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## **Obama leads by 4 in Colorado**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – PPP's newest Colorado poll finds Barack Obama's position improving slightly in the state after his debate victory this week. He now leads Mitt Romney 51-47, up from a 50-47 spread last week.

Colorado voters think Obama was the winner of Monday night's debate by a 51/38 margin, and it seems to be having a positive impact on his approval numbers. 51% of voters give him good marks to 47% who disapprove, up from a 49/49 spread last week. Romney's favorability numbers are unchanged from a week ago with 48% of voters rating him favorably and 49% unfavorably. Voters trust Obama more on both the economy (50/46) and Libya (53/44) than they do Romney.

Obama has a 51/43 lead with independents. Beyond that his advantage is being driven by large margins with women (54/44), Hispanics (65/34), and young voters (60/35). Romney's main areas of support are with men (49/47), whites (52/46), and seniors (56/41).

When Gary Johnson's included he gets just 2%. He's polled at higher levels over the course of the year but this is what tends to happen with third party candidates as the election gets closer- their support evaporates. That's why we have tended not to include Johnson in most of our polling over the course of the year. Johnson draws slightly more from Obama than Romney, leaving the President ahead 49-46 when he's in the mix.

“Barack Obama continues to be the favorite in Colorado,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “His strong support with independents, Hispanics, and young voters in the state may put him over the top.”

Colorado's amendment to legalize marijuana continues to lead for passage with 53% of voters saying they plan to support it to 43% who are opposed. This plays out very much as a generational issue with voters under 30 favoring it 73/25, while seniors oppose it 38/55. Every age group except seniors supports the amendment, and it has a 58/36 advantage with independents.

PPP surveyed 904 likely voters from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.3%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



## Colorado Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 51%  
*Disapprove*..... 47%  
*Not sure* ..... 2%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

*Favorable*..... 48%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 49%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q3** The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 51%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 47%  
*Undecided*..... 2%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

*Favorable*..... 10%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 13%  
*Not sure* ..... 76%

**Q5** If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney, and Libertarian Gary Johnson, who would you vote for?

*Barack Obama*..... 49%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 46%  
*Gary Johnson* ..... 2%  
*Undecided*..... 2%

**Q6** Amendment 64 is an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning marijuana, and, in connection therewith, providing for the regulation of marijuana; permitting a person twenty-one years of age or older to consume or possess limited amounts of marijuana; providing for the licensing of cultivation facilities, product manufacturing facilities, testing facilities, and retail stores; permitting local governments to regulate or prohibit such facilities; requiring the general assembly to enact an excise tax to be levied upon wholesale sales of marijuana; requiring that the first \$40 million in revenue raised annually by such tax be credited to the public school capital construction assistance fund; and requiring the general assembly to enact legislation governing the cultivation, processing, and sale of industrial hemp. If the election was today, would you vote for or against Amendment 64?

*For* ..... 53% *Undecided*..... 5%  
*Against*..... 43%

**Q7** In general, do you think marijuana usage should be legal or illegal?

*Legal*..... 53% *Not sure* ..... 6%  
*Illegal* ..... 42%

**Q8** Who do you think won the final Presidential debate: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

*Barack Obama*..... 51%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 38%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q9** Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?

*Barack Obama*..... 50%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 46%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%





**Q10** Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of Libya?

*Barack Obama*..... 53%  
*Mitt Romney*..... 44%  
*Not sure* ..... 2%

**Q11** If there was an election for the state legislature today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

*Democratic*.....48% *Not sure* .....10%  
*Republican*.....42%

**Q12** Are you very excited, somewhat excited, or not at all excited about voting in the 2012 elections?

*Very excited* .....64% *Not at all excited* ..... 9%  
*Somewhat excited* .27%

**Q13** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 9%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 19%  
*Moderate*..... 31%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 26%  
*Very conservative* ..... 15%

**Q14** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 50%  
*Man*..... 50%

**Q15** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 37%  
*Republican*..... 36%  
*Independent/Other*..... 26%

**Q16** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

*Hispanic*..... 14%  
*White* ..... 77%  
*Other*..... 8%

**Q17** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 14%  
*30 to 45*..... 29%  
*46 to 65*..... 37%  
*Older than 65*..... 20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>						
Approve	51%	87%	86%	65%	20%	10%
Disapprove	47%	13%	13%	32%	78%	90%
Not sure	2%	-	1%	4%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>						
Favorable	48%	15%	18%	30%	79%	89%
Unfavorable	49%	82%	81%	65%	19%	11%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney</b>						
Barack Obama	51%	86%	86%	66%	19%	10%
Mitt Romney	47%	14%	13%	29%	79%	89%
Undecided	2%	-	1%	5%	1%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>						
Favorable	10%	5%	14%	12%	6%	12%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	14%	11%	14%	18%
Not sure	76%	84%	72%	77%	79%	70%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>						
Barack Obama	49%	84%	87%	62%	19%	10%
Mitt Romney	46%	14%	11%	30%	75%	87%
Gary Johnson	2%	-	1%	2%	3%	3%
Undecided	2%	2%	1%	5%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Amendment 64</b>						
For	53%	79%	73%	55%	41%	26%
Against	43%	19%	22%	41%	53%	69%
Undecided	5%	2%	5%	4%	7%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Marijuana Use</b>						
Legal/Illegal						
Legal	53%	79%	69%	55%	42%	29%
Illegal	42%	19%	24%	40%	50%	68%
Not sure	6%	2%	7%	5%	8%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Who Won Debate ?</b>						
Barack Obama	51%	87%	84%	66%	21%	15%
Mitt Romney	38%	11%	9%	25%	62%	77%
Not sure	10%	2%	7%	9%	17%	9%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>						
Barack Obama	50%	89%	88%	63%	19%	12%
Mitt Romney	46%	11%	9%	30%	79%	86%
Not sure	3%	-	3%	7%	2%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Trust More on Libya?</b>						
Barack Obama	53%	89%	91%	69%	20%	12%
Mitt Romney	44%	11%	9%	27%	76%	86%
Not sure	2%	-	-	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>						
Democratic	48%	85%	84%	60%	19%	10%
Republican	42%	8%	8%	25%	74%	85%
Not sure	10%	7%	8%	16%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>						
Very excited	64%	77%	58%	57%	64%	75%
Somewhat excited	27%	19%	36%	29%	27%	18%
Not at all excited	9%	4%	7%	14%	9%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	51%	55%	47%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	44%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	47%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	51%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	2%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	54%	47%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	47%	44%	49%
<b>Undecided</b>	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	10%	9%	11%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	10%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	76%	81%	72%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>			
Barack Obama	49%	53%	46%
Mitt Romney	46%	44%	49%
Gary Johnson	2%	1%	3%
Undecided	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Amendment 64</b>			
For	53%	50%	55%
Against	43%	46%	40%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal</b>			
Legal	53%	49%	56%
Illegal	42%	46%	38%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Who Won Debate ?</b>			
Barack Obama	51%	54%	49%
Mitt Romney	38%	37%	39%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>			
Barack Obama	50%	54%	47%
Mitt Romney	46%	43%	49%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trust More on Libya?</b>			
Barack Obama	53%	58%	49%
Mitt Romney	44%	40%	49%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>			
Democratic	48%	53%	43%
Republican	42%	38%	46%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>			
Very excited	64%	68%	59%
Somewhat excited	27%	24%	30%
Not at all excited	9%	8%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	51%	88%	12%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	11%	87%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	1%	1%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	15%	87%	42%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	84%	12%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	1%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	88%	12%	51%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	47%	11%	87%	43%
<b>Undecided</b>	2%	1%	1%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	10%	10%	8%	14%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	15%	15%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	76%	75%	77%	77%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>				
Barack Obama	49%	86%	12%	50%
Mitt Romney	46%	11%	85%	42%
Gary Johnson	2%	1%	2%	4%
Undecided	2%	2%	1%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Amendment 64</b>				
For	53%	68%	32%	58%
Against	43%	27%	65%	36%
Undecided	5%	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal</b>				
Legal	53%	67%	32%	59%
Illegal	42%	28%	63%	34%
Not sure	6%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Who Won Debate?</b>				
Barack Obama	51%	83%	15%	53%
Mitt Romney	38%	10%	76%	31%
Not sure	10%	7%	9%	16%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	86%	12%	49%
Mitt Romney	46%	12%	86%	43%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Trust More on Libya?</b>				
Barack Obama	53%	89%	14%	54%
Mitt Romney	44%	10%	84%	42%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>				
Democratic	48%	86%	11%	42%
Republican	42%	8%	85%	36%
Not sure	10%	6%	4%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>				
Very excited	64%	64%	70%	55%
Somewhat excited	27%	28%	23%	31%
Not at all excited	9%	8%	8%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	51%	64%	47%	68%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	34%	52%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	3%	1%	4%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	38%	52%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	61%	46%	61%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	1%	2%	9%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Romney</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	65%	46%	69%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	47%	34%	52%	25%
<b>Undecided</b>	2%	0%	2%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	10%	14%	9%	12%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	10%	14%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	76%	76%	77%	72%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>49%</b>	60%	46%	67%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	<b>46%</b>	34%	50%	29%
<b>Gary Johnson</b>	<b>2%</b>	2%	2%	-
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>2%</b>	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Amendment 64</b>				
<b>For</b>	<b>53%</b>	50%	51%	72%
<b>Against</b>	<b>43%</b>	45%	44%	22%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>5%</b>	5%	5%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal</b>				
<b>Legal</b>	<b>53%</b>	50%	51%	72%
<b>Illegal</b>	<b>42%</b>	42%	44%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	9%	5%	7%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Who Won Debate ?</b>				
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>51%</b>	65%	48%	58%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	<b>38%</b>	30%	41%	25%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>10%</b>	6%	10%	16%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>				
Barack Obama	50%	60%	47%	71%
Mitt Romney	46%	34%	50%	27%
Not sure	3%	6%	3%	2%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Trust More on Libya?</b>				
Barack Obama	53%	65%	50%	71%
Mitt Romney	44%	33%	48%	28%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>				
Democratic	48%	63%	44%	61%
Republican	42%	29%	46%	28%
Not sure	10%	8%	10%	11%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>				
Very excited	64%	62%	64%	60%
Somewhat excited	27%	22%	27%	33%
Not at all excited	9%	16%	8%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	51%	62%	50%	52%	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	47%	35%	48%	47%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	38%	48%	46%	58%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	49%	58%	49%	52%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	51%	60%	50%	53%	41%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	47%	35%	47%	46%	56%
<b>Undecided</b>	2%	5%	3%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Johnson Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	10%	22%	9%	8%	8%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	7%	14%	15%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	76%	71%	77%	77%	78%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama/Romney/Johnson</b>					
Barack Obama	49%	57%	50%	51%	41%
Mitt Romney	46%	34%	46%	45%	56%
Gary Johnson	2%	5%	1%	2%	1%
Undecided	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Amendment 64</b>					
For	53%	73%	53%	54%	38%
Against	43%	25%	42%	42%	55%
Undecided	5%	2%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal</b>					
Legal	53%	71%	50%	56%	40%
Illegal	42%	27%	42%	40%	54%
Not sure	6%	2%	8%	4%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Who Won Debate ?</b>					
Barack Obama	51%	60%	51%	53%	44%
Mitt Romney	38%	33%	40%	37%	41%
Not sure	10%	6%	9%	10%	15%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trust More on Economy?</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	50%	63%	50%	51%	42%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	46%	37%	47%	44%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	-	3%	5%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trust More on Libya?</b>					
<b>Barack Obama</b>	53%	64%	53%	55%	43%
<b>Mitt Romney</b>	44%	33%	46%	42%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>					
<b>Democratic</b>	48%	62%	47%	49%	39%
<b>Republican</b>	42%	31%	42%	41%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	7%	11%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Voter Enthusiasm</b>					
<b>Very excited</b>	64%	67%	58%	67%	62%
<b>Somewhat excited</b>	27%	27%	31%	25%	26%
<b>Not at all excited</b>	9%	7%	11%	8%	12%

