Undecided	14%	8%	16%	15%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bennet/Tancredo					
Michael Bennet	48%	72%	46%	43%	41%
Tom Tancredo	39%	20%	43%	42%	44%
Undecided	13%	8%	11%	15%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Generic Ballot			
Democrat	45%	50%	38%
Republican	42%	36%	50%
Not Sure	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Bennet Favorability			
Favorable	33%	40%	23%
Unfavorable	21%	21%	23%
Not Sure	45%	39%	54%

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
McInnis Favorability			
Favorable	32%	27%	38%
Unfavorable	32%	35%	27%
Not Sure	37%	38%	35%

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Suthers Favorability			
Favorable	36%	35%	37%
Unfavorable	24%	26%	21%
Not Sure	40%	39%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Owens Favorability			
Favorable	49%	47%	53%
Unfavorable	41%	44%	36%
Not Sure	10%	9%	10%

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Tancredo Favorability			
Favorable	40%	39%	42%
Unfavorable	44%	50%	37%
Not Sure	16%	11%	22%

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Bennet/McInnis			
Michael Bennet	43%	49%	35%
Scott McInnis	37%	31%	45%
Undecided	20%	20%	20%

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Bennet/Suthers			
Michael Bennet	40%	46%	32%
John Suthers	34%	29%	40%
Undecided	26%	24%	28%





Crosstabs

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		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Bennet/Owens			
Michael Bennet	41%	47%	33%
Bill Owens	44%	40%	51%
Undecided	14%	13%	16%

	Base	Region	
		Denver Metro Area	Rest of State
Bennet/Tancredo			
Michael Bennet	48%	57%	37%
Tom Tancredo	39%	35%	44%
Undecided	13%	8%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Generic Ballot									
Democrat	45%	65%	64%	51%	10%	2%	78%	21%	35%
Republican	42%	22%	34%	36%	85%	83%	4%	51%	35%
Not Sure	13%	13%	2%	12%	5%	15%	18%	28%	30%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Bennet Favorability									
Favorable	33%	48%	53%	37%	12%	8%	43%	17%	22%
Unfavorable	21%	9%	2%	18%	54%	34%	4%	51%	22%
Not Sure	45%	44%	46%	45%	34%	58%	53%	32%	57%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
McInnis Favorability									
Favorable	32%	17%	27%	30%	56%	46%	4%	51%	22%
Unfavorable	32%	50%	30%	35%	19%	10%	44%	24%	22%
Not Sure	37%	34%	43%	35%	25%	44%	51%	25%	57%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Suthers Favorability									
Favorable	36%	33%	23%	31%	77%	47%	22%	46%	35%
Unfavorable	24%	39%	31%	27%	8%	-	34%	14%	14%
Not Sure	40%	28%	46%	41%	16%	53%	44%	40%	51%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Owens Favorability									
Favorable	49%	32%	50%	46%	78%	77%	25%	58%	27%
Unfavorable	41%	51%	44%	44%	18%	16%	72%	37%	43%
Not Sure	10%	17%	6%	10%	5%	7%	3%	5%	30%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Tancredo Favorability									
Favorable	40%	17%	15%	37%	83%	59%	13%	87%	27%
Unfavorable	44%	59%	70%	50%	15%	14%	66%	2%	43%
Not Sure	16%	24%	15%	13%	2%	28%	21%	11%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Bennet/McInnis									
Michael Bennet	43%	65%	54%	50%	13%	9%	64%	24%	22%
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Undecided	20%	14%	28%	19%	8%	19%	32%	14%	52%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Bennet/Suthers									
Michael Bennet	40%	62%	60%	47%	11%	-	61%	10%	22%
John Suthers	34%	20%	16%	27%	77%	66%	4%	60%	27%
Undecided	26%	19%	24%	26%	12%	34%	34%	30%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Bennet/Owens									
Michael Bennet	41%	61%	53%	46%	13%	9%	57%	29%	30%
Bill Owens	44%	27%	38%	38%	79%	85%	18%	61%	27%
Undecided	14%	13%	9%	16%	8%	7%	25%	10%	43%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Bennet/Tancredo									
Michael Bennet	48%	67%	76%	55%	16%	13%	73%	3%	30%
Tom Tancredo	39%	22%	15%	33%	81%	70%	9%	84%	19%
Undecided	13%	11%	9%	12%	3%	17%	18%	13%	51%

