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CHRISTIE LEADS CLINTON IN COLORADO IN 2016 RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; OBAMA HITS THE ROCKS IN THE ROCKIES

In an early look at the 2016 race for the White House, New Jersey Republican Gov. Christopher Christie tops former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton 46 – 38 percent in Colorado, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to results of an August 23 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, showing Gov. Christie with 43 percent and Secretary Clinton at 42 percent, a tie.

In today's survey, Clinton runs neck and with other possible Republican candidates;

- Clinton at 44 percent to 47 percent for U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- Clinton and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas tied at 44 – 44 percent;
- Clinton at 43 percent to 45 percent for U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

Colorado voters say 48 – 29 percent that Christie would make a good president. The other contenders, including Clinton, don't have what it takes, voters say, ranging from a negative 46 – 49 percent for Clinton to a negative 24 – 66 percent for Vice President Joseph Biden.

“The race might be hypothetical, but the lead is very real. Coloradans showing the love for Garden State Gov. Christopher Christie, who for the first time in running well ahead of Hillary Clinton,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“Right now, Colorado voters say Gov. Christie is the only contender who would make a good president.”

U.S. Sen. Mark Udall gets a split 44 – 44 percent approval rating, but voters say 47 – 41 percent the Democratic incumbent does not deserve to be reelected.

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In the 2014 U.S. Senate race in Colorado, Sen. Udall gets 45 percent to 42 percent for Republican District Attorney Ken Buck. In other possible matchups:

- Udall over State Sen. Randy Baumgardner 44 – 39 percent;
- Udall tops State Sen. Owen Hill 45 – 39 percent;
- Udall at 43 percent, with 40 percent for businessman Jaime McMillan;
- Udall leads State Rep. Amy Stephens 45 – 38 percent;
- Udall tops businessman Mark Aspiri 45 – 36 percent.

“Though running even or ahead of six possible Republican challengers, Sen. Mark Udall must be pulling for a quick fix of the Obamacare website and a change of heart by Coloradans who dislike the Affordable Care Act by a wide margin,” Malloy said.

President’s Approval Rating

Colorado voters disapprove 59 – 36 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, his worst approval rating in any state or national Quinnipiac University poll since he was elected. Even women disapprove by 52 – 41 percent, while men disapprove 66 – 31 percent. Disapproval is 98 – 2 percent among Republicans and 65 – 27 percent among independent voters, while Democrats approve 78 – 15 percent.

“President Barack Obama hits the rocks in the Rockies,” Malloy said. “Republicans are singing, ‘Rocky Mountain low, Obama’s in the snow.’”

With a negative 34 – 48 percent favorability rating, the Tea Party movement has a net negative that matches the Democrats’ negative 39 – 54 percent favorability. Republicans get a negative 34 – 56 percent.

Colorado voters oppose the Affordable Care Act 56 – 40 percent, with opposition at 96 – 3 percent among Republicans and 59 – 35 percent among independent voters. Democrats support the ACA 83 – 14 percent. The ACA will make the quality of healthcare they receive worse in the next year, 45 percent of voters say, while 18 percent say healthcare will get better and 34 percent expect no difference.

From November 15 – 18, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,206 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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7. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Udall the Democrat and Ken Buck the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Udall	45%	5%	88%	41%	40%	50%	84%	56%	9%
Buck	42	86	3	41	48	36	6	29	80
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	9	4	8	13	7	11	7	12	6

8. (Split Sample) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Udall the Democrat and Randy Baumgardner the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Udall	44%	6%	89%	38%	41%	48%	80%	54%	12%
Baumgardner	39	78	2	42	46	33	8	28	74
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	-	2	2	2	2	1	2
DK/NA	14	12	9	18	10	17	11	16	11

9. (Split Sample) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Udall the Democrat and Owen Hill the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Udall	45%	6%	88%	39%	39%	51%	84%	57%	9%
Hill	39	84	2	37	48	29	5	26	73
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	-	3	4	1	2	2	4
DK/NA	13	8	10	20	9	17	9	15	12

10. (Split Sample) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Udall the Democrat and Jaime McMillan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Udall	43%	5%	86%	37%	39%	46%	82%	56%	7%
McMillan	40	82	3	39	47	32	7	23	76
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	-	3	3	2	2	1	4
DK/NA	14	10	11	20	10	18	9	20	12

11. (Split Sample) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Udall the Democrat and Amy Stephens the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Udall	45%	6%	91%	42%	42%	50%	83%	60%	9%
Stephens	38	81	2	35	43	33	8	25	70
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	-	3	3	4	1	-	7
DK/NA	12	8	7	19	12	13	7	14	12

12. (Split Sample) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Udall the Democrat and Mark Aspiri the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Udall	45%	6%	91%	40%	41%	50%	81%	56%	9%
Aspiri	36	75	2	36	42	30	3	23	75
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	2	4	1	3
DK/NA	15	16	7	21	13	17	12	19	12

13. Is your opinion of Mark Udall favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Favorable	44%	12%	84%	39%	38%	50%	77%	54%	13%
Unfavorable	38	67	4	41	45	30	9	24	70
Hvn't hrd enough	17	20	12	19	16	19	14	20	16
REFUSED	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	1

14. Is your opinion of Ken Buck favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Favorable	29%	58%	5%	25%	35%	22%	6%	20%	52%
Unfavorable	26	7	47	23	25	26	48	31	7
Hvn't hrd enough	45	35	47	51	39	51	45	49	41
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-

15. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Clinton	38%	3%	80%	31%	31%	45%	34%	59%
Christie	46	87	9	47	51	41	51	23
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	-	4	4	1	3	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	1	6	7	3	4	8
DK/NA	9	4	10	12	8	10	9	9

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	80%	45%	5%
Christie	12	35	79
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	3	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	8
DK/NA	7	14	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Clinton	38	42	41
Christie	46	43	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	4
DK/NA	9	10	8

16. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Clinton	44%	5%	89%	38%	34%	53%	41%	58%
Paul	47	89	5	49	56	38	51	25
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	8
DK/NA	5	3	4	8	4	6	5	8

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	84%	55%	7%
Paul	10	33	85
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	2
DK/NA	3	6	4

17. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Clinton	44%	6%	90%	39%	38%	51%	41%	61%
Cruz	44	86	4	44	50	37	47	22
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	3	2	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	2	6	5	3	3	8
DK/NA	6	4	4	9	4	8	6	8

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	89%	55%	7%
Cruz	6	29	83
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	5	3
DK/NA	3	9	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013
Clinton	44	45
Cruz	44	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2
DK/NA	6	9

18. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Clinton	43%	3%	89%	37%	36%	50%	40%	56%
Ryan	45	91	4	46	52	39	49	27
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	4	5	2	2	8
DK/NA	6	3	4	10	5	7	6	7

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Clinton	85%	54%	6%
Ryan	6	31	86
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	2
DK/NA	6	8	4

19. Do you think - Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	48%	63%	41%	47%	51%	46%	50%	44%
No	29	19	32	29	33	24	27	36
DK/NA	23	18	27	24	16	30	23	20

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	37%	47%	58%
No	35	26	26
DK/NA	28	27	15

20. Do you think - Hillary Clinton would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	46%	10%	87%	42%	39%	52%	42%	64%
No	49	87	8	51	56	42	52	33
DK/NA	5	3	5	8	4	6	5	3

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	83%	58%	11%
No	12	35	87
DK/NA	5	8	3

21. Do you think - Joe Biden would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	24%	5%	45%	21%	22%	27%	23%	33%
No	66	90	42	67	71	61	69	52
DK/NA	10	5	12	12	7	12	8	14

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	54%	27%	4%
No	33	61	92
DK/NA	14	12	5

22. Do you think - Rand Paul would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	38%	67%	8%	41%	45%	32%	41%	27%
No	41	18	72	38	41	41	40	51
DK/NA	20	15	20	22	14	27	18	22

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	14%	23%	70%
No	69	53	13
DK/NA	17	24	17

23. Do you think - Ted Cruz would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	30%	59%	3%	27%	34%	25%	31%	21%
No	42	19	69	41	44	40	42	46
DK/NA	28	22	27	32	22	35	27	33

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	5%	14%	61%
No	69	53	15
DK/NA	26	33	23

24. Do you think - Paul Ryan would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	41%	76%	7%	41%	45%	36%	44%	25%
No	43	10	76	40	42	44	40	51
DK/NA	17	14	16	19	13	20	16	24

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	10%	30%	71%
No	77	51	13
DK/NA	12	19	16

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Udall is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	44%	15%	80%	39%	39%	49%	43%	57%
Disapprove	44	73	11	47	51	36	46	28
DK/NA	12	12	9	14	10	15	11	15

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	75%	55%	14%
Disapprove	15	31	74
DK/NA	10	14	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Udall is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	44	47	45
Disapprove	44	34	31
DK/NA	12	18	24

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bennet is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	39%	20%	67%	32%	36%	41%	39%	41%
Disapprove	39	59	13	42	45	32	40	26
DK/NA	23	20	19	26	19	27	22	33

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	64%	47%	15%
Disapprove	12	30	63
DK/NA	23	23	22

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bennet is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	39	42	40
Disapprove	39	34	31
DK/NA	23	24	29

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	36%	2%	78%	27%	31%	41%	32%	54%
Disapprove	59	98	15	65	66	52	63	40
DK/NA	5	-	6	8	3	8	5	6

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	74%	44%	5%
Disapprove	21	48	93
DK/NA	6	8	2

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Approve	36	41	43
Disapprove	59	56	54
DK/NA	5	4	3

31. Do you feel that Mark Udall deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes/Deserves	41%	10%	81%	35%	35%	48%	41%	44%
No/Does not	47	77	10	54	57	38	49	38
DK/NA	11	13	9	12	8	14	10	18

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes/Deserves	76%	53%	9%
No/Does not	16	33	82
DK/NA	8	14	9

TREND: Do you feel that Mark Udall deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Nov 20 2013	Aug 23 2013	Jun 14 2013
Yes/Deserves	41	44	40
No/Does not	47	36	33
DK/NA	11	21	27

33. Is your opinion of the Democratic Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	39%	4%	88%	29%	34%	45%	36%	55%
Unfavorable	54	94	7	61	63	46	58	33
Hvn't hrd enough	5	1	4	7	2	7	3	11
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	2

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Favorable	81%	47%	7%
Unfavorable	14	44	90
Hvn't hrd enough	3	7	3
REFUSED	2	3	-

34. Is your opinion of the Republican Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	34%	76%	5%	29%	37%	31%	36%	24%
Unfavorable	56	19	86	57	56	56	55	56
Hvn't hrd enough	8	3	8	11	6	10	7	17
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	1	3	2	2

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Favorable	10%	25%	59%
Unfavorable	84	62	33
Hvn't hrd enough	4	11	7
REFUSED	3	2	1

35. Is your opinion of the Tea Party movement favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Favorable	34%	63%	7%	35%	41%	27%	37%	18%
Unfavorable	48	22	72	49	46	51	49	40
Hvn't hrd enough	16	14	21	14	12	21	13	40
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	2

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Favorable	9%	15%	70%
Unfavorable	77	63	14
Hvn't hrd enough	13	21	14
REFUSED	1	1	2

50. Who do you think was mainly responsible for the partial shutdown of the federal government, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Obama	44%	85%	7%	43%	47%	40%	47%	30%
Reps in Congress	47	7	88	44	43	51	45	56
DK/NA	10	8	5	13	10	9	8	14

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Obama	12%	27%	81%
Reps in Congress	84	61	9
DK/NA	4	12	10

51. Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Support	40%	3%	83%	35%	35%	45%	38%	51%
Oppose	56	96	14	59	62	50	59	45
DK/NA	4	1	3	5	3	5	3	4

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Support	81%	51%	5%
Oppose	17	43	95
DK/NA	2	6	1

52. Do you believe that one year from now the quality of the healthcare that you and your family receive will be better because of the 2010 healthcare law, worse or will there be no difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Better	18%	2%	38%	16%	16%	21%	17%	28%
Worse	45	78	10	47	49	40	47	34
No difference	34	18	49	34	32	35	34	35
DK/NA	3	2	4	3	3	3	3	4

POLITICAL PHILSPHY

	Lib	Mod	Con
Better	41%	21%	2%
Worse	11	31	79
No difference	47	43	17
DK/NA	1	4	2