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S1. Are you currently registered to vote in Colorado?

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?

Not sure	-
Strong Democrat Weak Democrat Independent / Closer to the Democrats Independent Independent / Closer to the Republicans Weak Republican Strong Republican (Don't know/Refused)	22% 12 13 16 6 9 22
DEMOCRAT (NET)	34% 35 31
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	47% 37

V1GEN. If the general 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?

	May 20	<u>Feb 20</u>
The Democratic candidate	45%	45%
Lean the Democratic candidate	2	4
The Republican candidate	37	37
Lean the Republican candidate	3	4
Completely undecided		10
DEMOCRAT (NET)	48%	49
REPUBLICAN (NET)	40	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		_		NET		
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>NH</u>	<u>FAV</u>	<u>UNFAV</u>	<u>FAM</u>
Jared Polis	27%	29	12	22	10	1	56%	33%	89
Feb 20	21%	25	10	30	12	2	46%	40%	86
• [SPLIT A] Democrats in the Colorado state legislature	17%	28	13	24	16	2	46%	37%	83
Feb 20	20%	25	13	33	9	1	45%	46%	91
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• [SPLIT B] Democrats in Congress	14%	31	16	32	8	-	45%	48%	92
John Hickenlooper	17%	27	17	23	13	3	44%	39%	84
Joe Biden	450/	20	4.5	27	5	*	420/	E00/	0.4
● JOE DIGET	15%	28	15	37	5		43%	52%	94
Donald Trump	27%	15	6	52	1	*	41%	58%	99
Feb 20	30%	12	4	53	1	-	42%	57%	99

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	<u>Very</u>	Some	Some	<u>Very</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>NH</u>	FAV	UNFAV	<u>FAM</u>	
Michael Bennet	15%	23	14	16	26	7	38%	29%	68	
• [SPLIT B] Nancy Pelosi	16%	21	14	42	6	1	37%	56%	93	
• [SPLIT B] Republicans in Congress	11%	24	18	38	8	-	36%	56%	92	
• [SPLIT A] Republicans in the Colorado state legislature	13% 16%	23 24	20 18	24 30	18 <i>11</i>	2 1	36% 40%	44% 48%	80 88	
Cory Gardner Feb 20	13% <i>15</i> %	21 19	15 12	31 38	17 14	3	34% 34%	46% 50%	80 84	
Feb 20	13/0	19	12	30	14	3	34/0	3078	04	
• [SPLIT A] Mitch McConnell	7%	15	11	41	20	5	22%	53%	75	
Andrew Romanoff	9%	13	9	11	39	20	21%	20%	41	
VP. If the general 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? Democrat Joe Biden								3 39 1 7		
Q11A. [SPLIT A] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as U.S. President? Strongly approve Somewhat approve Strongly disapprove Not sure						16 8 50	Feb 20 30% 13 6 50			
			ROVE (NE APPROVE						44 56	
Q11B. [SPLIT B] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing handling the coronavirus pandemic? Strongly approve							18 12 42			
			AI DI	PPROVE (SAPPROV	NET) /E (NET).				43% 54	

Q12A. [SPLIT A] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jared Polis is doing as Governor?	Strongly approve		Feb 20 22% 27 13 27 12 49 39	
Q12B. [SPLIT B] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jared Polis doing handling the coronavirus pandemic?	Somewhat appro Somewhat disap Strongly disappro Not sure APPROVE (NET	prove)		35 12 15 10
Q13A. [SPLIT A] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Gardner is doing as U.S. Senator?	Strongly approve			Feb 20 13% 24 13 36 15
Q13B. [SPLIT B] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Gardner doing handling the coronavirus pandemic?	Somewhat appro Somewhat disap Strongly disappro Not sure APPROVE (NET	prove bve		19 17 22 31
B2. The following is a list of issues and priorities. Who do you trust more	to handle each of the follo	Democrats in	Republicans	DI/
Reducing air pollution and addressing climate change	Feb 20	<u>Colorado</u> 57% 58%	in Colorado 24 25	<u>DK</u> 18 <i>18</i>
• [SPLIT B] Looking out for Colorado's doctors, nurses, and first responde coronavirus pandemic			31	19
• [SPLIT A] Improving education for Colorado's children				
• [SPLIT A] Improving wages for Colorado workers so that they keep up w	vith the rising cost of living Feb 20	48% 46%	33 38	19 16

B2. The following is a list of issues and priorities. Who do you trust more to handle each of the following?

	Democrats in Colorado	Republicans in Colorado	<u>DK</u>
• [SPLIT A] Bringing down the cost of health care and prescription drugs	47%	34	19
Feb 20	51%	34	16
• [SPLIT A] Responding to the coronavirus pandemic	47%	33	20
• [SPLIT B] Looking out for working- and middle-class Coloradans	46%	38	15
Feb 20	48%	39	13
• [SPLIT B] Ensuring that Colorado has a fair and effective tax system	44%	37	18
Feb 20	40%	42	18
• [SPLIT A] Handling decisions about what to prioritize due to the state budget shortfall caused by			
the coronavirus pandemic	43%	38	19
• [SPLIT B] Handling the economic recovery after the coronavirus pandemic	40%	39	21
• [SPLIT B] Improving Colorado's transportation infrastructure so that it keeps up with the state's			
rapid growth	39%	33	28
Feb 20	37%	37	26

B3CD. Now thinking about Senator Cory Gardner, below are some descriptions people have used to describe politicians. Please indicate whether each one describes Cory Gardner very well, somewhat well, or not well.

	WELL		Not	NET	
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>well</u>	WELL	ı
• [SPLIT C] Does what his special interest donors tell him to	35%	41	24	76%	
Puts his loyalty to Donald Trump ahead of Colorado	43%	29	28	72%	
• [SPLIT D] More focused on political games than fighting for what Colorado needs during this					ı
coronavirus pandemic	38%	33	30	70%	
• [SPLIT D] Says one thing in Colorado but does another in Washington	33%	36	31	69%	
• [SPLIT C] Out of touch with Colorado's values	28%	38	33	67%	
• [SPLIT D] Spineless	31%	31	37	63%	
• [SPLIT C] Dishonest	23%	37	41	59%	

Q24. Who do you trust more to handle the response to the coronavirus pandemic?	Governor Polis and Colorado state government President Trump and the federal government Don't know enough to say	55% 31 14
Q25C. [SPLIT C] Thinking about how President Trump and his administration have handled the coronavirus pandemic, do you think that they	Did not take it seriously enough Got it about right Overreacted Don't know enough to say	54% 34 8 4
Q25D. [SPLIT D] Thinking about how Governor Polis and his administration have handled the coronavirus pandemic, do you think that they	Got it about right Overreacted Did not take it seriously enough Don't know enough to say	54% 22 14 10
Q26. As you may know, Governor Polis implemented a new "safer at home" policy that allowed some Colorado businesses to re-open in a limited capacity starting on April 27 if they enforce strict social distancing measures. Just based on what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this policy?	Strongly approve Somewhat approve Somewhat disapprove Strongly disapprove Don't know enough to say APPROVE (NET) DISAPPROVE (NET)	24% 41 21 10 4 65% 30
Q27. Thinking more about the economic recovery at the national level, which statement do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?	Big oil CEOs have already gotten hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks and subsidies from taxpayers; we don't need to bail these corporate polluters out again. Instead, we should be investing in renewable energy and the outdoor recreation industry because they will boost our economy and create more good jobs now AND for the future, while leaving a better world for our children	61%

As you may know, because of the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the state of Colorado is facing a \$3-4 billion budget shortfall out of a \$30 billion budget - about 20% of the state's General Fund budget. Below is a list of actions the state could take to close this shortfall.

Q28. Even if you would prefer not to do any of these, which two of these options would you be <u>most supportive</u> of to help close that budget gap? [SELECT TWO]

Increase fees and fines on companies that pollute	
Colorado's air and water	75%
Change the Colorado Taxpayers' Bill of Rights in order	
to allow the state to raise taxes on corporations and	
Coloradans making over \$250,000, while lowering	
taxes on those making under \$250,000	70
Cut state funding for the state's public colleges and	
universities	28
Cut state funding for roads, bridges, and other	
nfrastructure	10
Cut state funding for Medicaid and other health care	
programs	9
Cut state funding for K-12 public schools	7
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Q29. Thinking more about the budget shortfall that Colorado is facing, which statement do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

Colorado's businesses employ hundreds of thousands of people across the state and many of them are at risk of shutting their doors because of the crisis. We should close the budget gap by eliminating wasteful spending, not abolishing the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and raising taxes on Colorado businesses already on the brink.

B4. Below are some statements about Colorado Republicans and the coronavirus pandemic. Please indicate whether each statement raises very serious concerns, somewhat serious concerns, or only minor concerns about Colorado Republicans.

• [STATE AID] Donald Trump and Mitch McConnell are opposing federal
assistance to states like Colorado. Instead, they say that we should let Colorado
"go bankrupt," which would devastate our economy. While Republicans in other
states have stood up to Trump and McConnell, Colorado Republicans, including
Cory Gardner, have refused to do the same

 [VENTILATORS] After the Trump administration seized 500 ventilators form Colorado, Cory Gardner and other Colorado Republicans lavished praise on Trump for returning just 100 of them. The Denver Post called this, "the worst imaginable form of corruption" and said that Trump and Gardner were "playing a disqusting political game with our lives."

	SERIOU	S CONCERNS	ı		NET	
	<u>Very</u>	Somewhat	<u>Minor</u>	Don't <u>believe</u>	SERIOUS CONCERNS	
do er ng	52%	13	12	23	65%	
a	49%	13	12	26	62%	

B4. Below are some statements about Colorado Republicans and the coronavirus pandemic. Please indicate whether each statement raises very serious concerns, somewhat serious concerns, or only minor concerns about Colorado Republicans.

	SERIOUS CONCERNS				NET
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Minor</u>	Don't <u>believe</u>	SERIOUS CONCERNS
• [SPLIT B] [RALLY] Colorado Republicans supported the right-wing fringe activists who staged an armed rally at the Capitol, protesting the Governor's social distancing guidelines while brandishing assault rifles like AK-47s	47%	17	13	23	64%
• [SPLIT A] [STAY AT HOME] Colorado Republicans opposed the Governor's initial stay-at-home order in March even though the CDC and state public health experts said such measures were necessary to slow the spread of the virus, protect our nurses and public health workers, and save lives.	46%	17	17	20	63%
• [SPLIT B] [BUCK] Congressman Ken Buck, who is also the chairman of the Colorado Republican Party, is the only member of Congress to vote against every proposal that Congress has passed to provide assistance for hard-working people, small businesses, hospitals, and nurses during this crisis	46%	21	16	17	68%
• [SPLIT A] [NAZI] The Republican leader in the Colorado legislature compared the Governor's stay-at-home order to Nazism, calling it a "Gestapo-like mentality" - even though Governor Polis is Jewish, lost family members in the Holocaust, and said he's taking these actions to save lives	45%	16	16	23	61%

Q36. Now that you've read these statements, how would you describe Colorado Republicans in your own words, in just a sentence or two?



For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.		
D100. What is your gender?	Female	48% 50 1
DAGE. What is your age?	30-44	19% 28 15 16 22
D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?	Attended technical/vocational school	3% 15 5 28 12 23
D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:	Somewhat liberal	13% 23 32 16 16 35% 33
DRACE . To ensure we have a representative sample, please indicate your race. [IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?		3% 83 12 1 *
COREGION. What region do you live in?	Denver/Boulder East Swing Suburbs	17% 19 14 31 20
COPARTY. Party Registration	Independent	30% 42 28