

Gaming and Native Americans Survey

July 2003

Research Design

- ✓ Telephone survey of 800 Colorado adult registered voters from July 14-July 22, 2003, conducted by Ciruli Associates for Council Tree Communications.
- ✓ Respondents were selected from a random sample of statewide registered voters who voted in the 2000 presidential election or are newly registered since November 2000.
- ✓ Telephone interviews were conducted by a professional, supervised interviewing service. Pre-testing was conducted to enhance reliability. A multiple callback procedure was employed to increase likelihood of reaching eligible registered voters. Calls were made at different times of day and included weekdays and weekends to increase response. Interviews were conducted in Spanish if needed.
- ✓ The questionnaire was developed after input from Council Tree Communications. Questions wording was reviewed and adjusted to enhance clarity, validity and reliability. The order of questions was rotated in question series with same responses categorized to reduce question-order bias.
- ✓ Statistical range of accuracy in 19 out of 20 cases is ± 3.4 percentage points for a sample size of 800. Sample tolerances for subgroups are larger. For example, the confidence interval for a subgroup of 400 respondents is ± 4.9 percentage points.
- ✓ Due to rounding, not all totals equal 100 percent. Survey results can be affected by other factors such as question wording and order.
- ✓ Ciruli Associates is a non-partisan research, communication and public policy firm providing consulting for Colorado and national organizations since 1976.

POLICY QUESTIONS

Direction of State of Colorado

Let me ask you a general question about how you believe things are going in Colorado.

1. Overall, would you say things are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track here in Colorado?

Right direction	49%
Wrong track	39
Don't know/refused	13

Major Issue

2. Thinking about Colorado issues, what would you say is the top issue you would like the governor and state legislature to deal with in Colorado?

Jobs/economy	25%
Education	17
Water shortage/drought/storage	9
Budget/fiscal problems	8
Growth	6
Transportation/roads/transit	6
Healthcare/insurance/Rx	4
Taxes too high	4
Environment	2
Senior issues (housing, social security reform) . . .	2
Abortion	1
Amendment 23 (spending issues)	1
Crime/drugs	1
Immigration	1
TABOR Amendment (tax and revenue issues) . . .	1
Other	5
Don't know	8

Ratings

As I read the following list of political leaders and candidates, please tell me your impression of each one as either very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable. If you aren't familiar with a name, or don't have an opinion, just say so. *(Rotated)*

	<u>Very Favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat Favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Unfavorable</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
3. U.S. Senator Wayne Allard	22%	42%	11%	11%	12%	2%
4. Governor Bill Owens	29	36	13	15	6	1
5. State Attorney General Ken Salazar	12	35	7	3	29	14
6. U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell	22	40	14	12	10	3
7. Congressman Mark Udall	9	26	8	5	30	23
8. State Treasurer Mike Coffman	4	15	4	2	42	33

Favorability Summarized

<u>Leader/Candidate</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>No opinion Don't know</u>
Governor Bill Owens	65%	28%	7%
U.S. Senator Wayne Allard	64	22	14
U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell	62	26	13
State Attorney General Ken Salazar	47	10	43
Congressman Mark Udall	35	13	53
State Treasurer Mike Coffman	19	6	75

Economy

Let me shift the topic now to the economy and state budget.

9. Since the first of the year would you say the Colorado economy has improved, stayed the same or gotten worse?

Improved	15%
Stayed the same	33
Gotten worse	49
Don't know/refused	3

10. Considering the next six months, do you believe the Colorado economy will improve, stay the same or get worse?

Improve	39%
Stay the same	36
Get worse	21
Don't know/refused	5

Budget Cuts

11. The State of Colorado and many local governments have had to severely cut their budgets. Do you believe the budget cutting is mostly over or will there have to be additional severe budget cuts?

Mostly over	25%
More cuts	63
Don't know/refused	12

From what you have read or heard, please tell me if you believe the government budget cuts will have a major effect, moderate effect or minor effect on the following government services. *(Rotated)*

	<u>Major Effect</u>	<u>Moderate Effect</u>	<u>Minor Effect</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused</u>
12. The public schools	50%	27%	20%	4%
13. State colleges and universities	44	27	23	6
14. State and local parks and recreation	31	34	31	5
15. Roads and highways	34	35	26	5
16. Health care and nursing homes	53	26	14	11

Summary of Budget Cuts Effects

<u>Government Services</u>	<u>Major effect</u>
Health care and nursing homes	53%
Public schools	50
Colleges/universities	44
Roads/highways	34
Parks/recreation	31

17. If the state is short of revenue next year, would you prefer cutting more government spending and services or raising taxes and fees to maintain government services?

Cut spending/services	45%
Raise taxes/fees	39
Don't know/refused	16

Gaming

18. One alternative to more state budget cuts or raising taxes would be to allow some additional limited gambling in Colorado, which could raise \$100 million or more annually for the state to help balance the budget. Would you consider or not consider an expansion of limited gaming in Colorado to help balance the state budget?

Would consider	51%
Would not consider	44
Don't know/refused	5

Proceeds from Gaming

If there was \$100 million or more a year in additional revenue for the state budget, please tell me your priorities, if any, for spending all or part of the additional funds. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 would be a top priority and 5 would not be a priority at all, please tell me on the following list of items what your priority for spending would be. (*Rotated*)

	<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Not Priority</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
19. A rainy day fund for future budget crises . . .	14%	12%	32%	16%	24%	2%
20. Avoiding further budget cuts now	23	18	32	11	12	4
21. College and university funding	23	26	29	10	11	1
22. K-12 education	58	18	10	6	7	1
23. Building and repairing roads and bridges	25	28	29	11	6	1
24. A statewide pre-school education program . . .	25	19	25	14	15	2
25. Health care and nursing homes	41	28	20	6	4	2

Summary of Budget Cuts Priorities

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>
K-12	58%	7%
Health/nursing homes	41	4
Roads	25	6
Pre-school	25	15
College/universities	23	11
Avoid all cuts	23	12
Rainy day fund	14	24

Compensation

The next questions concern some other issues.

After I read the following list of minority groups, please tell me who, if any, do you believe should receive compensation for past wrongs done to them?

	Compensation <u>Yes</u>	Compensation <u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
26. African Americans	11%	81%	8%
27. Asian Americans	7	86	7
28. Native Americans	35	59	6
29. Hispanic Americans	9	84	8

Summary of Compensation

<u>Group</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Native Americans	35%
African Americans	11
Hispanic Americans	9
Asian Americans	7

30. Among the groups just discussed, African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Hispanic Americans, which, if any, do you believe suffer the most from poverty?

Native Americans	50%
Hispanic Americans	16
African Americans	15
None (vol)	5
All (vol)	4
Asian Americans	0
Don't know/refused	10

31. In some areas of the United States where Native Americans have been forcibly removed from land, there have been settlements in which the Native Americans receive land and money from the government as compensation. From what you have seen or heard about these settlements, do you favor providing compensation or oppose providing compensation?

Favor compensation	51%
Oppose compensation	31
Depends (vol)	9
Have no knowledge of settlements (vol) .	3
Don't know/refused	6

Massacre and Reservation

Let me ask you a question about Colorado history.

32. Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar or not at all familiar with the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864?

Very familiar	15%	GO TO Q33B
Somewhat familiar	49	GO TO Q33A
Not at all familiar	36	GO TO Q33A
Don't know/refused	1	GO TO Q33A

33A. (If somewhat or not at all familiar): In 1864, a force of U.S. cavalry troops along with Colorado militia killed more than 150 men, women and children of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes at Sand Creek along the Arkansas River in Colorado.

33B. (All voters): After the massacre atrocities were committed, the survivors were forcibly removed from Colorado and placed on reservations in other states. As a form of compensation for the massacre and forcible removal from Colorado, would you favor or oppose the government designating 500 acres to the tribes for a small reservation in eastern Colorado? The land would be purchased by the tribes at their own expense and for fair market value.

33A&B Favor	78%
Oppose	15
Don't know/refused	7

New Reservation and Gaming

One proposal being considered would be to build a casino gaming facility on the new reservation just discussed. Regardless of your views on building a casino gaming facility, please tell me which of the following conditions concerning the proposal you consider important on a scale of 1 to 5 where one is very important and 5 is not at all important.

(Rotated)

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
34. Any gaming would be limited (such as \$5 betting limits) like other Colorado gaming . . .	39%	10%	12%	4%	29%	6%
35. Part of the gaming funds would go to a foundation and be shared with needy Native American tribes for education and health care purposes	57	14	9	2	15	4

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
36. The gaming facility would produce \$100 million or more in additional funds for the state budget	35	15	17	5	21	7
37. The gaming facility would be 10 miles east of Denver in an unpopulated area	22	10	22	7	33	7
38. The new reservation would feature an Indian cultural and media center	40	19	15	5	18	5
39. The gaming facility would create 1,000 new permanent jobs for the Colorado economy . . .	47	19	11	2	17	3
40. The Indian tribes would pay for all improvements for the gaming facility and area facilities, roads, sewer, water, etc	46	16	13	4	17	4
41. Some gaming funds would be used to create and maintain a National Park historic site and education center at the Sand Creek massacre site	43	18	14	5	16	4

Summary of Gaming Conditions

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Not important</u>
Funds for Indian health/education	57%	15%
1,000 jobs	47	17
Tribes pay improvements	46	17
Sand Creek site	43	16
Cultural/media center	40	18
Limited gaming	39	29
\$100 million for budget	35	21
10 miles east of Denver	22	33

42. If a gaming casino were built on the new reservation just discussed, it would be about 10 miles east of the Denver metro area in an unpopulated area. Studies show it could produce \$100 million or more each year for the state budget and provide 1,000 permanent jobs for Colorado residents. Proceeds from the gaming would provide health and education benefits to be shared by Native American tribes. The gaming would operate under Colorado rules of limited betting with independent inspections. Based on what I just read to you, would you favor or oppose allowing a gaming casino to be built east of the Denver metro area to help balance the state budget and provide jobs?

Favor be built	58%
Oppose it be built	37
Don't know/refused	6

Indian Claims

43. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes who were forcibly removed from Colorado could, in the future, make legal claims for land and mineral rights along the Front Range and Eastern Plains of Colorado. Proceeds from the gaming on the reservation east of Denver would settle any and all claims. Is that a positive factor for you to consider in approving gaming on the proposed reservation, a negative factor or not important?

Positive factor	43%
Negative factor	18
Not important	33
Don't know/refused	6

Consider the Issue

44. Let me ask one follow-up question on the topic. Given the state government budget cuts and the slow economy do you believe political leaders should give serious consideration to the gaming proposal we just discussed or not give serious consideration to this proposal?

Give serious consideration	61%
Don't give serious consideration	35
Don't know/refused	4

Ballot Issues

The following proposals may be on the November 2003 election ballot, please tell me, as of today, would you vote for the issue or against the issue? If you don't know just say so. *(Rotated)*

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
45. A proposal to add electronic video lottery machines at dog and horse tracks. Proceeds would provide funding for state parks or open space and for the state to spend on promoting tourism	42%	44%	14%
46. A proposal to repair and build new water storage facilities using up to \$2 billion dollars that would be repaid by water users through water fees	64	19	18
47. A proposal to change the Gallagher property tax amendment and freeze the assesement rate on residential property at 8%	32	22	45

Summary of Ballot Issues

<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Water bonds	64%	19%
Vodeo lottery	42	44
Freeze Gallagher	32	22

Gaming Choice

48. If you had to choose between the Indian gaming project just discussed or the video lottery terminals at dog and horse tracks, would you favor the Indian gaming project, video lottery terminals, both or neither?

Indian gaming	42%
Video lottery	7
Both	17
Neither	29
Don't know/refused	5

Gaming Experience

49. Have you been to Central City, Blackhawk or Cripple Creek during the last two years?

Yes	45%	GO TO Q50
No	55	GO TO Q52
Don't know/refused	0	GO TO Q52

50. Did you or a member of your party gamble on the trip?

Yes	85%
No	14
Don't know/refused	1

Base 361

51. How often have you visited Blackhawk, Central City or Cripple Creek over the last two years?

Once or twice	57%
Three to six times	27
Seven to twelve times	6
More than twelve times	10
Don't know/refused	1

Base 361

52. Have you been to a gaming casino operated by Native Americans either in Colorado or elsewhere in America during the last two years?

Yes	26%
No	73
Don't know/refused	1

DEMOGRAPHICS

The final questions are for background information only. The answers to these questions help us to understand the results.

Your answers to these questions, like all the survey questions, are confidential and used only when combined with all other persons who are interviewed.

53. How old are you?

		<u>Summary</u>	
(18-24)	3%	Under 34	13%
(25-34)	10	Boomers	39
(35-44)	16	War/depression . .	19
(45-54)	23	Seniors	27
(55-64)	19		
(65 and over)	27		
Refused	2		

54. What was the last grade or degree you completed at school?

		<u>Summary</u>	
Grade 1-11	3%	HS or less	26%
High school graduate	23	Some college . . .	26
Some college/business/vocational school . . .	26	College plus . . .	47
College graduate	27		
Postgrad work/professional graduate	20		
Refused	2		

55. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom or never?

		<u>Summary</u>	
More than once a week	9%	Churched	33%
Once a week	24	Occassional	33
Once or twice a month	14	Unchurched	31
A few times a year	19		
Seldom	17		
Never	14		
Don't know/refused	3		

56. How long have you been a resident of Colorado?

5 years of less	7%
6 to 10 years	9
11 to 20 years	12
More than 20 years	70
Don't know/refused	2

57. Considering political parties, do you usually identify yourself as a:

		<u>Summary</u>	
Strong Democrat	16%	Dem (no leaners)	24%
Not very strong Democrat	8	Indep (leaners plus)	37
Independent leaning Democrat	11	Rep (no leaners)	35
Independent. Not affiliated with either party	16		
Independent leaning Republican	10		
Not very strong Republican	12		
Strong Republican	23		
Other (vol)	2		
Don't know/refused	3		

58. Are you from Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF NO ASK: with which race do you identify yourself: are you white, black, Asian, Native American, or some other ethnic or racial background:

White	86%
Hispanic	5
Black	2
Asian	1
Native American	1
Other	1
Don't know/refused	4

59. For statistical purposes only, as I read the following income groups, please stop me when the figure includes an approximation of your total income for you and members of your household for last year, 2002, before taxes.

		<u>Summary</u>	
Less \$20,000	10%	\$39,999 or less	28%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	18	\$40,000 to \$79,999	31
\$40,000 to \$79,999	31	\$80,000 or more	22
\$80,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$150,000	8		
More than \$150,000	4		
Don't know/refused	19		

60. RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER

Male	48%
Female	57

61. RECORD POLITICAL PARTY FROM LIST

Republican	43%
Unaffiliated	23
Democrat	34

62. Record the respondent' Congressional District.

District 1	12%
District 2	14
District 3	15
District 4	14
District 5	15
District 6	17
District 7	13

3S. In what county are you registered to vote?

County list	1	MARK BELOW
Don't know/refused		THANK AND TERMINATE

Metro area:		
Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, Jefferson		56%
North Front Range:		
Larimer, Weld		10
South Front Range:		
El Paso, Teller, Pueblo		16
Eastern Plains:		4
North/Central:		
Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma		
South:		
Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers		
Western Slope:		14
Northwest/North Central:		
Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, Summit		
Central East/Central West:		
Chaffee, Custer, Delta, Fremont, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Lake, Montrose, Ouray, Park, San Miguel		
South Central:		
Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache		
Southwest:		
Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan		

4S. How often would you say you vote...always, nearly always, part of the time or seldom?

Always	57%	CONTINUE
Nearly always	34	CONTINUE
Part of the time	9	CONTINUE
Seldom		THANK AND TERMINATE
Don't know/refused		THANK AND TERMINATE

5S. Were you able to vote in the November 2002 election for U.S. Senate and Colorado Governor or were you not able to vote in that election?

Voted	88%
Did not vote	12