

Q1. Are you currently registered to vote in Colorado?

Yes	100%
No	-
Not sure	-

P1. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, an independent, or some other political party? **[IF INDEPENDENT/OTHER]** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	24%
Weak Democrat	9
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	12
Independent	16
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	9
Weak Republican	9
Strong Republican	21
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	-
DEMOCRAT (NET)	33%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	36
REPUBLICAN (NET)	31
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	45%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	39

Q2. How motivated are you to vote in the November election for President, Senate, Congress, and other offices?

	Total	Party ID		
		DEM	IND	REP
Extremely motivated	83%	87%	75%	81%
Very motivated	9	7	12	10
Somewhat motivated	6	3	10	7
Not that motivated	2	3	3	2
MOTIVATED (NET)	92%	94	87	92

VGEN. If the November election for state legislature were held today, for whom would you vote? **[IF UNDECIDED]** If you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

The Democratic candidate	45%
Lean the Democratic candidate	4
The Republican candidate	37
Lean the Republican candidate	4
Completely undecided	10
DEMOCRAT	49%
REPUBLICAN	40

B1. The following is a list of people and groups. For each, please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person or group. If you haven't heard of them or don't know enough about them to give a rating, please indicate that option.

	FAV		UNFAV		DK	NH	NET	
	Very	Some	Some	Very			FAV	UNFAV
• Colorado hospitals	23%	46	13	4	12	1	69%	18
• Jared Polis	21%	25	10	30	12	2	46%	40
• Democrats in the Colorado state legislature	20%	25	13	33	9	1	45%	46
• Oil and gas companies	18%	25	23	26	9	*	42%	49

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	FAV		UNFAV		DK	NH	NET	
	Very	Some	Some	Very			FAV	UNFAV
• Donald Trump	30%	12	4	53	1	*	42%	57
• Republicans in the Colorado state legislature	16%	24	18	30	11	1	40%	48
• Cory Gardner	15%	19	12	38	14	3	34%	50
• Insurance companies	5%	20	32	34	9	1	25%	65
• Drug companies	4%	12	25	51	7	1	16%	76

Q12. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as U.S. President?

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve.....	13
Somewhat disapprove	6
Strongly disapprove.....	50
Not sure	*
APPROVE (NET).....	44%
DISAPPROVE (NET).....	56

Q13. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jared Polis is doing as Governor?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve.....	27
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove.....	27
Not sure	12
APPROVE (NET).....	49%
DISAPPROVE (NET).....	39

Q14. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Gardner is doing as U.S. Senator?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve.....	24
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove.....	36
Not sure	15
APPROVE (NET).....	37%
DISAPPROVE (NET).....	48

VP. If the election for U.S. President were held today, for whom would you vote? [IF UNDECIDED] If you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

The Democratic candidate	50%
Lean the Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican Donald Trump.....	39
Lean Republican Donald Trump.....	2
Completely undecided	8
DEMOCRAT (NET)	52%
TRUMP (NET)	40

VS. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, for whom would you vote? [IF UNDECIDED] If you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

The Democratic candidate	50%
Lean the Democratic candidate.....	*
Republican Cory Gardner.....	36
Lean Republican Cory Gardner.....	4
Completely undecided	9
DEMOCRAT (NET)	51%
GARDNER (NET).....	40

B2A. [SPLIT A] The following is a list of priorities. Who do you trust more to handle each of the following?

	<u>Democrats in Colorado</u>	<u>Republicans in Colorado</u>	<u>DK</u>
• Reducing air pollution and addressing climate change	58%	25	18
• Bringing down the cost of health care and prescription drugs	51%	34	16
• Improving education for Colorado's children	49%	32	20
• Looking out for working- and middle-class Coloradans.....	48%	39	13
• Improving wages for Colorado workers so that they keep up with the rising cost of living.....	46%	38	16
• Ensuring that Colorado has a fair and effective tax system.....	40%	42	18
• Improving Colorado's transportation infrastructure so that it keeps up with the state's rapid growth	37%	37	26

B2B. [SPLIT B] The following is a list of priorities for the Colorado legislature. How important of a priority do you think each should be?

	PRIORITY					NET
	<u>One of the top</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>A lower priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>Should not be done at all</u>	<u>TOP/IMPORT ANT</u>
• Bringing down the cost of health care and prescription drugs ...	65%	28	4	2	1	93%
• Looking out for working- and middle-class Coloradans.....	57%	35	4	3	1	92%
• Improving education for Colorado's children	57%	32	8	2	2	88%
• Improving wages for Colorado workers so that they keep up with the rising cost of living	47%	33	13	5	3	80%
• Improving Colorado's transportation infrastructure so that it keeps up with the state's rapid growth	43%	46	9	1	1	90%
• Reducing air pollution and addressing climate change	41%	31	16	8	5	72%
• Ensuring that Colorado has a fair and effective tax system.....	37%	49	9	3	2	86%

B3. Below is a list of some different groups. Please indicate if you think each group is paying their fair share in Colorado state taxes, paying too much, or paying too little.

	Paying too much in state taxes	Paying their fair share in state taxes	Paying too little in state taxes
• Middle-class Coloradans.....	49%	48	3
• Your family.....	45%	53	2
• Wealthy Coloradans.....	8%	30	62
• Colorado corporations.....	6%	33	61

B4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	AGREE		DISAGREE		NET	
	Strongly	Some	Some	Strongly	AGREE	DISAGREE
• [SPLIT A] We need to fix Colorado's broken tax system to make sure that important priorities like our schools and roads have the resources they need to keep up with Colorado's growing population.....	49%	31	10	10	80	20
• [SPLIT B] We need to fix Colorado's broken tax system to ensure that big corporations and the wealthy are paying their fair share and that our schools and roads have the resources they need.	54%	25	10	11	79	21
• [SPLIT A] Colorado lawmakers should act to combat climate change by dramatically reducing carbon emissions in Colorado.....	47%	22	13	17	69	31
• [SPLIT B] Colorado needs stronger limits on oil and gas fracking in order to protect our water, air, and neighborhoods.	41%	23	15	21	64	36

Q35. Some people in Colorado have proposed a plan that would raise state income taxes on individuals with an income over \$250,000 per year and use that revenue to increase funding for schools and other priorities including transportation, and to cut income taxes for Coloradans with incomes under \$250,000.

Strongly support	41%
Somewhat support.....	30
Somewhat oppose.....	14
Strongly oppose.....	15
SUPPORT (NET).....	71%
OPPOSE (NET).....	29

Just based on what you know, do you support or oppose this proposal?

[SPLIT A] Some people in Colorado have proposed a new law that would require all Colorado businesses to provide their employees with up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave per year in order to take care of sick family members or a newborn child.

[SPLIT B] Some people in Colorado have proposed a new law that would require Colorado businesses with 50 or more employees to provide their employees with up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave per year in order to take care of sick family members or a newborn child.

Q36. Just based on what you know, do you support or oppose this proposal?

	Total	Split	
		A: All Businesses	B: 50+ Employees
Strongly support	39%	41%	37%
Somewhat support	31	31	32
Somewhat oppose.....	15	14	15
Strongly oppose	15	14	16
SUPPORT (NET)	71%	72	69
OPPOSE (NET).....	29	28	31

Q37A. [SPLIT A] Some people in Colorado have proposed a new law that would make the cost of prescription drugs more transparent by requiring drug manufacturers, insurance companies, and pharmacy benefit managers to disclose more information on the cost to produce drugs, the prices being charged to consumers and insurance companies, and any rebates that are available to consumers.

Strongly support	67%
Somewhat support.....	27
Somewhat oppose.....	4
Strongly oppose.....	2
SUPPORT (NET).....	94%
OPPOSE (NET).....	6

Just based on what you know, do you support or oppose this proposal?

Q38B. [SPLIT B] Some people in Colorado have proposed a new law that would create an independent board to review the cost of commonly prescribed, high-cost prescription drugs and recommend ways to decrease prices, including setting limits on the prices of certain drugs.

Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support.....	35
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose.....	5
SUPPORT (NET).....	87%
OPPOSE (NET).....	13

Just based on what you know, do you support or oppose this proposal?

Q39. As you may know, some people in Colorado have proposed a plan to create a public health insurance option that would be designed by the state and compete with private insurance plans here in Colorado.

A lot	7%
Some	25
Not too much	43
Nothing at all.....	25

How much of have you seen, read, or heard about this proposal?

HEARD OF (NET)	32%
NOT HEARD OF (NET).....	68

V1. And just based on what you know, do you support or oppose this plan to create a public health insurance option in Colorado?

Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support.....	40
Somewhat oppose.....	16
Strongly oppose.....	19
SUPPORT (NET).....	65%
OPPOSE (NET)	35

You will now read some more information about this proposal for a public health insurance option.

Under this proposal, Coloradans who purchase their own health insurance will have the option of purchasing traditional insurance coverage from an insurance company, as they do now, or a new public insurance option that would be designed by the state but sold by private companies. This new public option would have to meet requirements to provide a certain level of benefits at a certain price. In order to reduce prices, hospitals and insurance companies would be required to participate and the plan would set stricter limits on how much hospitals could charge for their services and how much profit insurance companies could make.

v2. After reading this new information, do you support or oppose this plan to create a public health insurance option in Colorado?

Strongly support	34%
Somewhat support.....	38
Somewhat oppose.....	13
Strongly oppose.....	15
SUPPORT (NET).....	71%
OPPOPSE (NET)	29

You will now read some statements from supporters and opponents of this proposal.

[SPLIT A - PUSHBACK]

Supporters say that the new public option would provide Coloradans more choices, stop hospitals from gouging consumers, limit insurance company profits, and force them to compete for your business - all of which could save Coloradans close to 20% on their individual premiums. In 2018, insurance companies and hospitals in Colorado made over \$2 billion in profits by charging Colorado families the second highest prices in the country. Now, they are using those profits to run dishonest ads attacking this proposal in order to protect their ability to gouge consumers.

[SPLIT B - POSITIVE]

Supporters say that the new public option would provide Coloradans more choices, stop hospitals from gouging consumers, limit insurance company profits, and force them to compete for your business - all of which could save Coloradans close to 20% on their individual premiums. The public option would empower Coloradans in 22 mostly rural Colorado counties where there is currently only one insurer and no choice. And it would ensure that all Coloradans have an option that would provide comprehensive health benefits at a lower cost - without costing taxpayers a dime.

[ALL]

Opponents say that this new state government option would put politics ahead of patients by putting politicians in control of what benefits are covered and which insurance companies will be forced to provide them. It would artificially lower premiums by cutting payments to hospitals, which could force up to thirteen rural hospitals to close and eliminate care for thousands of Coloradans. And the government option could shift up to \$1.5 billion in costs onto Coloradans with employer-provided insurance. We shouldn't start over with a government-controlled system we can't afford.

v3. Sometimes in surveys like this, after learning new information, people change their minds and sometimes they do not. After reading this new information, do you support or oppose this plan to create a public health insurance option in Colorado?

	Split		
	Total	A: Pushback	B: Positive
Strongly support	22%	22%	22%
Somewhat support.....	38	38	38
Somewhat oppose.....	21	20	23
Strongly oppose.....	19	20	17
SUPPORT (NET).....	60%	59	60
OPPOPSE (NET)	40	41	40

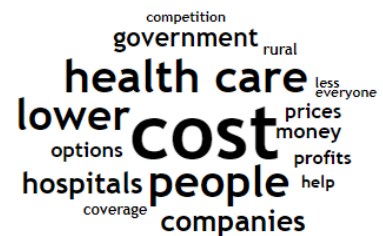
Q40. Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for state legislature who supports this plan to create a public health insurance option in Colorado, or would it not make a difference to your vote?

	Total	Split	
		A: Pushback	B: Positive
Much more likely.....	16%	17%	15%
Somewhat more likely	26	24	28
No difference	28	27	30
Somewhat less likely	13	13	13
Much less likely	17	19	15
MORE LIKELY (NET)	41%	41	42
LESS LIKELY (NET).....	30	32	28

B5. Below are some statements from supporters of this plan to create a public health insurance option. For each, please indicate how CONVINCING it is as a reason to support this plan to create a public health insurance option on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is not convincing at all and 7 is very convincing. You can use any number from 1 to 7.

	1-3	4	5-7	6-7	7	MEAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [PROFITS] In 2018, hospitals in Colorado made over \$2 billion in profits by charging Colorado families the second highest prices in the country. The public option would reduce their profits and pass those savings on to consumers..... 	22%	16	62	47	29	4.88
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [COMPREHENSIVE/COSTS] The public option would ensure that all Coloradans have an option that would provide comprehensive health benefits at a lower cost..... 	24%	14	62	41	24	4.71
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [RURAL] The public option would empower Coloradans in 22 mostly rural Colorado counties where there is currently only one insurer, creating competition in the market which would lead to lower prices and better service..... 	23%	16	61	37	21	4.68
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [SPLIT A] [SAVINGS - COMPETITION] The public option could save Coloradans close to 20% on their individual premiums by forcing insurance companies to compete for your business..... 	24%	17	59	40	21	4.64
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [SPLIT B] [SAVINGS - INSR+HOSP] The public option could save Coloradans close to 20% on their individual premiums by limiting insurance company profits and requiring hospitals to reduce the amount they charge for their services..... 	27%	17	57	39	22	4.59
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [NO TAXES] The public option will be designed by the state but offered by private insurance companies and funded by the people who purchase it. It won't cost taxpayers a dime..... 	33%	19	49	29	16	4.22

Q46. After reading this new information, in your opinion, what is the most convincing reason to support this plan to create a public health insurance option?



B6. Below you will see the same statements you just read. This time, for each, please indicate how BELIEVABLE it is on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is not believable at all and 7 is very believable. You can use any number from 1 to 7.

	<u>1-3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5-7</u>	<u>6-7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>MEAN</u>
• [PROFITS] In 2018, hospitals in Colorado made over \$2 billion in profits by charging Colorado families the second highest prices in the country. The public option would reduce their profits and pass those savings on to consumers.....	28%	16	56	39	21	4.53
• [RURAL] The public option would empower Coloradans in 22 mostly rural Colorado counties where there is currently only one insurer, creating competition in the market which would lead to lower prices and better service.....	30%	18	53	32	16	4.36
• [COMPREHENSIVE/COSTS] The public option would ensure that all Coloradans have an option that would provide comprehensive health benefits at a lower cost.....	29%	19	52	30	15	4.34
• [SPLIT A] [SAVINGS - COMPETITION] The public option could save Coloradans close to 20% on their individual premiums by forcing insurance companies to compete for your business.....	29%	22	49	31	16	4.28
• [SPLIT B] [SAVINGS - INSR+HOSP] The public option could save Coloradans close to 20% on their individual premiums by limiting insurance company profits and requiring hospitals to reduce the amount they charge for their services.....	32%	18	50	27	14	4.21
• [NO TAXES] The public option will be designed by the state but offered by private insurance companies and funded by the people who purchase it. It won't cost taxpayers a dime.....	43%	19	38	19	10	3.69

V4. One final time, after reading this new information, do you support or oppose this plan to create a public health insurance option in Colorado?	Strongly support	27%
	Somewhat support.....	38
	Somewhat oppose.....	17
	Strongly oppose.....	18
	SUPPORT (NET).....	65%
	OPPOSE (NET)	35

Q52. And after reading this new information, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Colorado hospitals?	Very favorable	8%
	Somewhat favorable.....	32
	Somewhat unfavorable.....	33
	Very unfavorable	13
	Don't know enough to give a rating	13
	Haven't heard of	1
	FAVORABLE (NET)	40%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET)	46

Q53A. [SPLIT A] This survey has described this proposal as a "public health insurance option," but some people have used different names to describe it. Below is a list of different names that could be used to describe this proposal. Which TWO names do you find to be most appealing?

The Colorado health insurance option	65%
The consumer choice health insurance option	35
The public health insurance option	33
The state health insurance option	24
The government health insurance option	12

Q53B. [SPLIT B] This survey has described this proposal as a "public health insurance option," but some people have used different names to describe it. Below is a list of different names that could be used to describe this proposal. Which TWO names do you find to be the most accurate description of this proposal?

The Colorado health insurance option	59%
The state health insurance option	40
The public health insurance option	26
The consumer choice health insurance option	26
The government health insurance option	19

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

Very liberal.....	18%
Somewhat liberal.....	17
Moderate	33
Somewhat conservative	17
Very conservative.....	15
LIBERAL (NET)	35%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	32

D150. Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?

Private insurance provided by your or your spouse's employer.....	44%
Private insurance provided by a parent, if you are 26 or younger.....	6
Private insurance that you, or your spouse, purchased yourself.....	10
Medicare.....	19
Medicaid	10
The VA.....	2
Something else.....	4
Do not currently have health insurance.....	6

D900. And, for statistical purposes only, what would you say is your total annual family income before taxes?

Less than \$30,000	16%
\$30,000 - \$49,999	14
\$50,000 - \$59,999	12
\$60,000 - \$74,999	13
\$75,000 - \$99,999	17
\$100,000 - \$149,999	16
\$150,000 - \$199,999	6
\$200,000 or above.....	7

DRACE. To ensure a representative sample, please indicate your race. **[IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER]** Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Black/African-American	3%
White/Caucasian	82
Hispanic/Latino	13
Asian-American	1
Native American	*
Other.....	1

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	15
Attended technical/vocational school	6
Attended some college but no degree.....	28
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	13
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	24
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	13

Party Registration [FROM SAMPLE]

Democrat	30%
Independent.....	43
Republican.....	28

D100. What is your gender?

Male.....	49%
Female.....	51
Other.....	*

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	20%
30-44	27
45-54	16
55-64	17
65+.....	21

COREGION. What region do you live in?

Colorado Springs-Pueblo DMA	17%
Denver/Boulder.....	18
East	14
Swing Suburbs	32
West	19