The 2006 Colorado Election Administration & Seventh Congressional Race Survey Frequency Report

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1. How interested were you in the US House race in your district between Rick O'Donnell and Ed Perlmutter?

Very interested	58.4
Somewhat interested	30.0
Not too interested	9.1
Not at all interested	2.0
Don't know/Not Sure	.5

2. How many days in the past week did you watch news on TV?

None	8.1
One day	5.6
Two days	8.6
Three days	7.8
Four Days	5.3
Five days	9.9
Six days	5.6
Every day	49.1

3. How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?

None	19.4
One day	9.9
Two days	8.9
Three days	5.1
Four Days	3.6
Five days	7.4
Six days	5.4
Every day	40.1
Don't know/Not sure	0.3

4. How would you describe your own political philosophy?

Strongly liberal	5.6
Liberal	14.6
Moderate leaning liberal	18.7
Moderate	13.3
Moderate leaning conservative	15.4
Conservative	18.2
Strongly conservative	9.5
Don't know/Not sure	4.6

5. We are interested in whether you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of how the following have handled their jobs:

5a. President George W. Bush	
Strongly approve	8.8
Approve	24.0
Disapprove	16.9
Strongly Disapprove	48.7
Don't know/Not sure	1.5
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5b. Representative Bob Beaupre	Z
Strongly approve	7.2
Approve	27.6
Disapprove	22.8
Strongly Disapprove	28.9
Don't know/Not sure	13.6
5c. Secretary of State Gigi Denn	is
Strongly approve	1.3
Approve	17.6
Disapprove	12.3
Strongly Disapprove	7.3
Don't know/Not sure	61.4
51.37	
5d. Your county election official	
Strongly approve	4.2 39.7
Approve	7.3
Disapprove	4.2
Strongly Disapprove Don't know/Not sure	
Don't know/Not sure	44.7
5e. The US Congress	
Strongly approve	1.0
Approve	14.9
Disapprove	39.7
Strongly Disapprove	36.1
Don't know/Not sure	8.3
6. Did you happen to vote in the 20	
Yes, I did vote	96.5
No, I didn't vote	3.5
7. [Voters only:] Is this the first tin	ne vou have ever voted?
Yes	1.5
103	00.5

No

98.5

8. [Voters only:] Did you vote early, by absentee or on Election Day?

Early	18.0
Absentee	60.3
On Election Day	21.7

9. [Absentee voters only:] How many weeks before the election did you vote or send in your absentee ballot?

1 Week	13.8
2 Weeks	22.6
3 Weeks	24.9
4 Weeks	1.5
5 Weeks	1.8
Missing/Voted on Election Day	12.2

10. [Early & Election Day voters only:] Did you vote using a bubble paper ballot, touch screen machine or a voter-assisted terminal?

Bubble paper ballot	96.3
Voter-assisted terminal	1.4

11. [Voters only:] How confusing did you find your ballot?

Very confusing	1.6
Somewhat confusing	10.9
Not too confusing	24.9
Not at all confusing	62.6

12. Did someone contact you and encourage you to vote early absentee or on Election Day?

No	_	40.7
Absentee		8.4
Early		10.7
Election Day		15.9
Absentee & Election Day		3.1
Absentee & Early		2.8
Early & Election Day		5.6
Early, Absentee and Election Day		12.8

13. [Voters only:] How would you rate your voting experience in this election compared to prior voting experiences?

Much more positive	9.0
Somewhat more positive	13.7
About the same	65.2
Somewhat more negative	5.5
Much more negative	4.7
Don't know/Not Sure	1.9

14. [Voters only:] How confident are you that **YOUR VOTE** in the November 2006 election will be counted as you intended?

Very confident	45.4
Somewhat confident	40.6
Not too confident	8.2
Not at all confident	3.7
Don't know/Not sure	2.1

15. How confident are you that the touch-screen ballot used to record votes will provide an accurate reflection of ALL THE VOTES?

Very confident	20.:
Somewhat confident	30.
Not too confident	17.4
Not at all confident	13.
Don't know/Not sure	18.4

16. How confident are you that the bubble paper ballot used to record votes will provide an accurate reflection of **ALL THE VOTES**?

Very confident	20.4
Somewhat confident	46.0
Not too confident	18.4
Not at all confident	7.2
Don't know/Not sure	8.0

17. [Voters only:] How would you rate your overall voting experience?

Excellent		34.8
Good		56.9
Fair		7.0
Poor		1.3

17a. If you rated your experience fair or poor, why? [Valid Percent, 79 Responses]

Paper ballot	4.5
Poll worker problems	13.6
Long Wait	13.6
Distrust with system	27.3
Campaign	18.2
Ballot too long	9.1
Other	1.5
Confusing Ballot	4.5
Not sure	4.5

18. [Early & Election Day voters only:] How helpful were the poll workers at your voting location?

Very helpful	72.9
Somewhat helpful	17.9
Not too helpful	4.4
Not at all helpful	2.1
Don't know/Not sure	5.7

19. [Early & Election Day voters only:] Was your polling station or vote center easy to find?

Yes	90.4
No	2.6
Don't know/Not sure	7.0

20. [Voters only:] Overall, how confusing did you find your voting experience?

Very confusing	0.9
Somewhat confusing	13.5
Not too confusing	25.9
Not at all confusing	59.2
Don't know/Not sure	.5

21. [Early & Election Day Voters:] What type of voter identification did you have to show?

None	5.4
Photo or non-photo ID	94.6

22. Do you think voter identification rules prevent some voters from casting their ballot at the polls?

No	43.7
Yes	33.9
Don't know/Not sure	22.4

23. Do you think that voter identification rules help prevent voter fraud?

Yes	74.5
No	13.8
Don't know/Not sure	11.7

24. How confident are you that the current election process in your state produces election outcomes that reflect the will of the people?

Very confident	22.4
Somewhat confident	57.7
Not too confident	14.8
Not at all confident	3.3
Don't know/Not sure	1.8

25. How confident are you that the current election process in the United States produces election outcomes that reflect the will of the people?

Very confident	15.1
Somewhat confident	45.1
Not too confident	29.3
Not at all confident	9.2
Don't know/Not sure	1.3

26. Have you ever had any problems while voting?

No	86.7
Yes	13.3

27. Some people argue that voter identification rules prevent some voters from going to the polls, while others argue that voter identification rules help prevent voting fraud. Which is more important?

Ensuring that everyone	
who eligible has the	
right to vote	40.
Protecting the voting	
system against fraud	50.
Don't know/Not sure	0

- 28. Below are some statements please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each statement, or if you have no opinion.
- 28a. The bubble paper ballot method provides for a paper receipt that can validate the election results

Strongly agree	26.8
Somewhat agree	31.8
Neither agree nor disagree	15.6
Somewhat disagree	1.6
Strongly disagree	.5
Don't know/Not sure	23.6

28b. The touch-scrreen ballot method provides for a paper receipt that can validate the election results.

Strongly agree	12.4
Somewhat agree	20.1
Neither agree nor disagree	16.7
Somewhat disagree	11.6
Strongly disagree	11.9
Don't know/Not sure	27.2

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quired of each voter to pre	event voter fraud
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7.2	
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3.6	
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quired of each voter to pre	event voter fraud
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29. Do you consider yourself a: Strong Democrat Democrat, not so strong Independent, closer to Democrats Independent, Independent Independent, closer to Republicans Republican, not so strong Strong Republican Other Party	16.8 13.1 18.6 9.8 11.1 13.3 14.8 2.5
30. How would you describe the political pelow?	philosophy of the following political leaders listed
30a. Ed Perlmutter Strongly liberal Liberal Moderate leaning liberal Moderate Moderate leaning conservative Conservative Strongly conservative Don't know/Not sure 30b. Rick O'Donnell Strongly liberal Liberal Moderate leaning liberal Moderate Moderate Moderate leaning conservative Conservative Strongly conservative Don't know/Not sure	11.7 21.5 31.0 16.3 3.0 4.1 0.5 12.0 1.6 1.6 1.1 6.8 9.9 34.8 31.0 13.2
30c. George W. Bush Strongly liberal Liberal Moderate leaning liberal Moderate Moderate leaning conservative Conservative Strongly conservative Don't know/Not sure	2.1 0.8 1.1 2.1 7.5 29.2 51.7 5.4

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31. How much of a majority is required for the US Senate and House to override a Presidential veto?

A bare majority (50% plus one)	5.8
A two-thirds majority	78.8
A three-fourths majority	4.4
Don't know/Not sure	11.0

32. Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not?

0.8
5.2
90.6
3.4

33. Do you happen to know what job or political office is now held by Dick Cheney?

Vice President	97.2
Secretary of State	0.5
Secretary of Defense	1.0
Attorney General	1.0
Don't know/Not sure	.3

34. Do you know which party had the most members in the House of Representatives prior to this election?

Democrat	2.1
Republican	95.3
Don't know/Not sure	2.6

35. Which of the parties would you say is more conservative at the national level?

The Democratic Party	3.7
The Republican Party	84.8
Neither party is more conservative	6.8
Don't know/Not sure	4.7

36. How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

All of the time	1.0
Some of the time	18.9
Not much of the time	77.1
Never	7.7
Don't know/Not sure	1.3

37. Who did you vote for, or if you did not vote, who would you have voted for, in the contest for the US house?

57.6

Ed Perlmutter,

Democratic candidate
Rick O'Donnell,

Rick O'Donnell,
Republican candidate 38.8
Other 3.6

38. How satisfied were you with you voting experience in the 2006 fall election?

Very satisfied	56.6
Somewhat satisfied	38.3
Not too satisfied	2.4
Not at all satisfied	2.7

39. Thinking back to the presidential election of 2004, who did you vote for?

George W. Bush,

the Republican candidate	45.9
John Kerry,	
the Democratic candidate	49.9
Other	2.6
Didn't vote	1.6

40. Did you vote in the primary election in August?

Yes	49.1
No	50.9

41. On a scale of 1 to 1-, where 1 means an extremely negative campaign tone and 10 means an extremely positive campaign tone, how would you rate the tone of the campaign for the US House seat in your district?

1 (Extremely Negative)	22.5
2	14.2
3	20.6
4	18.2
5	16.3
6	4.3
7	2.1
8	1.1
9	0.5
10 (Extremely Positive)	.3

42. Below is a list of issues. Please indicate the top **THREE** issues (1^{st} , 2^{nd} , 3^{rd}) most important issues in your decision for who to vote for in the race for the US House between Ed Perlmutter and Rick O'Donnell

Abortion	3.1
Bush's performance as President	6.4
Change power in Congress	18.4
Candidate's work in oil industry	0.5
Children's Safety	0.8
Economy	5.6
Energy/gasoline prices	1.3
Ethics/Corruption	4.6
Health care	4.1
Immigration	14.3
Prescription drugs	1.0
Same sex marriage	2.8
Social security	2.3
Stem cell research	3.1
Taxes	2.3
War in Iraq	15.1
War on Terror	6.1
Don't know/Not sure	8.4
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42b. Second Issue	
Abortion	1.8
Bush's performance as President	7.9
Change power in Congress	7.7
Candidate's work in oil industry	0.3
Children's Safety	1.3
Economy	8.9
Energy/gasoline prices	3.3
Ethics/Corruption	5.4
Health care	6.9
Immigration	9.2
Prescription drugs	0.8
Same sex marriage	4.8
Social security	6.9
Stem cell research	3.3
Taxes	3.3
War in Iraq	14.0
War on Terror	5.4
Don't know/Not sure	8.2

42a. First Issue

42c. Third Issue	
Abortion	3.8
Bush's performance as President	6.4
Change power in Congress	4.6
Candidate's work in oil industry	1.3
Children's Safety	1.3
Economy	8.7
Energy/gasoline prices	3.6
Ethics/Corruption	7.1
Health care	7.4
Immigration	8.2
Prescription drugs	.8
Same sex marriage	4.8
Social security	4.6
Stem cell research	4.1
Taxes	5.4
War in Iraq	11.3
War on Terror	6.6
Don't know/Not sure	10.2

43. How many **total** TV ads did you see in this year's race for the US House between Rick O'Donnell and Ed Perlmutter?

None	5.8
1-150	45.7
151-300	24.2
301-450	8.1
451-600	4.2
601-750	.6
751-900	2.6
More than 900 ads	5.8

44. Now, we would like to know some things about the feelings you had towards the ads you saw in the US House race in your district between Republican candidate Rick O'Donnell and Democratic candidate Ed perlmutter.

44a. How ANGRY did the Republican candidate's ads make you feel?

Very	27.1
Somewhat	38.2
Not too	15.0
Not at all	19.7å

44b. How ANGRY did the Democratic candidate's ads make you feel?

Very	17.7
Somewhat	35.1
Not too	23.2
Not at all	24.1

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44c. How PROUD did the Republican c	andidate's ads make you reer?
Very Somewhat	***
	13.1
Not too	20.7
Not at all	61.4
44d. How PROUD did the Democratic c	andidate's ads make you feel?
Very	3.0
Somewhat	22.5
Not too	27.8
Not at all	46.7
44e. How HOPEFUL did the Republican	n candidate's ads make you feel?
Very	3.6
Somewhat	16.3
Not too	21.8
Not at all	58.3
44f. How HOPEFUL did the Democratic	c candidate's ads make you feel?
Very	5.7
Somewhat	31.3
Not too	27.4
Not at all	35.7
Not at all	33.7
44g. How AFRAID did the Republican	candidate's ads make you feel?
Very	10.9
Somewhat	16.5
Not too	17.4
Not at all	55.1
44h. How AFRAID did the Democratic	candidate's ads make you feel?
Very	6.2
Somewhat	14.6
Not too	21.4
Not at all	57.9

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45. We are interested in how you learned about the candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives. Please indicate ways you have been contacted by the candidates or heard about them (percent saying yes).

45a. Rick O'Donnell	
Met him personally	0.5
Attended a meeting or rally	3.0
Contacted in-person by campaign, party or interest group	7.8
Received mail from campaign, party or interest group	68.7
Received e-mail from campaign, party or interest group	8.3
From friends or family members	12.3
Visited candidate, party or interest group website	1.1
Contacted by phone by campaign, party or interest group	36.6
Read online or local newspaper	66.7
45b. Ed Perlmutter	
Met him personally	9.0
Attended a meeting or rally	4.3
Contacted in-person by campaign, party of interest group	13.8
Received mail from campaign, party or interest group	71.9
Received e-mail from campaign, party or interest group	13.8
From friends or family members	15.3
Visited candidate, party or interest group website	10.5
Contacted by phone by campaign, party or interest group	41.4
Read online or local newspaper	68.6

46. How many days a week, on average, do you discuss politics with family or friends?

Never	3.2
Once a week	12.0
Twice a week	25.2
Three days a week	20.3
Four days a week	11.0
Five days a week	9.6
Six days a week	5.9
Every day	2.1
Don't Know/Not Sure	10.7

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47. Please indicate which of the following, if any, you performed for the candidates in your House race.
47a. Rick O'Donnell
 Attended a meeting or a rally

Attended a meeting or a rally

Fundraising

Canvassing

Tried to convince others to vote for her

Wrote letter of support to a magazine/newspaper/internet site
Advertised with sign in yard, sticker on car or wore a button

Contributed \$200 or less

Contributed \$200 or more

0.0

47b. Ed perlmutter

Attended a meeting or a rally 5.0 Fundraising 2.0 Canvassing 2.0 14.3 Tried to convince others to vote for her Wrote letter of support to a magazine/newspaper/internet site 0.0 Advertised with sign in yard, sticker on car or wore a button 9.5 Contributed \$200 or less 4.5 Contributed \$200 or more 1.9

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48. Is the home you live in owned by you or someone in your family?

Yes 90.2 No 9.8

49. What year were you born? (Ages calculated)

18 - 25	3.5
26 - 35	9.0
36 - 45	10.4
46 - 55	27.4
56 - 65	26.3
66 - 75	13.8
76 – 85	9.3
86 and Over	0.3

50. Are you male or female?

Male	45.8
Female	54.2

51. What is the highest grade of education you have completed?

Less than a HS degree 0.3

Less man a 115 degree	0.5
HS degree	15.1
Some college	23.5
Completed trade school	5.5
College degree	34.2
Masters degree	17.0
JD	1.8
MD	0.3
PhD	2.3

52. What kind of work do you do?

Nork in a small business	
(50 employees or less)	11.6
Work in a large business	
over 50 employees)	26.1
Work in education field	8.7
Work in government	9.0
Self-employed	11.9
Homemaker	4.5
Student	1.3
Retired	25.3

53. Is anyone in your household active or retired military?

Yes	16.0
No	79.7
Don't know/Not sure	4

54. Are you or anyone in your immediate family a member of a union?

1.6

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Yes	19.7
No	79.2
Don't know/Not sure	1.

55. Are you a born again Christian?

Other

res	21.8
No	75.3
Don't know/Not sure	.5

56. What is your religious denomination or church affiliation?*****

Assembly of God	0.7
Atheist	8.5
Baptist	4.5
Buddhist	1.2
Catholic	15.1
Christian Science	7.0
Congregationalist	0.5
Episcopal	4.0
Quaker	0.5
Jewish	1.8
Latter Day Saints/Mormon	2.6
Lutheran	7.5
Methodist	6.8
Non-Denominational	4.8
Orthodox	0.5
Other	9.3
Pentecostal	0.3
Presbyterian	2.5
Protestant	4.1
Unitarian	0.2
Non-known	3.0
Refused	14.6

57. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

Black/African American	2.5
Native American	1.3
Hispanic/Latino	4.4
Asian	0.8
White	90.7

57a. [If respondent indicated Hispanic/Latino:] would you describe your Hispanic/Latino origin as:

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Mexican	33.3
Latin American	5.6
Spanish	55.6
DK/NS	5.6

58. What is your marital status?

Married	69.1
Divorced	3.2
Never married	11.0
Widowed	3.8
Separated	12.6
Don't know/Not sure	3

59. To the best of your knowledge, what was your total family income before taxes in 2005, including yourself and all those living in your house?

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Under 10k	1.0
\$10,000-19,999	1.5
\$20,000-29,999	6.8
\$30,000-39,999	6.5
\$40,000-49,999	7.5
\$50,000-59,999	8.0
\$60,000-69,999	6.5
\$70,000-79,999	6.8
\$80,000-89,999	9.3
\$90,000-99,999	5.0
\$100,000-114,999	6.8
\$115,000-129,999	4.5
\$130,000-144,999	2.8
\$145,000-159,999	1.5
\$160,000-174,999	1.8
Over \$175,000	3.8
Refused	20.1

Methodology: The 2006 Colorado Election Administration and Seventh Congressional District Survey was based upon a random sample of registered voters in Colorado's Seventh Congressional District that was provided by Secretary of State Gigi Dennis after the final registration day for the 2006 general election. Just before Election Day, we sent out letters to our sample respondents requesting their participation in our Election Administration Survey. The letter provided sample respondents with a URL (votenecolorado.unm.edu) and explained that respondents could also request a mail survey and a return self-addressed stamped envelope by contacting us via a toll free number or by calling our offices. Sample registered voters who did not respond were re-contacted three times with a postcard. The first postcard was sent November 17, the second was sent December 1, and the final postcard was sent December 19. The response rate for the sample was about 12.1% (n=399), 86.7% chose to answer the Internet survey while 13.3% chose to answer the mail option. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.9%.

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Because this was an election oriented survey with many questions focusing on voter experience with the election process, our respondents were almost all voters. Only 3% of registered voters who did not turnout for the 2006 election chose to participate.