



Colorado 3rd Congressional District Poll Results

POLLING METHODOLOGY

For this poll, a sample of likely households for a live operator poll was chosen from the population registered to vote in the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado, and there was a representative sample of 500 completed responses.

The survey was conducted October 27-November 2. The margin of error, with a 95% confidence interval, was 4.5%. The demographic breakdown of the respondents was 85-14% white/Hispanic (1% “other”), while the party registration of respondents was 38-32% Republican/Democratic (30% Independents). The geographic breakdown of the respondents was as follows: 21% from Mesa County (Grand Junction), 18% from counties north of I-70, 21% from Pueblo County, and 40% from counties south of I-70 (*The explanation of the boundaries of these regions is graphically depicted in Exhibit A at the end of the poll analysis*).

POLL RESULTS

Question 1: How likely are you to vote in the November General Election? (Those not voting were dropped from rest of the survey)

Almost Certain	46%
Very Likely	23%
Already early voted	22%
Somewhat Likely	6%
Not At All Likely	2%

Question 2: Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Republican	39%
Democrat	34%
Independent	27%

Question 3: If the upcoming November Congressional Election were held today which candidate would you support? (Party affiliations of candidates mentioned)

Tipton (Rep)	46%
Mitsch Bush (Dem)	41%
Kent (Lbt)	4%
Malarsie (Ind)	1%
Undecided	7%

Question 4: In the November election for Governor of Colorado, which candidate do you plan to vote for? (Party affiliations of candidates mentioned)

Stapleton (Rep)	46%
Polis (Dem)	41%
Helker (Lbt)	<1%
Hammons (Unity)	<1%
Undecided	13%



Question 5: Do you believe Congressman Scott Tipton deserves to be re-elected?

Yes	50%
No	41%
Undecided	9%

Question 6: Do you approve, disapprove or are unfamiliar with Scott Tipton?

Approve	51%
Disapprove	41%
No Opinion	2%
Never Heard	6%

Question 7: Do you approve, disapprove or are unfamiliar with Diane Mitsch Bush?

Approve	40%
Disapprove	52%
No Opinion	5%
Never Heard	3%

Question 8: There is a proposed amendment to the Colorado constitution that would require all new oil and gas development to be located at least 2500 feet from homes and schools. Do you support or oppose this proposed amendment, even if the oil and gas industry claims this change could cause a loss of over 100 thousand jobs?

Support	43%
Oppose	43%
Unsure	14%

Question 9: Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of President Donald Trump?

Approve	47%
Disapprove	43%
Unsure	10%

Question 10: Which political party do you want to control Congress?

Republican Party	44%
Democratic Party	43%
Unsure/Don't Know	13%

Question 11: Do you approve or disapprove of Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the US Supreme Court?

Approve	45%
Disapprove	42%
Unsure/Don't Know	13%

Demographic Question 12: What is your age?

18-30 years old	9%
31-50 years old	28%
51-64 years old	32%
65 years old or over	32%



Demographic Question 13: What is your gender?

Female	51%
Male	49%

Demographic Question 14: What is your race?

White/Caucasian	85%
Hispanic/Latino	14%
Asian/Other/mixed race	1%

Demographic Question 15: And finally, what is the highest level of education you have completed?

College degree	32%
Some college	31%
Vocational/technical school	18%
High School/GED	16%
Advanced degree	2%

SUMMARY

JMC Analytics and Polling (in a joint and bipartisan polling engagement with Bold Blue Campaigns) independently conducted this poll in the Congressional race for the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. There are two main takeaways from this poll: (1) voters in this district prefer Republicans, but not by a large margin; and (2) Rep. Scott Tipton leads in the poll, but it’s not a secure lead.

While the 3rd Congressional District is thought of as a Republican district, the varied demography of the district (from the blue collar/Hispanic population of Pueblo and counties closer to the New Mexico border to the numerous “ski towns” nestled in the Rockies) makes this a marginal district that more often than not has been closely contested between the two major parties.

The marginal nature of the district makes the unaffiliated voters (who make up 30% of the sample by party registration) crucial, since the Republicans only have a plurality lead in the district’s voter registration. And in the district this year, they are showing some (but not overwhelming) Republican leanings. Which means that Rep. Tipton’s 5 point (46-41%) ballot lead is aided by a 31-30% lead among unaffiliated voters, while his 50-41% re-elect number is due to 44-27% support from unaffiliated voters.

Similarly, a district that supported Donald Trump 52-40% in the 2016 Presidential election currently gives him a 47-43% approval due to 50-33% support among unaffiliated voters, while a 30-27% plurality lead among unaffiliated voters is why voters narrowly (by a 44-43% margin) want Republicans to be in control of Congress.

In summary, this is a district where Rep. Tipton is favored, but the continuing marginal nature of the district due to its varied demography (he has never received more than 58% of the district vote) means that he can’t feel entirely secure about his electoral prospects.



CROSSTABS

Question 3 – Congressional Ballot

		D14 - Race			
		Hispanic	Other	White	Total
Q3 - Congressional Ballot	Bush	75%	75%	36%	41%
	Kent	6%		4%	4%
	Malarsie	1%		1%	1%
	Tipton	15%	25%	51%	46%
	Undecided	3%		8%	7%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Q2 - Party ID			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Q3 - Congressional Ballot	Bush	98%	30%		41%
	Kent		11%	3%	4%
	Malarsie		5%		1%
	Tipton		31%	96%	46%
	Undecided	2%	23%	2%	7%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region				
		Grand Junction	North of I-70	Pueblo	South of I-70	Total
Q3 - Congressional Ballot	Bush	42%	27%	47%	45%	41%
	Kent			17%	1%	4%
	Malarsie	3%	2%		1%	1%
	Tipton	49%	57%	35%	45%	46%
	Undecided	7%	13%	1%	9%	7%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



		D12 - Age				
		18-30	31-50	51-64	65+	Total
Q3 - Congressional Ballot	Bush	41%	41%	38%	46%	41%
	Kent	9%	3%	2%	6%	4%
	Malarsie		1%	1%	1%	1%
	Tipton	36%	48%	50%	43%	46%
	Undecided	14%	7%	9%	4%	7%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		D13 - Gender		
		Female	Male	Total
Q3 - Congressional Ballot	Bush	44%	39%	41%
	Kent	4%	4%	4%
	Malarsie	2%	0%	1%
	Tipton	43%	50%	46%
	Undecided	8%	7%	7%
Total		100%	100%	100%

Question 4 – Gubernatorial Ballot

		D14 - Race			
		Hispanic	Other	White	Total
Q4 - Governor Ballot	Hammons			0%	0%
	Polis	69%	75%	36%	41%
	Stapleton	15%	25%	52%	46%
	Undecided	15%		12%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Q2 - Party ID			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Q4 - Governor Ballot	Hammons		1%		0%
	Polis	95%	29%	2%	41%
	Stapleton		36%	93%	46%
	Undecided	5%	34%	5%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%



		Region				Total
		Grand Junction	North of I-70	Pueblo	South of I-70	
Q4 - Governor Ballot	Hammons		1%			0%
	Polis	41%	26%	45%	45%	41%
	Stapleton	47%	58%	44%	42%	46%
	Undecided	12%	15%	11%	13%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		D12 - Age				Total
		18-30	31-50	51-64	65+	
Q4 - Governor Ballot	Hammons		1%			0%
	Polis	39%	42%	37%	44%	41%
	Stapleton	41%	48%	47%	46%	46%
	Undecided	20%	9%	16%	10%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		D13 - Gender		Total
		Female	Male	
Q4 - Governor Ballot	Hammons		0%	0%
	Polis	43%	38%	41%
	Stapleton	43%	50%	46%
	Undecided	14%	11%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%

Question 9 – Trump job performance

		D14 - Race			Total
		Hispanic	Other	White	
Q9 - Trump approval	Approve	25%	25%	51%	47%
	Disapprove	69%	50%	38%	43%
	Unsure	6%	25%	11%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%



		Q2 - Party ID			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Q9 - Trump approval	Approve		50%	87%	47%
	Disapprove	89%	33%	9%	43%
	Unsure	11%	17%	5%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region				
		Grand Junction	North of I-70	Pueblo	South of I-70	Total
Q9 - Trump approval	Approve	52%	57%	45%	42%	47%
	Disapprove	40%	33%	49%	45%	43%
	Unsure	7%	10%	7%	13%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		D12 - Age				
		18-30	31-50	51-64	65+	Total
Q9 - Trump approval	Approve	50%	46%	53%	43%	47%
	Disapprove	39%	43%	39%	48%	43%
	Unsure	11%	11%	9%	10%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		D13 - Gender		
		Female	Male	Total
Q9 - Trump approval	Approve	45%	50%	47%
	Disapprove	44%	41%	43%
	Unsure	10%	10%	10%
Total		100%	100%	100%

Question 10 – Generic Congressional Ballot

		D14 - Race			
		Hispanic	Other	White	Total
Q10 - Party control Congress	Democrats	75%	75%	37%	43%
	Republicans	13%	25%	49%	44%
	Unsure	13%		13%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%



		Q2 - Party ID			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Q10 - Party control Congress	Democrats	98%	27%	6%	43%
	Republicans	1%	30%	90%	44%
	Unsure	1%	43%	4%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region				
		Grand Junction	North of I-70	Pueblo	South of I-70	Total
Q10 - Party control Congress	Democrats	50%	27%	47%	44%	43%
	Republicans	41%	61%	35%	43%	44%
	Unsure	9%	12%	18%	13%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		D12 - Age				
		18-30	31-50	51-64	65+	Total
Q10 - Party control Congress	Democrats	41%	42%	39%	48%	43%
	Republicans	36%	45%	47%	42%	44%
	Unsure	23%	13%	14%	10%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		D13 - Gender		
		Female	Male	Total
Q10 - Party control Congress	Democrats	46%	39%	43%
	Republicans	42%	46%	44%
	Unsure	12%	15%	13%
Total		100%	100%	100%



Appendix A: Colorado 3rd Congressional District

