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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Majority Support for Abortion Rights and Gun Safety in Colorado, Michigan, and Nevada; Democrats Lead on Generic State Legislature Ballot

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Three new Public Policy Polling surveys conducted in Colorado, Michigan, and Nevada find that protecting abortion rights and enacting commonsense gun safety legislation are very popular with voters. Voters prefer a generic Democratic candidate over a Republican candidate for state legislature in all states surveyed.

A strong majority of voters in each state support protecting abortion rights, ranging from 56% in Michigan to 65% in Nevada. On the issue of gun safety, 63% of Colorado voters, 65% of Michigan voters, and 66% of Nevada voters say they would rather vote for a state legislative candidate who supports gun safety legislation that takes guns away from dangerous people over a candidate who wants to weaken gun safety laws.

This strong overall support of abortion rights and gun safety can partly be explained by strong support from independent voters, who side with Democrats on these issues. For example, 64% of independents in Colorado, 64% of independents in Michigan, and 69% of independent Nevadans support protecting a woman's legal right to seek an abortion in their state. A state legislative candidate who supports gun safety legislation has the vote of 61% of independents in Colorado, 63% of independents in Michigan, and 67% of independents in Nevada.



Generic Ballot

If the election for [Colorado/Michigan/Nevada] State Legislature were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or the Republican candidate in your district?

	State		
	Colorado	Michigan	Nevada
Democratic candidate	48	48	46
Republican candidate	45	43	43
Not sure	8	9	11

Abortion Rights

Given the choice of a state legislative candidate who wants to protect a woman's legal right to seek an abortion in [Colorado/Nevada], and a candidate who wants to make abortion illegal, who would you vote for?

Michigan: Would you prefer to see lawmakers keep the 1931 law that bans nearly all abortions, or would you prefer to see lawmakers overturn this law and, instead, protect the right to an abortion?

	State		
	Colorado	Michigan	Nevada
Protect abortion rights	61	56	65
Make abortion illegal	27	32	23
Not sure	12	12	11

Gun Safety

Given the choice of a state legislative candidate who supports gun safety legislation that takes guns away from dangerous people who would use them against their community, and a candidate who wants to weaken gun safety laws, who would you vote for?

	State		
	Colorado	Michigan	Nevada
Candidate who supports gun safety legislation	63	65	66
Candidate who wants to weaken gun safety laws	24	18	22
Not sure	13	17	11

Voters in Colorado and Michigan also support economic proposals championed by Democratic state legislators, such as investing in affordable housing and delivering immediate relief from inflation to low- and middle-income households in the form of tax rebates, rather than Republican proposals to cut income taxes for the very wealthy. Voters in Nevada were not asked about economic proposals. A majority (52%) of Colorado voters say they would vote for a state legislative candidate who voted to pass legislation that invested over \$400 million in affordable housing, while just 31% would support a candidate who voted against that bill. This includes a majority (51%) of independents. A majority (53%) of Michigan voters say they would rather vote for a state legislative candidate who fought for over \$500 in tax rebates for households making under \$250,000, while just 28% would support a candidate who helped pass a bill cutting income taxes that disproportionately benefits the wealthiest Michiganders.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 532 Colorado voters from August 3-4, 2022. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. 63% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 37% by telephone.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 553 Michigan voters from August 3-4, 2022. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. 58% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 42% by telephone.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 556 Nevada voters from August 3-4, 2022. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. 55% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 45% by telephone.