



Rocky Mountain Rejections

With Obama's Popularity On The Decline In Colorado, Absences At Today's Denver Event Are A Mile High

Facing "The Fight Of Their Political Careers," Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO) And Gov. John Hickenlooper (D-CO) Are Skipping Obama's Speech In Denver. "The biggest name in the Democratic Party plans to speak Wednesday at Denver's Cheesman Park, but President Barack Obama won't be sharing the stage with three Colorado Democrats now in the fight of their political careers. Missing from the morning event — which is closed to the public but open to the media — will be U.S. Sen. Mark Udall, Gov. John Hickenlooper and Andrew Romanoff, the former state House speaker now running for a seat in Congress. All three Democrats are locked in competitive elections this fall, but aides to each one said the boss won't be attending the event because of prior commitments." (Mark Matthews and Kurtis Lee, "Colorado's 3 Top Democrats To Miss Obama Event At Cheesman Park," [The Denver Post](#), 7/7/14)

But Behind Closed Doors, Udall Is Happy To Appear Alongside Obama

Udall Will Attend "A Closed-Door Fundraiser" Headlined By President Obama. "Instead, Udall will be on a flight from Washington DC that's scheduled to land in time for the senator to attend a closed-door fundraiser for his re-election campaign, headlined by the president." ("Udall To Skip Obama's Speech In Denver," [KUSA](#), 7/7/14)

- **Udall's Campaign: "We're Happy To Have President Obama."** "'We're happy to have [President Obama,]' Udall campaign spokesman Chris Harris told 9NEWS. 'I think too much has been placed on the minutiae here.'" ("Udall To Skip Obama's Speech In Denver," [KUSA](#), 7/7/14)

FLASHBACK: THERE ONCE WAS A TIME WHEN UDALL AND HICKENLOOPER WEREN'T AFRAID TO CAMPAIGN WITH OBAMA

For Udall, "President Obama" Were "Two Really Sweet Words"

Udall Said In 2012 That Obama Deserved A Second Term. UDALL: "President Obama is of course making the case, over this last nine days, about what he'd do if he is handed a second term and he would build on the successes of the last four years. Now, we strapped the president into an airplane that heading to the ground at mach speed, he's now righted that plane. We've got some lift. We are heading in the right direction. He deserves a second term." ([Fox News Sunday](#), 10/28/12)

- **Udall At A 2012 Obama/Biden Rally: "We've Got To Fight For President Obama Because He'll Fight For Us."** (Sen Mark Udall, [Remarks At Obama/Biden Rally](#), 11/3/12)

Udall Spoke At An October 2008 Obama Rally In Denver And Asked Coloradans To Vote For Him For Senate So He Could Give Obama “A Working Majority In The United States Senate.”

(Andrew Kaczynski, “Democratic Senator Who Campaigned With Obama In 2008 Won’t Say If He Will Again In 2014,” [Buzzfeed](#), 1/29/14)

- **Udall: “Let Me Utter Two Really Sweet Words: ‘President Obama.’”** (Mark Udall, [Remarks At Obama Rally](#), 10/26/08)

At The 2008 Democratic National Convention, Udall Said The Country Was “Ready For Barack Obama.” UDALL: “My dad would be so proud to see a new generation gathered here in Colorado, the heart of the west, ready to lead. Ready to make this country work again. Ready for Barack Obama and Joe Biden.” (Mark Udall, [Remarks At 2008 Democratic National Convention](#), 8/28/08)

Hickenlooper Used To Believe America Was “Lucky” To Have Obama And He Was “The Change We Need”

In 2012, While Speaking At The DNC Convention In Charlotte, Hickenlooper Was Proud To Support Obama’s Re-Election. HICKENLOOPER: “As another skinny Democrat with a funny last name, I was proud to host the convention in Denver that nominated Barack Obama four years ago. I am proud to support his re-election, I ask that you join me—well, we—in moving Colorado and America forward. We need to finish what we started.” (Gov. John Hickenlooper, [Remarks At The 2012 DNC Convention](#), 9/5/12)

- **One Week Before The 2012 DNC Convention, Hickenlooper Praised Obama Saying “We Are Lucky To Have Him As Our President.”** “Last week, Hickenlooper introduced Obama before remarks at Colorado State University saying, “The choice could not be clearer, the consequences could not be bigger. ‘Obama has more emotional depth than anyone I have ever known and we are lucky to have him as our president,” Hickenlooper said.” (Allison Sherry, “Hickenlooper Risks Nonpartisan Image To Nationally Endorse Obama,” [The Denver Post](#), 9/4/12)

In 2008, While Speaking At The DNC Convention In Denver, Hickenlooper Praised Obama Saying That He “Represents The Change We Need.” HICKENLOOPER: “Change has served me well. It has served Denver well over its 150-year history. And change is the only thing that can restart our nation's economy and realign our nation's compass. We simply cannot afford to continue down the same old paths with the same old tired policies and the same old tired politics. Barack Obama represents the change we need--the new ideas and leadership to transform America's challenges into opportunities.” (John Hickenlooper, [Remarks At The 2008 DNC Convention](#), 8/25/08)

AND MARK UDALL MAY BE HOPING COLORADANS FORGET THAT HE IS “CONNECTED AT THE HIP” TO OBAMA

Political Handicapper Larry Sabato: “Udall Is ‘Already Connected At The Hip [To Obama].’” “Udall is ‘already connected at the hip [to Obama]. It’s not going to hurt to connect to Obama in the wallet,’ Sabato said.” (Mark K. Matthews, “Obama Fundraiser For Udall To Attract Cash, Criticism,” [The Denver Post](#), 7/7/14)

Udall Has Been A Rubber Stamp For Obama, Voting With Him 99 Percent Of The Time

Udall Voted With Obama 99 Percent Of The Time In 2013, According To The Non-Partisan Congressional Quarterly. (Presidential Support, [CQ Weekly](#), 7/8/14)

- **Since 2009, Udall Has Voted With Obama An Average Of 97 Percent Of The Time.** (Sen. Mark Udall, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 7/8/14)

Udall Repeated Obama's ObamaCare Lies That The Law Would Lower Costs And People Could Keep Their Plan

Udall (D-CO): ObamaCare "Will Free Americans From The Shackles Of Never-Ending Cost Increases ...The Fact Is ... It Saves Money." UDALL: "This week, I watched as President Obama signed into law the kind of reforms that will free Americans from the shackles of never-ending cost increases, dropped coverage and unfair practices that put profits above the provision of care. ... The fact is, Mr. President, that the historic bill signed by President Obama saves lives, it saves money, and it saves Medicare." (Press Release, Udall: Health Insurance Reform Saves Lives, Saves Money, And Saves Medicare, [Sen. Mark Udall](#), 3/26/10)

- **According To Preliminary Filings, Colorado Residents And Businesses Are Facing Up To A 10 Percent Increase In Health Insurance Premiums.** "Colorado residents and small businesses could face anywhere from a 10 percent increase in their health insurance premiums next year to a 10 percent drop in prices, according to a preliminary study of rate filings issued Monday by the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI)." (Ed Sealover, "Division Of Insurance: Colorado Health Premiums Are Both Increasing And De-Creasing Next Year," [Denver Business Journal](#), 6/23/14)

In September Of 2009, Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO) Promised. "If You Have An Insurance Policy You Like, A Doctor Or Medical Facility That Provides Medical Services To You, You'll Be Able To Keep Your Doctor Or Your Plan." "'If you have an insurance policy you like, a doctor or medical facility that provides medical services to you, you'll be able to keep your doctor or your plan,' Udall told a reporter with Fox21 News in September 2009." (Christina Salvo, "Sen. Mark Udall Talks On Health Care Reform," [Fox 21 News](#), 9/2/09)

- **Nearly 340,000 Coloradans Have Had Their Health Plan Cancelled Due To ObamaCare.** "Another 2,320 Coloradans have had their health insurance policies cancelled in the aftermath of ObamaCare, bringing the total to nearly 340,000, according to figures from the state Division of Insurance." (Valerie Richardson, "Health Insurance Policies Cancelled For Thousands More Coloradans," [The Colorado Observer](#), 6/23/14)

Udall Supports Obama's War On Coal, A War That Would Kill Colorado Jobs

Udall (D-CO) Called Obama's New Rules On Coal A "Good Start." "Sen. Mark Udall was a rare embattled Democrat from an energy-rich state today to praise EPA's proposed greenhouse gas emissions rule for power plants, calling it a 'good start' that can build on Colorado's green efforts." ("Sen. Mark Udall: EPA Rule 'A Good Start,'" [Politico](#), 6/2/14)

- **Udall: Draft Rule "Is A Good Start."** "He said the draft rule 'is a good start, and I will fight to ensure it complements the work we have already done in Colorado and provides states the flexibility they need to make it successful.'" ("Sen. Mark Udall: EPA Rule 'A Good Start,'" [Politico](#), 6/2/14)

The Coal Industry Directly And Indirectly Supports 19,000 Jobs In Colorado. ("Coal In Colorado," [National Mining Association](#), Accessed 5/30/14)

- **Coal Jobs Provide \$1.3 Billion In Wages To Colorado Workers Every Year.** ("Coal In Colorado," [National Mining Association](#), Accessed 5/30/14)

On The Keystone XL Pipeline, Udall Chooses Obama Over His Constituents

Last Month, Udall Voted Against The Keystone XL Pipeline. "Rarely has a dead-end vote caused this much trouble for U.S. Sen. Mark Udall. But on Wednesday the Colorado Democrat was forced, once again, to pick sides in the fight over the Keystone pipeline — an issue that has stalked his re-election campaign for months. A self-proclaimed moderate, Udall has tried to court both environmentalists and the energy

industry as he attempts to win a second term against U.S. Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Yuma.” (Mark K. Matthews, “Mark Udall Votes ‘No’ On Keystone, Says More Time Needed,” [Denver Post](#), 6/18/14)

- **The Denver Post: “So It’s Disappointing To See Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., Once Again Vote Against The Pipeline, As He Did Wednesday In The Senate Energy Committee.”** “So it’s disappointing to see Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., once again vote against the pipeline, as he did Wednesday in the Senate energy committee. Officially, Udall claims to have no position, his spokesman saying he “believes the technical review needs to be seen through to the end.” But nearly everyone recognizes that the delay by the federal government’s side is political, given the number of studies and how long this process has dragged on.” (Editorial, “Mark Udall’s Latest Dodge On Keystone XL Pipeline,” [Denver Post](#), 6/18/14)

66 Percent Of Coloradans Support The Keystone Pipeline, According To A Poll Conducted By Democrat Polling Firm Hickman Analytics. ([Hickman Analytics](#), 400 RV, MoE 4.9%, 2/17-20/14)

OBAMA’S TANKING POLL NUMBERS WILL HURT UDALL AND HICKENLOOPER’S HOPES FOR SECOND TERMS

Obama’s “Poll Numbers Are Underwater.” “But there are pitfalls too — especially when the president’s poll numbers are underwater. That’s the dilemma facing U.S. Sen. Mark Udall when President Barack Obama visits Denver to headline a Wednesday fundraiser for Udall’s re-election campaign.” (Mark K. Matthews, “Obama Fundraiser For Udall To Attract Cash, Criticism,” [The Denver Post](#), 7/7/14)

- **According To Rasmussen Reports, Obama’s Approval Rating “Is Upside- Down: 45 Percent Approved Of Obama’s Job Performance Versus 53 Percent Who Did Not.”** “According to a recent Rasmussen Reports poll, Obama’s approval rating in Colorado is upside-down: 45 percent approved of Obama’s job performance versus 53 percent who did not.” (Mark K. Matthews, “Obama Fundraiser For Udall To Attract Cash, Criticism,” [The Denver Post](#), 7/7/14)

A Recent Quinnipiac University Poll Found That Colorado Voters Disapprove Of How Well Obama’s Doing His Job As President By A 21 Point Margin – 59 Percent Disapproving And 38 Percent Approving. “Colorado voters disapprove 59 - 38 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing. Disapproval is 95 - 5 percent among Republicans and 65 - 32 percent among independent voters, while Democrats approve 83 - 12 percent.” ([Quinnipiac University](#), 1,298 RV, MoE 2.7%, 4/15-21/14)

- **“Voters Disapprove 60 - 37 Percent Of The Way President Obama Is Handling The Economy...”** “Voters disapprove 60 - 37 percent of the way President Obama is handling the economy and disapprove 60 - 36 percent of the way he is handling foreign policy.” ([Quinnipiac University](#), 1,298 RV, MoE 2.7%, 4/15-21/14)