

STUDY #: 10-025
Public Opinion in Colorado
A Survey of Likely General Election Voters
Prepared by RBI Strategies and Research
Survey Conducted October 24 – October 26, 2010
N=501; Margin of Error is ±4.4%

ONLY SPEAK WITH NAME ON LIST
VOL. = Volunteered (Do Not Read)
*** = Less than 1%**

Screen

Hello, may I speak with (NAME ON LIST)? My name is _____ from _____, a public opinion polling firm. We're not selling anything. We are conducting a survey about some issues people have been talking about lately. Would you mind if I asked you a few questions for the survey? It will take only a few minutes and all responses will be anonymous and used only for research purposes.

1. First, are you over the age of 18 and currently registered to vote in the state of Colorado?

Yes	CONTINUE
No	TERMINATE
Unsure	TERMINATE
DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

2. As you may know, there will be an election in November for several seats including US Senate, US Congress, Governor, and others. How likely is it that you will vote in this election in November? (**READ LIST**)

Absolutely certain	51%
Very likely	15
Probably	2
Already voted	32
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Not very likely	TERMINATE
Not likely at all	TERMINATE
DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

Mood of the Electorate

3. To start, would you say things here in Colorado are heading in the right direction or are things off on the wrong track?

Right direction	34%
Wrong track	49
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Unsure (VOL.)	15
REFUSED	*
DK/NA	1

Ballot Issues

Now I'd like to read you some ballot questions that you will be voting on in the upcoming election. Please listen carefully. If you need me to repeat something, just say so. **(IF CLARIFICATION NEEDED:)** A "Yes" vote would be a vote to approve this amendment. A "No" vote would be a vote to reject this amendment. **(IF SUPPORT/OPOSE:)** Is that strongly or only somewhat support/oppose? **(IF UNDECIDED:)** Well, which way would you say you lean?

4. This ballot question is called Amendment 60

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning government charges on property, and, in connection therewith: (1) allowing petitions in all districts for elections to lower property taxes; (2) specifying requirements for property tax elections; (3) requiring enterprises and authorities to pay property taxes but offsetting the revenues with lower tax rates; (4) prohibiting enterprises and unelected boards from levying fees or taxes on property; (5) setting expiration dates for certain tax rate and revenue increases; (6) requiring school districts to reduce property tax rates and replacing the revenue with state aid; and (7) eliminating property taxes that exceed the dollar amount included in an approved ballot question, that exceed state property tax laws, policies, and limits existing in 1992 that have been violated, changed, or weakened without state voter approval, or that were not approved by voters without certain ballot language?

If you were voting today, would you vote Yes or No on this amendment?

Strong yes	14%	<u>TOTAL YES: 19%</u>
Somewhat yes	4	
Lean yes	2	
Strong no	61	<u>TOTAL NO: 68%</u>
Somewhat no	5	
Lean no	1	
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Hard undecided (VOL.)	12	
REFUSED	*	
DK/NA	1	

5. This ballot question is called Amendment 61.

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning limitations on government borrowing, and, in connection therewith, (1) prohibiting future borrowing in any form by state government; (2) requiring voter approval of future borrowing by local governmental entities; (3) limiting the form, term, and amount of total borrowing by each local governmental entity; (4) directing all current borrowing to be paid; and (5) reducing tax rates after certain borrowing is fully repaid?

If you were voting today, would you vote Yes or No on this amendment?

Strong yes	19%	<u>TOTAL YES: 25%</u>
Somewhat yes	3	
Lean yes	3	
Strong no	61	<u>TOTAL NO: 68%</u>
Somewhat no	4	
Lean no	2	
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Hard undecided (VOL.)	6	
REFUSED	1	
DK/NA	1	

6. This is ballot question in called Amendment 62.

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution applying the term 'person' as used in those provisions of the Colorado Constitution relating to inalienable rights, equality of justice and due process of law, to every human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being?

If you were voting today, would you vote Yes or No on this amendment?

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Strong yes	26%	<u>TOTAL YES: 29%</u>
Somewhat yes	2	
Lean yes	1	
Strong no	56	<u>TOTAL NO: 62%</u>
Somewhat no	4	
Lean no	2	
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Hard undecided (VOL.)	8	
REFUSED	1	
DK/NA	1	

7. This ballot question is called Proposition 101.

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning limits on government charges and in connection therewith: (1) reducing vehicle ownership taxes over four years to nominal amounts; (2) ending taxes on vehicle rentals and leases; (3) phasing in over four years a \$10,000 vehicle sale price tax exemption; (4) setting total yearly registration, license, and title charges at \$10 per vehicle; (5) repealing other specific vehicle charges; (6) lowering the state income tax rate to 4.5% and phasing in a further reduction in the rate to 3.5%; (7) ending state and local taxes and charges, except 911 charges, on telecommunication service customer accounts; and (8) stating that, with certain specified exceptions, any added charges on vehicles and telecommunication service customer accounts shall be tax increases?

If you were voting today, would you vote Yes or No on this amendment?

Strong yes	20%	<u>TOTAL YES: 27%</u>
Somewhat yes	4	
Lean yes	2	
Strong no	57	<u>TOTAL NO: 64%</u>
Somewhat no	5	
Lean no	2	
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Hard undecided (VOL.)	7	
REFUSED	*	
DK/NA	1	

Demographics

I only have a few questions left for statistical purposes.

8. Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

18-34	15%
35-44	16
45-54	22
55-64	22
65+	23
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REFUSED	1
DK/NA	*

9. Would you please tell me if you or one of your immediate family members is from a Hispanic, Latino or Spanish-speaking background?

Hispanic	13%
Not Hispanic	83
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Unsure (VOL.)	1
REFUSED	3
DK/NA	*

10. How would you describe your race? **(READ LIST)**

White/Caucasian	82%
Black/African-American	3
Hispanic/Latino	7
Asian	1
Other	3
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REFUSED	3
DK/NA	1

11. When it comes to politics, do you consider yourself to be **(ROTATE:)** a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent? **(IF INDEPENDENT:)** Would you consider yourself closer to the **(ROTATE:)** Democratic Party or the Republican Party? Or are you just independent?

Democrat	30%	<u>DEMOCRAT / LEAN: 37%</u>
Lean Democrat	7	
Republican	31	<u>REPUBLICAN / LEAN: 38%</u>
Lean Republican	7	
Independent	22	
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REFUSED	2	
DK/NA	1	

12. What is the highest level of education you have completed? **(READ LIST)**

Less than high school	3%
High school grad	14
Some college	11
Two year college grad	12
Four year college grad	31
Advanced degree	26
Technical/junior college	2
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REFUSED	1
DK/NA	1

That concludes our survey. Thank you VERY MUCH for your time.

CODE THE FOLLOWING

13. CODE GENDER

Male	47%
Female	53

14. CODE GENERAL ELECTION VOTE HISTORY

Voted 2008, not 2006	30%
Voted 2008 and 2006	64
No vote history	7

15. CODE REGISTERED PARTY

Democrat	36%
Republican	40
Independent/Other	24