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**COLORADO VOTERS FEEL GOOD ABOUT LEGALIZED MARIJUANA,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ALMOST 2-1**

Legalizing marijuana has been good for Colorado, voters in the state say 52 – 38 percent, but 52 percent of voters are less likely to vote for a candidate for office who smokes marijuana two or three days a week, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Only 3 percent are more likely to vote for a marijuana-smoking candidate, while 43 percent say it would not affect their vote, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Legalized marijuana has been bad for the state, Republicans say 63 – 28 percent and voters over 65 years old say 62 – 28 percent. All other listed groups say it's good for the state.

Voters overall have a positive view of the Colorado marijuana experiment:

- Voters support the law legalizing marijuana 54 – 43 percent;
- 49 percent of voters admit they've tried marijuana, but only 15 percent admit using it since it became legal January 1;
- Driving has not become more dangerous because of legalized marijuana, voters say 54 – 39 percent;
- Legalized marijuana will save the state and taxpayers a significant amount of money, voters say 53 – 41 percent;
- Legalized marijuana will have a positive impact on the state's criminal justice system, voters say 50 – 40 percent;
- Legalized marijuana "increases personal freedoms in a positive way," voters say 53 – 44 percent;
- Legalized marijuana has not "eroded the moral fiber" of people in Colorado, voters say 67 – 30 percent.

"Colorado voters are generally good to go on grass, across the spectrum, from personal freedom to its taxpayer benefits to its positive impact on the criminal justice system," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

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“But if you are a politician, think twice before smokin’ them if you got ‘em,” Malloy added.

A total of 38 percent of Colorado voters are “very concerned” or “somewhat concerned” that a friend or family member has been over-using marijuana, while 58 percent are “not so concerned” or “not concerned at all.”

Only 21 percent of voters think legalized marijuana will reduce racially biased arrests in Colorado.

Same-Sex Marriage

By a 61 – 33 percent margin, Colorado voters support allowing same-sex couples to get married in the state. Support is 55 – 38 percent among men and 66 – 28 percent among women, 85 – 12 percent among Democrats and 63 – 30 percent among independent voters. Republicans are opposed 58 – 34 percent.

Support is 81 – 12 percent among voters 18 to 29 years old, 65 – 30 percent among voters 30 to 49 years old and 54 – 38 percent among voters 50 to 64 years old. Among voters over 65, 44 percent support same-sex marriage and 48 percent are opposed.

From April 15 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,298 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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45. As you may know, voters in Colorado passed a law legalizing marijuana for recreational use last year. Do you support or oppose this law?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	54%	29%	72%	56%	53%	55%	66%	60%	53%	32%
Oppose	43	67	26	40	42	43	32	38	42	64
DK/NA	3	4	2	4	4	2	2	2	5	4

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Support	54	58	54
Oppose	43	39	41
DK/NA	3	4	5

46. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	49%	32%	57%	54%	54%	45%	52%	52%	58%	29%
No	50	67	42	45	45	54	47	46	40	71
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-

TREND: Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself ever happened to try marijuana?

	Apr 28 2014	Feb 10 2014	Aug 22 2013
Yes	49	51	51
No	50	47	47
DK/NA	1	2	2

47. Have you used marijuana after recreational sales began in Colorado on January 1st?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	15%	6%	18%	18%	18%	13%	31%	16%	12%	6%
No	84	94	80	82	81	86	68	83	87	93
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-

TREND: Have you used marijuana after recreational sales began in Colorado on January 1st?

	Apr 28 2014	Feb 10 2014
Yes	15	10
No	84	89
DK/NA	1	1

48. Do you believe legalizing marijuana has been good or bad for the state?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Good	52%	28%	69%	56%	51%	54%	69%	57%	52%	28%
Bad	38	63	19	36	39	37	28	32	37	62
DK/NA	10	9	12	8	11	9	3	11	11	11

49. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for elective office who smokes marijuana 2 or 3 days a week, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	8%	3%	1%	3%
Less likely	52	74	37	49	51	53	41	49	53	68
No difference	43	21	57	45	45	41	50	47	43	26
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	4

50. How concerned are you that a friend or family member has been over-using marijuana; very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very concerned	23%	32%	20%	19%	21%	25%	17%	21%	22%	35%
Somewhat concerned	15	15	12	19	18	12	22	15	15	14
Not so concerned	13	9	14	16	15	11	13	15	12	8
Not concerned at all	45	41	49	43	43	48	46	48	47	39
DK/NA	3	3	5	3	3	4	2	2	4	5

51. Do you believe driving has become more dangerous because of the legalization of marijuana in Colorado, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	39%	59%	30%	36%	38%	41%	29%	34%	39%	60%
No	54	33	64	56	58	50	66	62	53	28
DK/NA	7	8	6	8	5	9	5	4	8	11

52. Do you think Colorado's new marijuana law will save the state and taxpayers a significant amount of money, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	53%	33%	66%	55%	52%	53%	71%	53%	50%	37%
No	41	61	27	38	42	39	27	40	42	53
DK/NA	7	6	7	6	6	8	3	7	7	11

53. Do you think that Colorado's new marijuana law will have a positive or a negative impact on the criminal justice system in Colorado?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Positive	50%	25%	65%	53%	54%	46%	64%	55%	47%	28%
Negative	40	63	24	38	36	43	31	36	41	55
DK/NA	11	12	11	9	10	11	5	9	13	17

54. Do you think Colorado's new marijuana law will reduce racially biased arrests in Colorado, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	21%	13%	28%	23%	23%	19%	28%	23%	19%	15%
No	68	78	62	66	66	71	65	68	72	70
DK/NA	10	9	10	11	11	10	8	9	9	16

55. Do you feel the new marijuana law increases personal freedoms in a positive way in Colorado, or don't you feel that way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	53%	29%	67%	56%	54%	52%	66%	59%	52%	30%
No	44	68	30	40	43	45	31	39	46	64
DK/NA	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	6

56. Do you feel that legalized marijuana has 'eroded the moral fiber' of people in Colorado, or don't you feel that way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	30%	54%	13%	28%	29%	31%	23%	26%	29%	47%
No	67	44	84	70	68	66	75	73	68	47
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	3	7

57. Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to get married in Colorado?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	61%	34%	85%	63%	55%	66%	81%	65%	54%	44%
Oppose	33	58	12	30	38	28	12	30	38	48
DK/NA	7	8	3	7	7	6	8	4	8	8