

SURVEY OF LIKELY VOTERS IN CO 03

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Hello, this is ____ with Ayres, McHenry & Associates, a national public opinion research company. We're talking with people throughout the country for just a few minutes about some issues facing the nation. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE).

A. Are you registered to vote in the county in which you live?

YES.....GO TO QUESTION C

NO.....GO TO QUESTION B

B. Is there anyone else in your household who is registered to vote in your county?

YES..... May I speak with that person please? GO TO INTRO

NO..... THANK AND CLOSE

C. How likely would you say you are to vote in the elections for Congress this fall: absolutely certain, very likely, somewhat likely, or not too likely?

ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN..... 79%

VERY LIKELY 17%

SOMEWHAT LIKELY 5%

NOT TOO LIKELY THANK AND CLOSE

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... THANK AND CLOSE

D. Are you, or is any member of your family, employed by a political campaign, an elected official, or a media organization?

YES..... THANK AND CLOSE

NO..... 100%

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED THANK AND CLOSE

1. Would you say that America is headed in the right direction, or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

RIGHT DIRECTION..... 23%

WRONG TRACK..... 71%

DON'T KNOW 7%

Results are based on 400 respondents, MoE = ±4.90 percent. Totals may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

2. What would you say is the most important issue facing the United States, that is, the one that concerns you most (DO NOT READ RESPONSES)?

ECONOMY/UNEMPLOYMENT/JOBS	52%
GOV'T SPENDING/EARMARKS/DEFICIT	6%
FIN REFORM/BAILOUTS/WALL STREET	1%
HEALTH CARE REFORM/COST/QUALITY	6%
ENERGY/DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL	1%
CLIMATE CHANGE/ENVIRON/POLLUTION	1%
GULF OIL SPILL (SPECIFIC MENTION)	0%
IRAQ.....	1%
AFGHANISTAN.....	1%
WAR ON TERROR/TERRORISM	2%
IMMIGRATION/ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.....	4%
ETHICS/CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT	1%
TAXES	0%
GUNS/GUN RIGHTS	0%
EDUCATION	2%
TRAFFIC/ROADS/TRANSPORTATION	0%
CRIME/DRUGS.....	0%
GOVERNMENT TOO BIG/OVERREACHING.....	2%
MORALITY/TRADITIONAL VALUES	3%
OTHER (WRITE IN)	17%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2%

3. Which of the following issues is most likely to affect your vote for Congress this fall: (ROTATE: controlling government spending, protecting our country from terrorism, protecting the environment, creating new jobs, making Washington DC more accountable, addressing illegal immigration, or improving our health care system)?

CONTROLLING GOVERNMENT SPENDING	25%
PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY.....	5%
PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT	4%
CREATING NEW JOBS.....	25%
MAKING WASHINGTON ACCOUNTABLE.....	16%
ADDRESSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION	9%
IMPROVING HEALTH CARE.....	9%
NONE OF THEM/SOMETHING ELSE.....	3%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	6%

4. In general, would you prefer that the next congressman from your congressional district be (ROTATE: a Republican or a Democrat)?

REPUBLICAN	43%
DEMOCRAT	34%
DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATES (VOL.)	18%
DON'T KNOW (VOL.)	5%

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5. Overall, do you support or oppose the health care reform plan that was signed into law this spring? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) or just somewhat (SUPPORT/OPPOSE)?

STRONGLY SUPPORT 22%
 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT 14%
 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE 6%
 STRONGLY OPPOSE 49%
 DON'T KNOW 9%

SUPPORT 36%
 OPPOSE 55%
 DON'T KNOW 9%

Name IDs

I would like to read you a list of names and have you tell me, for each one, whether you've heard of that person and, if so, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them. If you haven't heard of the person, just say so (RANDOMIZE):

	<i>FAV</i>	<i>UNFAV</i>	<i>NO OPINION</i>	<i>NEVER HEARD OF</i>
6. John Salazar	45%	44%	10%	2%
7. Scott Tipton	28%	19%	26%	27%
8. Nancy Pelosi	25%	59%	12%	4%
9. Barack Obama	41%	56%	3%	1%
10. Michael Bennet	35%	35%	19%	12%
11. Ken Buck	31%	24%	24%	22%

12. If the election for Congress were being held today and the candidates were (ROTATE: Scott Tipton, the Republican, and John Salazar, the Democrat) for which candidate would you vote?

IF REFUSED OR UNDECIDED, ASK:
 Which way do you lean as of today,
 toward (ROTATE: Tipton or Salazar)?

TIPTON 48%
 LEAN TIPTON 3%
 SALAZAR 42%
 LEAN SALAZAR 1%
 UNDECIDED 7%

TIPTON 51%
 SALAZAR 43%
 UNDECIDED 7%

13. Do you think John Salazar deserves reelection as congressman, or do you think it is time to give someone else a chance?

DESERVES REELECTION 37%
 TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE 54%
 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 9%

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14. What is the single biggest reason you might not vote for John Salazar that you do not hear discussed often by the media? (PROBE FOR SPECIFICS)

15. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view (ROTATE):

- a. John Salazar’s time in Congress gives him the needed experience and power in Congress to give our district a strong voice in Washington.
- b. John Salazar’s time in Congress means he cares more about staying in power than about listening to his constituents.

NEEDED EXPERIENCE AND POWER 41%
 CARES MORE ABOUT POWER 48%
 DON’T KNOW/NO OPINION 12%

Now I am going to read a list of characteristics and have you tell me whether you think each characteristic better describes (ROTATE: Scott Tipton or John Salazar). If you think a characteristic describes both candidates equally, or neither one, just say so (ROTATE):

	<i>DESCRIBES TIPTON</i>	<i>DESCRIBES SALAZAR</i>	<i>BOTH EQUALLY</i>	<i>NEITHER ONE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
16. Has new ideas that will change our country for the better.	35%	22%	5%	16%	22%
17. Will promote policies that are good for the economy.	38%	29%	8%	10%	16%
18. Will fight to keep taxes low.	41%	18%	5%	15%	21%
19. Will do the right thing to fix the health care reform bill.	35%	26%	5%	11%	23%
20. Is honest and trustworthy.	26%	26%	15%	13%	20%
21. Will work to get government spending under control.	42%	20%	7%	13%	18%

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Here are some criticisms that some people might make against John Salazar. For each criticism, please tell me whether it would make you much less likely to vote for Salazar for Congress, somewhat less likely to vote for Salazar for Congress, or whether that criticism would have no real effect on your vote (RANDOMIZE):

	<i>MUCH LESS LIKELY</i>	<i>SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY</i>	<i>NO REAL EFFECT</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
22. He voted in favor of bailouts for auto companies and the housing industry, which could cost taxpayers over a trillion dollars.	51%	8%	35%	6%
23. He voted for card check, which would eliminate secret ballots for employees in union elections, and has received over eight hundred thousand dollars in campaign contributions from big labor.	48%	13%	32%	7%
24. He sponsored over three hundred twenty million dollars in earmarks as the federal budget deficit rose to record levels.	48%	13%	33%	7%
25. He sponsored the bill for the “Bridge to Nowhere” in Alaska.	40%	15%	35%	10%
26. He voted for ObamaCare, the Democratic health care reform bill.	50%	5%	43%	3%
26a. He voted for President Obama’s 787 billion dollar stimulus package.	47%	8%	40%	5%

27. Which of the following comes closest to your view about the Tea Party movement (ROTATE):

- a) I support the Tea Party movement and have attended a rally.
- b) I support the Tea Party movement and am likely to attend a rally in the future.
- c) I support the Tea Party movement, but am unlikely to attend a rally.
- d) I do not support the Tea Party movement.

SUPPORT/ATTENDED RALLY	8%
SUPPORT/LIKELY TO ATTEND RALLY	13%
SUPPORT/UNLIKELY TO ATTEND RALLY	32%
DO NOT SUPPORT	41%
NEVER HEARD OF TEA PARTY (VOL.)	1%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	7%

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Demographics

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

28. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

IF "REP" OR "DEM", ASK:	STRONG REP.....	26%
Would you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	NOT-SO-STRONG REP.....	7%
	IND LEAN REP.....	14%
	IND/NO PREF.....	15%
IF "IND," ASK:	IND LEAN DEM.....	9%
Do you think of yourself as closer to the (ROTATE: Republican or Democratic Party)?	NOT-SO-STRONG DEM.....	7%
	STRONG DEM.....	21%
	REFUSED.....	2%

29. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal)?

VERY CONSERVATIVE.....	27%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE.....	25%
MODERATE.....	24%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL.....	11%
VERY LIBERAL.....	9%
NO OPINION.....	5%

30. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

18 TO 34.....	5%
35 TO 49.....	21%
50 TO 64.....	37%
65 OR OLDER.....	38%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ).....	0%

31. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

\$25,000 OR LESS.....	17%
\$25,000 TO \$50,000.....	25%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000.....	21%
\$75,000 TO \$100,000.....	14%
\$100,000 TO \$150,000.....	7%
\$150,000 TO \$250,000.....	4%
\$250,000 OR MORE.....	2%
REFUSED.....	11%

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32. Is your religious background Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or something else? (IF SOMETHING ELSE OR UNCLEAR RESPONSE ASK: Is that a Christian religion or not?)

PROTESTANT.....	42%	GO TO Q. 33
CATHOLIC.....	25%	GO TO Q. 33
OTHER CHRISTIAN.....	14%	GO TO Q. 33
JEWISH.....	1%	GO TO Q. 34
OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN.....	7%	GO TO Q. 34
AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST.....	2%	GO TO Q. 34
NONE.....	5%	GO TO Q. 34
DON'T KNOW (DNR).....	2%	GO TO Q. 34
REFUSED (DNR).....	4%	GO TO Q. 34

33. Would you describe yourself as an evangelical Christian, or not?

EVANGELICAL.....	28%
NON-EVANGELICAL.....	62%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	10%

Note: Results based on 322 Christian voters.

34. Do you consider yourself to be (ROTATE: pro-life or pro-choice) on abortion?

PRO-LIFE.....	42%
PRO-CHOICE.....	48%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	10%

35. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF NO, ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African American, Asian, or something else?

YES/HISPANIC.....	16%
NO/WHITE.....	76%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN.....	1%
NO/ASIAN.....	0%
NO/OTHER.....	5%
REFUSED.....	2%

36. Gender (from observation):

MALE.....	50%
FEMALE.....	50%

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

37. COUNTY FIPS: _____

38. STATE: _____

39. CONG. DISTRICT: _____

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