

Poll Finds Colorado Voters Are Still Upbeat About Decision to End Marijuana Prohibition; Only 36% Would Support Repealing the Legalization Initiative That Was Approved in 2012

A poll conducted in September 2016 found that Colorado voters are still upbeat about their decision to regulate and tax marijuana for adult use, and few would support repealing Amendment 64, the legalization initiative that was approved by 55% of voters in November 2012.

The results of the statewide survey, which was conducted by Public Policy Polling, contradict claims that have been made by politicians and anti-marijuana groups that are fighting similar laws in other states, according to *The Denver Post*'s "The Cannabist," which broke the news of the poll.¹

Among the poll's findings:

- Only about one-third of Colorado voters (36%) would support a measure to repeal Amendment 64 if it were on this year's ballot.
- More than half of Colorado voters say the law has been good for the state (47%) or had no real impact (9%), and just 39% say it has been bad for the state.
- Three out of five Colorado voters (61%) say Amendment 64 has had a positive impact on the economy, and only 19% say it has had a negative impact.
- More than one out of four Colorado voters (28%) said they have a friend, family member, or acquaintance who has worked either directly for a marijuana business or for non-marijuana businesses that provides products or services to marijuana businesses.
- About one out of four Colorado voters (24%) said they know of a friend, family member, or colleague who is consuming less alcohol because they are now consuming marijuana instead.

Younger Colorado voters, in particular, overwhelmingly believe that ending marijuana prohibition has been a positive reform:

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Amendment 64 Good/Bad for CO					
Passage of Amendment 64 has been good for CO	47%	74%	50%	43%	27%
Passage of Amendment 64 has been bad for CO	39%	18%	30%	45%	59%
Passage of Amendment 64 has had no real impact	9%	4%	11%	9%	10%
Not sure	6%	4%	9%	3%	4%

¹ "Do Coloradans regret legalizing marijuana? New poll says voters see pot as boon to state." <http://www.thecannabist.co/2016/09/19/legal-marijuana-colorado-buyers-remorse/63175/>