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About the Study:

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The American Politics Research Lab (APRL) is housed in the Department of Political Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. APRL is a non-partisan academic unit that supports basic research, educational activities, and public engagement on issues related to American politics. Lab faculty, student fellows, and affiliates pursue scholarly activities over a broad range of topics, utilizing a wide variety of research methodologies and analysis. Current lab projects include research on political behavior, state and local politics, and political agendas and recurring legislation in the U.S. Congress. The Lab is also home to the annual Colorado Political Climate Survey. APRL hosts a seminar series that includes talks by lab associates as well as distinguished scholars doing work related to the study of American politics.

Colorado Political Climate Survey

In December 2023, the American Politics Research Lab (APRL) conducted the eighth annual Colorado Political Climate (CPC) survey. The CPC is a survey of the political and policy attitudes of Coloradans. The study is designed to gauge the public's political and partisan leanings, their opinions on a number of key issues facing the state, their attitudes toward major statewide and national political figures, and the outlook for the 2024 elections.

Methodology

The sample consists of 800 individual responses, and is weighted to be representative of adult Colorado residents/the general state population. The weighted margin of error for the general population analysis is +/- 4.23%. The survey was designed to take respondents roughly 10 minutes to complete.

The survey instrument was developed by APRL in the fall of 2023; it was administered online to a panel of Coloradans by the company YouGov between December 1-18, 2023. YouGov selected respondents from its internet panel, matching respondents to a sampling frame on gender, race, education, and age. YouGov's sampling frame is created from multiple data sources, including the American Community Study, the 2020 Current Population Survey, the 2020 National Election Pool exit poll, and 2020 Cooperative Election Study surveys.

To generalize to Colorado residents, YouGov employed a weighting procedure based on demographics and political characteristics (specifically, gender, age, race, education and 2020 presidential vote choice). We use YouGov's weights for all analysis. The complete codebook can be found [here](#) – it contains additional information on how YouGov constructed the sample and weights. The original survey instrument and programming

instructions can be found [here](#). Finally, additional information on the YouGov's methodology and margin of error for similar/past CPC studies can be found [here](#).

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Topline Summary:

Between December 1st and December 18th 2023, APRL conducted a survey of Colorado voters by contracting with YouGov, a public opinion and data company. Questions concerned the upcoming 2024 contests, evaluations of state and national figures, and public opinion about a variety of other issues. In this topline report, we focus on the 2024 contests, the public’s approval of state and national political figures, Coloradans’ attitudes toward elections and election processes, and Coloradans’ opinions on a variety of issues, both foreign and domestic.

A Note on Partisan Breakdowns: In the summary discussion and tables that follow (where we present numbers by partisanship), we construct the splits using *self-reported partisanship* collected from respondents; this was measured via a traditional 7-point scale. We then categorize “leaning partisans” in with other partisans – thus, the category of “Independents” represents a smaller number of “pure” Independents, or just the middle-category on the 7-point party identification scale. This grouping is backed by research suggesting that leaning partisans often behave similarly to stronger partisans. For more information, see <https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2015/11/23/appendix-a-why-partisans-include-leaners/>. Additional descriptives for partisanship and other demographic characteristics are presented in the appendix.

For the analyses with the weights (which were created by YouGov using the information noted on pages 1-2; see also the linked documents), the partisan composition of the sample – employing this grouping based on self-reported partisanship – is as follows:

General Population Analysis, Partisan Composition of Sample			
	Democrats (Including “Leaners”)	Independents (“Pure” – no leaners)	Republicans (Including “Leaners”)
Weighted Percent	35	35	30
Weighted Observations	263	263	229
Total Weighted Observations (excluding responses of “some other party”): 754 Note: Numbers are rounded, so splits and total may not sum exactly.			

Upcoming 2024 Contests

We asked our sample of adult Coloradans about two potential 2024 presidential election scenarios: Biden vs. Trump, and Biden vs. the now former candidate for the GOP nomination, Ron DeSantis (DeSantis was still in the GOP nomination race while our survey was in the field). Biden leads in both match-ups, though his lead is smaller in the head-to-head with Trump (47-40). In the Biden vs. Trump contest we see predictable

partisan splits: 88% of self-identified Democrats indicated they plan to vote for Biden, while 85% of self-identified Republicans indicated they plan to vote for Trump. Biden leads with independents in our sample (46-34), and holds a lead among female respondents (49-36).

Democrats lead in the generic congressional ballot, with Coloradans saying they would vote for the Democratic candidate over the Republican one (49-42). Female respondents prefer the Democratic candidate (51-39), while independents prefer the generic Democratic candidate by 10 percent (49-39).

Leadership and Approval

Reflecting other national polling, adult Coloradans disapprove of Biden's job performance (50-42). These numbers also show predictable partisan splits, though what's perhaps most notable is Biden's 78% job approval among Colorado Democrats (seemingly tepid in an era of extreme polarization), and his 38% approval among independents.

Governor Polis receives better marks than Biden, with Coloradans approving of his job performance (49-37), and independents approving by a ten percent spread (44-34).

Senator Hickenlooper is also "above water," with job approval outpacing disapproval (43-36). Senator Bennet posts a larger margin of approval to disapproval (41-29), but nearly a third (30%) of respondents report being "not sure" what they think about his job performance, while 43% of independents report being "not sure" what they think about his performance.

Coloradans disapprove of the job prominent Congresswoman Lauren Boebert (CO-3) is doing (29% approve/46% disapprove). [Note that approval of Boebert was asked of all Coloradans, not just those residing in her (former) Congressional district.] Not surprisingly, she receives particularly poor marks from Democrats in our sample (63% disapproval), but also receives negative ratings among independents (48% disapproval). Boebert records fairly tepid support from Colorado Republicans (57% approval/24% disapproval).

Approval of Institutions

Like most Americans, Coloradans disapprove of the U.S. Congress (61-24). Approval is particularly low among independents, registering just 11%.

Overall, Coloradans are split in their approval of the U.S. Supreme Court (43% approve/41% disapprove/16% Not sure). However, these overall patterns mask clear partisan differences, with a majority of Democrats disapproving (60%), and a sizable majority of Republicans (75%) approving. Independents disapprove of the Supreme Court's performance (41%-32%).

Respondents approve of the Colorado State Legislature (49-33), though again these overall numbers mask partisan dynamics (73% approval among Democrats; 34% approval among Republicans). Independents approve of the state legislature 43-34.

Coloradans approve of their local police and their county officials, both overall and in our Democratic and Republican splits. Perhaps unsurprisingly, support for local police is highest among self-identified Republicans (74% approval), though it is still solid among Democrats (58%) and independents (55%).

Trust in the 2024 Elections

In looking ahead to the 2024 elections, Coloradans agree that “elections across the country will be conducted fairly and accurately” (52% agree/32% disagree/16% not sure). However, there are some troubling partisan splits on these and related items, with 75% of Democrats expressing agreement with the aforementioned statement, but only 41% of Republicans doing the same (while 46% of independents agree).

Coloradans are more confident that “elections in Colorado will be conducted fairly and accurately,” with 68% expressing agreement (18% disagree/15% not sure). That said, as with most contemporary polling, we see partisan splits for this item as well, though these are more muted than for the companion questions about the national level: 88% of Democrats agree, 63% of independents agree, and 54% of Republicans agree with this statement.

Trust in Government

Coloradans’ trust in the federal government is low, with less than 20% saying that they either “always” or “most of the time” trust the federal government to “do what is in the public’s best interest.” These numbers climb to just under 40% when respondents are asked about Colorado’s state government, and are similar when local government is the subject of inquiry. Democrats’ trust in state government is considerably higher (over 60% report “always” or “most of the time” trusting) than is Republicans’ and independents’ trust in state government.

Economic Conditions

As of late mid-December, 2023, Coloradans remained pessimistic about the state of the national economy, with less than a quarter saying its condition was “excellent” or “good.” Assessments are quite politicized, with over 40% of Democrats saying the U.S. economy is “excellent” or “good,” and only 14% of Republicans reporting the same.

Respondents feel slightly better about the state of the economy in Colorado, with roughly 1/3 of respondents rating the economy as “excellent” or “good.” Partisan splits are again pronounced here, as over half of Democrats rate the Colorado economy as “good” or “excellent,” while less than a quarter of Republicans do the same. One thing that does unite Coloradans is a concern over the cost of living in Colorado, with over 75% of

respondents reporting that they are “very” or “somewhat” concerned about the cost of living in the state. Indeed, on this particular question majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and independents all register such a response.

Other Issues

Climate Change: Overall, Coloradans remain concerned about climate change, with over half reporting that they are personally “very concerned” or “concerned” about the issue. This pattern is driven by partisan differences, with a large majority of Democrats reporting concern over the issue, just under half of independents doing the same, and less than 1/3 of Republicans reporting that they are “very” or “somewhat” concerned about it.

TABOR: A slim majority of Coloradans support keeping the Colorado Tax Payer Bill of Rights in place (54% favor/18% oppose/27% Not Sure). Republicans lead this charge, with 72% favoring, followed by 50% of independents. Democrats are split on the issue, with 47% favoring keeping it the law, 26% opposing it, and 27% saying they are “not sure.”

The Dobbs Decision: A slim majority of Coloradans remain disapproving of the Supreme Court’s overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in the summer of 2022. As expected, there are substantial partisan splits: roughly 60% of Republicans approve of the decision, while roughly 70% of Democrats oppose it. Independents oppose the decision (54% oppose/24% favor/22% Not Sure).

Gun Regulation: A majority of Coloradans (56%) favor the federal government making it “more difficult for individuals to purchase a gun.” There are, unsurprisingly, substantial partisan splits on the issue (83% approval among Democrats; 69% disapproval among Republicans). The majority of independents – 57% – favor more gun regulation by the federal government.

Support for Israel: Coloradans favor “the US government sending aid to Israel in its war with Hamas,” though the support is not overwhelming (48% favor/36% oppose/16% Not sure). There are some partisan differences on the issue, with roughly two-thirds of Republicans favoring the U.S. sending aid to Israel, but just under half of Democrats responding similarly.

Support for Ukraine: Coloradans also favor “the US government sending aid to Ukraine in its war with Russia,” with 53% expressing support (36% express opposition, 12% report being “not sure”). Per usual, we see partisan splits on this issue as well: over 70% of Democrats support aid to Ukraine, while a slim majority of Republicans oppose sending aid (51% oppose).

2024 Election Match-Ups

1. The Presidential Election

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: If next year's election for President were held today and was between these candidates, would you vote for:

a. Biden v. Trump

The Presidential Election

Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	40%
Other	13%
Observations	795

Presidential Election by Gender

	Male	Female
Joe Biden	45%	49%
Donald Trump	43%	36%
Other	12%	15%
Observations	402	393

Presidential Election by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Joe Biden	88%	5%	46%
Donald Trump	10%	85%	34%
Other	2%	10%	19%
Observations	263	229	258

b. Biden v. DeSantis

The Presidential Election

Joe Biden	46%
Ron DeSantis	33%
Other	20%
Observations	800

Presidential Election by Gender

	Male	Female
Joe Biden	46%	47%
Ron DeSantis	34%	33%
Other	21%	20%
Observations	402	398

Presidential Election by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Joe Biden	88%	4%	45%
Ron DeSantis	6%	69%	32%
Other	6%	27%	23%
Observations	263	229	263

2. The Generic Ballot

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: If next year's election for U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district were held today, would you vote for:

The Generic Ballot

Democratic Candidate	49%
Republican Candidate	42%
Other	9%
Observations	799

Generic Ballot by Gender

	Male	Female
Democratic Candidate	48%	51%
Republican Candidate	44%	39%
Other	8%	10%
Observations	402	397

Generic Ballot by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Democratic Candidate	94%	4%	49%
Republican Candidate	5%	93%	39%
Other	2%	3%	13%
Observations	263	229	261

Leadership and Approval

1. Public Figures

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly (dis)approve” and “(dis)approve” categories are combined.

Question Text: How much do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following is handling their job?

a. President Joe Biden

Biden Approval Ratings

Approve	42%
Disapprove	50%
Not Sure	7%
Observations	800

Biden Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	78%	11%	38%
Disapprove	17%	86%	51%
Not Sure	5%	2%	12%
Observations	263	229	263

b. Governor Jared Polis

Polis Approval Ratings

Approve	49%
Disapprove	37%
Not Sure	14%
Observations	800

Polis Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	82%	24%	44%
Disapprove	10%	68%	34%
Not Sure	7%	8%	22%
Observations	263	229	263

c. Senator John Hickenlooper

Hickenlooper Approval Ratings

Approve	43%
Disapprove	36%
Not Sure	21%
Observations	800

Hickenlooper Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	73%	27%	33%
Disapprove	15%	60%	32%
Not Sure	12%	13%	34%
Observations	263	229	263

d. Senator Michael Bennet

Bennet Approval Ratings

Approve	41%
Disapprove	29%
Not Sure	30%
Observations	800

Bennet Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	69%	26%	30%
Disapprove	9%	51%	27%
Not Sure	22%	23%	43%
Observations	263	229	263

e. Representative Lauren Boebert

Boebert Approval Ratings

Approve	29%
Disapprove	46%
Not Sure	25%
Observations	800

Boebert Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	20%	57%	16%
Disapprove	63%	24%	48%
Not Sure	17%	19%	36%
Observations	263	229	263

2. Institutions

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly (dis)approve” and “(dis)approve” categories are combined.

Question Text: How much do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following is handling their job?

a. United States Congress

Congress Approval Ratings

Approve	24%
Disapprove	61%
Not Sure	15%
Observations	800

Congress Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	32%	34%	11%
Disapprove	56%	58%	68%
Not Sure	11%	8%	22%
Observations	263	229	263

b. United States Supreme Court

Supreme Court Approval Ratings

Approve	43%
Disapprove	41%
Not Sure	16%
Observations	800

Supreme Court Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	29%	75%	32%
Disapprove	60%	17%	41%
Not Sure	12%	8%	27%
Observations	263	229	263

c. Colorado State Legislature

Colorado Legislature Approval Ratings

Approve	49%
Disapprove	33%
Not Sure	18%
Observations	798

Colorado Legislature Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	73%	34%	43%
Disapprove	10%	54%	34%
Not Sure	17%	12%	23%
Observations	263	229	263

d. Local Police Department

Local Police Approval Ratings

Approve	61%
Disapprove	26%
Not Sure	13%
Observations	800

Local Police Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	58%	74%	55%
Disapprove	28%	19%	27%
Not Sure	14%	7%	18%
Observations	263	229	263

e. County Officials

County Officials Approval Ratings

Approve	51%
Disapprove	27%
Not Sure	22%
Observations	800

County Officials Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	67%	55%	39%
Disapprove	13%	34%	29%
Not Sure	20%	11%	32%
Observations	263	229	263

Trust in 2024 Elections

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly (dis)agree” and “(dis)agree” categories are combined.

Question Text: Elections across the country will be conducted fairly and accurately.

National Electoral Fairness

Agree	52%
Disagree	32%
Not Sure	16%
Observations	800

National Electoral Fairness by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	75%	41%	46%
Disagree	16%	44%	37%
Not Sure	9%	15%	17%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text: Elections in Colorado will be conducted fairly and accurately.

Colorado Electoral Fairness

Agree	68%
Disagree	18%
Not Sure	15%
Observations	800

Colorado Electoral Fairness by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	88%	54%	63%
Disagree	8%	26%	20%
Not Sure	4%	20%	17%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text: Across the US, all citizens who want to vote in the elections will be able to.

National Electoral Access

Agree	59%
Disagree	28%
Not Sure	13%
Observations	800

National Electoral Access by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	54%	76%	54%
Disagree	35%	16%	30%
Not Sure	11%	8%	16%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text: In Colorado, all citizens who want to vote in the elections will be able to.

Colorado Electoral Access

Agree	76%
Disagree	15%
Not Sure	10%
Observations	800

Colorado Electoral Access by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	78%	81%	73%
Disagree	16%	11%	15%
Not Sure	6%	8%	12%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text: Elections in America are going to reflect the will of the American people.

National Electoral Accuracy

Agree	51%
Disagree	32%
Not Sure	18%
Observations	800

National Electoral Accuracy by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	69%	45%	43%
Disagree	21%	38%	37%
Not Sure	10%	17%	21%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text: Elections in Colorado are going to reflect the will of Coloradans.

Colorado Electoral Accuracy

Agree	63%
Disagree	22%
Not Sure	15%
Observations	800

Colorado Electoral Accuracy by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	89%	45%	60%
Disagree	5%	39%	23%
Not Sure	6%	17%	17%
Observations	263	229	263

Proposition HH Aftermath

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly (dis)agree,” “(dis)agree,” and “slightly (dis)agree” categories are combined.

Question Text:

Proposition HH appeared on the 2023 Colorado state ballot and was defeated by voters. The language of the measure was as follows:

Shall the state reduce property taxes for homes and businesses, including expanding property tax relief for seniors, and backfill counties, water districts, fire districts, ambulance and hospital districts, and other local governments and fund school districts by using a portion of the state surplus up to the proposition HH cap as defined in this measure?

How much do you agree with each of the following statements **about Proposition HH?**

Statement: I was supportive of the proposition.

Proposition HH Support

Agree	45%
Disagree	40%
Not Sure	15%
Observations	800

Proposition HH Support by Vote Status

	Voted	Did Not Vote
Agree	50%	35%
Disagree	44%	32%
Not Sure	6%	33%
Observations	536	264

Proposition HH Support by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	63%	37%	34%
Disagree	28%	55%	43%
Not Sure	9%	8%	24%
Observations	263	229	263

Statement: I have a good understanding of what the proposition would have done.

Proposition HH Understanding

Agree	69%
Disagree	22%
Not Sure	9%
Observations	800

Proposition HH Understanding by Vote Status

	Voted	Did Not Vote
Agree	79%	49%
Disagree	18%	30%
Not Sure	3%	21%
Observations	536	264

Proposition HH Understanding by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	72%	73%	64%
Disagree	21%	23%	23%
Not Sure	7%	4%	13%
Observations	263	229	263

Statement: It was easy to find helpful information about the proposition.

Proposition HH Information Accessibility

Agree	52%
Disagree	33%
Not Sure	15%
Observations	800

Proposition HH Information Accessibility by Vote Status

	Voted	Did Not Vote
Agree	59%	37%
Disagree	33%	34%
Not Sure	8%	29%
Observations	536	264

Proposition HH Information Accessibility by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	62%	57%	41%
Disagree	26%	34%	40%
Not Sure	12%	10%	19%
Observations	263	229	263

Statement: The language of the proposition is confusing.

Proposition HH Language

Agree	68%
Disagree	24%
Not Sure	8%
Observations	800

Proposition HH Language by Vote Status

	Voted	Did Not Vote
Agree	74%	57%
Disagree	23%	24%
Not Sure	3%	19%
Observations	536	264

Proposition HH Language by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	69%	74%	66%
Disagree	25%	23%	24%
Not Sure	6%	4%	10%
Observations	263	229	263

Statement: Most people I know had a good understanding of the proposition.

Proposition HH Network Understanding

Agree	41%
Disagree	42%
Not Sure	17%
Observations	800

Proposition HH Network Understanding by Vote Status

	Voted	Did Not Vote
Agree	47%	29%
Disagree	42%	41%
Not Sure	10%	30%
Observations	536	264

Proposition HH Network Understanding by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	41%	55%	33%
Disagree	42%	35%	48%
Not Sure	18%	10%	19%
Observations	263	229	263

Trust and Economic Conditions

1. Trust

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: How often do you trust each of the following to do what is in the public's best interest?

a. The Federal Government

Federal Government Trust

Always	4%
Most of the Time	14%
About Half the Time	33%
Rarely	34%
Never	15%
Observations	800

Federal Government Trust by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Always	8%	3%	2%
Most of the Time	24%	14%	6%
About Half the Time	39%	27%	34%
Rarely	21%	38%	40%
Never	8%	18%	17%
Observations	263	229	263

b. Colorado State Government

Colorado Government Trust

Always	6%
Most of the Time	32%
About Half the Time	32%
Rarely	20%
Never	10%
Observations	800

Colorado Government Trust by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Always	12%	5%	1%
Most of the Time	52%	18%	28%
About Half the Time	26%	32%	39%
Rarely	7%	29%	23%
Never	3%	16%	9%
Observations	263	229	263

c. Your Local Government

Local Government Trust

Always	5%
Most of the Time	35%
About Half the Time	35%
Rarely	17%
Never	8%
Observations	800

Local Government Trust by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Always	7%	6%	1%
Most of the Time	52%	28%	29%
About Half the Time	26%	39%	41%
Rarely	11%	17%	21%
Never	4%	9%	9%
Observations	263	229	263

d. Your Local Police Department

Local Police Trust

Always	12%
Most of the Time	38%
About Half the Time	26%
Rarely	15%
Never	9%
Observations	800

Local Police Trust by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Always	13%	17%	6%
Most of the Time	37%	48%	35%
About Half the Time	27%	21%	31%
Rarely	14%	10%	17%
Never	9%	4%	11%
Observations	263	229	263

2. Economic Conditions

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: How would you rate the economic conditions in each of the following as of today?

a. The United States

U.S. Economic Conditions

Excellent	6%
Good	17%
Average	22%
Fair	22%
Poor	33%
Observations	800

U.S. Economic Conditions by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Excellent	13%	5%	2%
Good	28%	9%	14%
Average	27%	20%	20%
Fair	18%	20%	29%
Poor	15%	46%	36%
Observations	263	229	263

b. Colorado

Colorado Economic Conditions

Excellent	9%
Good	25%
Average	27%
Fair	20%
Poor	20%
Observations	800

Colorado Economic Conditions by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Excellent	15%	9%	3%
Good	36%	15%	24%
Average	25%	26%	28%
Fair	13%	22%	24%
Poor	10%	29%	20%
Observations	263	229	263

c. Your Local Community

Local Economic Conditions

Excellent	9%
Good	23%
Average	28%
Fair	22%
Poor	18%
Observations	800

Local Economic Conditions by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Excellent	13%	7%	8%
Good	34%	19%	19%
Average	26%	28%	29%
Fair	17%	27%	23%
Poor	10%	20%	22%
Observations	263	229	263

Policies and Issues

1. Cost of Living

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: How concerned personally are you about the cost of living in Colorado?

Cost of Living Attitudes

Very Concerned	53%
Concerned	24%
Somewhat Concerned	15%
Not Very Concerned	5%
Not at all Concerned	2%
Observations	800

Cost of Living Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Very Concerned	42%	59%	56%
Concerned	30%	19%	23%
Somewhat Concerned	19%	15%	15%
Not Very Concerned	8%	5%	4%
Not at all Concerned	2%	2%	3%
Observations	263	229	263

2. Colorado Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly favor” and “slightly favor” categories and “strongly oppose” and “slightly oppose” categories are combined.

Question Text: The Colorado Tax Payer Bill of Rights (also known as TABOR) limits the annual growth in state government spending based on the amount of population growth and inflation in the state. Some advocate keeping TABOR as law in Colorado while others advocate repealing it. How much do you favor or oppose TABOR remaining the law in Colorado?

TABOR Attitudes

Favor	54%
Oppose	18%
Not Sure	27%
Observations	800

TABOR Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Favor	47%	72%	50%
Oppose	26%	12%	15%
Not Sure	27%	16%	35%
Observations	263	229	263

3. Black Lives Matter

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly favor” and “slightly favor” categories and “strongly oppose” and “slightly oppose” categories are combined.

Question Text: Do you favor or oppose the movement known as “Black Lives Matter”?

BLM Attitudes

Favor	50%
Oppose	38%
Not Sure	12%
Observations	795

BLM Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Favor	80%	23%	45%
Oppose	11%	68%	37%
Not Sure	8%	9%	17%
Observations	263	229	258

4. Gun Regulation

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly favor” and “slightly favor” categories and “strongly oppose” and “slightly oppose” categories are combined.

Question Text: How much do you favor or oppose the federal government making it more difficult for individuals to purchase a gun?

Gun Regulation Attitudes

Favor	56%
Oppose	36%
Not Sure	7%
Observations	800

Gun Regulation Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Favor	83%	28%	57%
Oppose	11%	69%	34%
Not Sure	6%	4%	9%
Observations	263	229	263

5. Climate Change

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: How concerned are you personally about climate change?

Climate Change Attitudes

Very Concerned	33%
Concerned	18%
Somewhat Concerned	19%
Not Very Concerned	14%
Not at all Concerned	16%
Observations	800

Climate Change Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Very Concerned	51%	15%	30%
Concerned	25%	13%	18%
Somewhat Concerned	16%	15%	25%
Not Very Concerned	7%	26%	12%
Not at all Concerned	2%	30%	15%
Observations	263	229	263

6. Race Relations

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: How would you describe the current state of race relations in the United States?

Race Relations Attitudes

Really Good	7%
Somewhat Good	27%
Somewhat Bad	50%
Really Bad	17%
Observations	800

Race Relations Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Really Good	10%	9%	3%
Somewhat Good	25%	34%	22%
Somewhat Bad	50%	43%	56%
Really Bad	15%	14%	19%
Observations	263	229	263

7. Reaction to *Dobbs* Decision

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly favor” and “slightly favor” categories and “strongly oppose” and “slightly oppose” categories are combined.

Question Text: How much do you approve of the Supreme Court’s 2022 decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*?

Dobbs Attitudes

Favor	33%
Oppose	51%
Not Sure	16%
Observations	800

Dobbs Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Favor	22%	59%	24%
Oppose	69%	28%	54%
Not Sure	9%	13%	22%
Observations	263	229	263

8. Support for Israel and Ukraine

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. “Strongly favor” and “slightly favor” categories and “strongly oppose” and “slightly oppose” categories are combined.

Question Text: How much do you favor or oppose the US government sending aid to Israel in its war with Hamas?

Israel Attitudes

Favor	48%
Oppose	36%
Not Sure	16%
Observations	800

Israel Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Favor	49%	67%	37%
Oppose	37%	26%	39%
Not Sure	14%	8%	24%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text: How much do you favor or oppose the US government sending aid to Ukraine in its war with Russia?

Ukraine Attitudes

Favor	53%
Oppose	36%
Not Sure	12%
Observations	800

Ukraine Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Favor	71%	44%	48%
Oppose	18%	51%	37%
Not Sure	11%	6%	15%
Observations	263	229	263

Demographic Breakdown of Weighted Sample

Note: Partisanship used throughout is from a self-reported 7-point measure, where Strong Democrats, Democrats, and Leaning Democrats are considered Democrats, Strong Republicans, Republicans, and Leaning Republicans are considered Republicans, and self-identified Independents are Independents. This is noted below as “Partisanship.” Due to rounding, numbers may not sum to exactly 100%.

Partisanship			
	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Partisanship	35%	30%	35%
Observations	263	229	263

Note: The tables below present the weighted percentages and observation counts for gender, race, income, and age for the general population analysis (observations are weighted with the general population weight). Due to rounding, numbers may not sum to exactly 100%. For raw descriptive breakdown of these demographics in the unweighted sample, please see the codebook linked at the beginning of this document.

Gender		
	Male	Female
Gender Percentage	50%	50%
Observations	402	398

Race								
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Middle Eastern	Two or More	Other
Race Percentage	71%	4%	19%	2%	1%	< 1%	2%	1%
Observations	566	32	152	15	7	4	16	9

Income Quartiles				
	1st Quartile	2nd Quartile	3rd Quartile	4th Quartile
Income Percentage	31%	21%	29%	18%
Observations	235	157	218	138

Age						
	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Age Percentage	11%	19%	20%	16%	16%	18%
Observations	92	154	158	128	126	142