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GENDER	AGE RANGE	PARTY	AREA	CD	COUNTY	PUBLIC SCHOOLS IMAGE	VERBATIM RESPONSE
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	VERY UNFAVORABLE	School quality has not improved despite population (and tax) growth - school rankings are dismally low across the state. A school with good academic performance and high ratings is an exception rather than the norm.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	VERY UNFAVORABLE	The districts are poorly run and too large. Teachers are unhappy because theyre paid so little.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Very poor test scores compared to the rest of the nation.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	VERY UNFAVORABLE	I don't have children in public schools, but I've heard from others that the quality of education has been below their expectations.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SMALL TOWN	02	GRAND	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Children are not being educated in schools, despite increases in funding.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	02	LARIMER	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Standards are low, teachers want too much money to teach and they don't do a good job at that.
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	02	LARIMER	VERY UNFAVORABLE	I believe that public schools are not teaching necessary things, and do not pay their teachers enough. The kids are not learning like they should.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	03	DELTA	VERY UNFAVORABLE	The education standards are too low and most schools focus more on the sports.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	03	MESA	VERY UNFAVORABLE	They are teaching common core which takes the kids backward in there learning not forward. They don't spend enough time on the 3 Rs.
MALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	03	MESA	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Education is not a priority in Colorado.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	03	MESA	VERY UNFAVORABLE	They don't teach stuff you need in life. They teach how to be a whiney snowflake.

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FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	04	BOULDER	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Not sure.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	04	OTERO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Because they are not teaching kids the basic things that they need to succede in life.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	04	OTERO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Teachers have lost control of their classrooms. I am adamantly opposed to the new LGBTQ standards that are being forced down the parents and children's throats. New math makes no sense and now kids need calculators to answer simple problems. They are not taught handwriting so kids papers are not legible. They have no respect for their elders. Parents expect teachers to parent their children and the teachers have no authority to do so.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	04	WELD	VERY UNFAVORABLE	I taught in Colorado. The politics, the high pay for the upper administrations.... IF THEY cared they wouldn't take home so much for themselves. I am extremely against Polis's agenda bringing in transgender people to talk to the kids, homosexuality being pushed down young kids's throats. Making it illegal to tell a child what the Bible says about homosexual.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	04	WELD	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Too much money going to administrators and not enough to the classroom.

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FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	04	WELD	VERY UNFAVORABLE	It isn't teaching out kids what the fundamentals are but all this stuff that has nothing to do with getting them a good education, and that is coming from someone who in the last century worked in the school district for 12 years.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	As a teacher my hands were often tied for discipline I was expected to deal with abhorrent and disruptive student behavior and still get students to perform. We had way too many standards for students to master in year especially when most students didn't have the prerequisite skills to begin with. Some of the standards are ridiculously difficult for kids to master at their age, and there is not enough support to help struggling students. The standards themselves are often debates as far as what they should be leaving especially in social studies and don't match with national standards in science.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	The government is getting too involved at this level and trying to determine how education is run.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Because they don't educate children, don't discipline bad behavior (like drinking alcohol on band trips, bullying, etc.), suicide rate is high...
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Because instead of teaching children the basics they indoctrinate them with all the LGBT propaganda.
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	BIG CITY	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Safety worries me with all the shootings.

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FEMALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	BIG CITY	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	The schools are not about teaching a student. They are more concerned with passing tests and getting good scores. The child is 'taught' based on what is specifically needed for the school to do well. Schools also say they have zero tolerance for bullying, in fact teachers can witness incidents and not do anything at all because they'd rather not get involved. It is sad what public schools have become.
FEMALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Wasteful spending, no free transportation to schools, poor quality of education, corrupt administration system (Superintendents taking money illegally, or giving themselves raises).
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Too much money is being spent on poor education.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Because I used to tutor students that came from the Denver public school system and they have no knowledge.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	06	ARAPAHOE	VERY UNFAVORABLE	It's all about making kids feel good, liberal progressive indoctrination, and promotion of alternative lifestyles. Actual academic education is no longer the priority of educational institutions.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Teachers are all liberals, they want the white wash history.

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FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	06	DOUGLAS	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Not enough funding.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	DOUGLAS	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Government regulations and school administration is big impediment to effective learning
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	VERY UNFAVORABLE	Children are just there, they are not controlled, they dress like slobs.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	VERY UNFAVORABLE	The school administration and teaching staff does not do a good job with the students, they are missing the boat on education and our children. They are too concerned with promoting their political agenda.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA			VERY UNFAVORABLE	Schools are now controlled by standardized testing. Ridiculous.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Pay is not high enough, needs to be more security.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	We are consistently behind in every aspect of education, rank incredibly low in the nation, and refuse to pay our teachers a living wage. Our education is a joke.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Because the teachers have gone on strike due to not being paid enough for what they do and are not being treated fairly.
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	School shooters, nicotine vaping...
FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The schools are segregated and inequitable. Public schools favor wealthy white kids and take away supports and funds from other schools with higher needs.

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MALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Admin seems to be pushing an agenda that in my opinion is not helping students learn but making themselves look good.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The teachers want more pay then they deserve for the type of student they are passing the grade. Teachers need to do more to assist the parents in raising respectful citizens rather than just going to school and read textbooks
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Bad teachers.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	01	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Way too much administration--leave it up to the schools.
FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	02	BOULDER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The schools are woefully underfunded. The school day and school year are too short. Class sizes are too large. Schools rely too much on paraeducators, interns and substitutes, many of whom don't have college degrees. There aren't enough co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The schools themselves are crumbling.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	02	BOULDER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Education doesn't seem to be that important. It's more important for sports, the getting out of school due to making a statement or some sort of "scare."
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	02	BOULDER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too much money is wasted, spent on teachers with addenda's and students are not learning.

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FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	02	LARIMER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I do not feel the kids today are learning enough. They are focused on feelings rather than schooling. They also have way to many days off.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	02	LARIMER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too much given to minority and other students for free and too many tax increases to me as tax payer.the education standards are dropping and no one seems to care.
FEMALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	02	SUMMIT	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They are very poorly funded.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	RURAL AREA	03	ALAMOSA	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	We don't pay our teachers enough and we expect them to buy everything for the classroom. Public schools don't have a high enough opinion of children to teach them things that will actually matter in real life. They are focused too much on test scores and not enough on the fact that some children learn differently.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SMALL TOWN	03	ARCHULETA	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Teacher shortage and low pay effects the students daily.
FEMALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	SMALL TOWN	03	CUSTER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I learned that our teachers are paid very low salaries. The cost of living is high so their pay should be higher. Here in Custer County teachers can't even afford local housing.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SMALL TOWN	03	GARFIELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The state standards don't prepare kids for the real world
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	03	GARFIELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I think teachers aren't paid enough and the wrong focus is being put on education. WAY too much testing.

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							Our state has one of the best, if not the best, economy in the nation. Yet Colorado public schools rank somewhere in the middle when it comes to standardized test scores. This ends up being part of the reason why Colorado now has more residents born outside of our state than native-born Coloradans, screwing real Coloradans out of the good jobs. Employers would rather bring in migrants from other states than hire people born and raised here. Perhaps there's a connection between the quality of education in Colorado and the competitiveness of native-born Colorado workers?
MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	03	GARFIELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	03	GARFIELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Level of education is poor.
							I have a child in public school in Colorado and the teachers lack the supplies necessary to properly teach. Some of the teaching staff doesn't care anymore because they are overworked. Also, students have SOOOOO many days off and our district can't even afford 5 full days of school a week.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	RURAL AREA	03	MESA	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	03	MESA	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	We don't pay our teachers enough and we keep taking programs away from kids who just want to learn

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FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	03	MONTEZUMA	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I think that we have low pay which decreases the quality of teacher/education that the students receive. It also seems as though teachers/admin. aren't allowed to discipline students well enough to keep them from distracting the other students in the classroom, the troublemakers get the attention.
MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	03	MONTEZUMA	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	No comment.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	03	MONTEZUMA	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Here in Cortez, Colorado the school district lied to the public about the cost of the new high school and the demolition of the old school.
FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	03	PUEBLO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The lack of funding is so low, students are not learning to their needs, it seems to only be about passing standardized test. Teacher pay is low, administrative pay is high.
MALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	03	PUEBLO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	More education less school activities.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	03	PUEBLO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Alasyn Zimmerman
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	03	PUEBLO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They don't teach anything anymore
MALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	03	PUEBLO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	One time a teacher decided that my child didn't have a broken hand, so she decided to ostrisize her until she left that school.

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FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SMALL TOWN	04	ELBERT	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	My son is currently in first grade and there is a strong family history of dyslexia. My concerns were dismissed in kindergarten and most of first grade until I wrote a letter requesting testing. The testing process with the school has been horrible. They pull my son out of class when they are doing fun things or snack time, they do not communicate well with me at all. I have had to request testing results numerous times before they would agree and I will only be receiving them a few days before the meeting. First grade itself is awful. My son literally cries and complains of a stomach ache every single day this year. He is 7 years old and he hates school. That is unacceptable! They did timed math tests which studies show are ridiculous and each kid gets an ice cream topping depending on how many times math sheets they get correct. That is complete bs! Of course my son was crying and upset because he only gets 2 toppings while others in his class get 8. What a way to shame kids that have learning difficulties! These are just a few examples. I have plenty more on why Colorado schools are awful.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	04	ELBERT	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They are more concerned about not hurting someone's feelings.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SMALL TOWN	04	OTERO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Our kids are no longer taught to learn everything is learning by google no real experience.

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FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	04	PROWERS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	It depends on the school so are good some are bad the ones around me if you are not college bound they want you out.
FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too liberal especially if more than two genders will be taught, not enough security.
FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SMALL TOWN	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too much focus is on the state testing vs in class room education. They teach the bare minimum to get by and are teaching our kids to be little sissies.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	What a mess!
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	There's too much liberal, progressive indoctrination in the schools.
MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	BIG CITY	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They teach a lot of useless things when they could focus on problem solving skills over brain washing kids to be robots
FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The standards of Colorado schools have fallen from when I attended. Too little money is expended, teachers are not supported in the classroom or financially. We no longer strive for excellence.
FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Teachers tend to be more for themselves than for the students.....true of parents also.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	04	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Teacher are not to qualify to teach and they are care more about there pay check than teaching student.
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	All public schools in the US suck.
MALE	65+	OTHER	BIG CITY	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The schools are more interested in disseminating "political correctness" than actual education!!!!

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FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I do not think that children are given enough tools to succeed.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The education system is broken in this country.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The teachers are rude and push test standards.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They only teach toward standardized testing to get more money and not to teach the children
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	My kids all where home schooled through sixth grade then went to Charter School. The liberal agenda in the public schools is offensive to me and un-American.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They don't teach to a standard. All they do is prepare kids for standardized tests.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The emphasis is on graduation, but the graduates can't function in the real world.
MALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	It seems to me like education is so politicized these days. Things that matter to me, like faith, feel unwelcome. Also, any views that aren't held by liberal America seem to be attacked. Maybe, I'm wrong?
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Saw a national survey and was not pleased with our standing, yet per student we spend big bucks.

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FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	RURAL AREA	05	EL PASO	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	My grandchildren go to public schools and their education is lacking.
FEMALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	RURAL AREA	05	FREMONT	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	In my community, I don't believe education is considered essential to a productive future.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	05	FREMONT	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Teacher-student ratio is horrible. Too many crimes being made.
FEMALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	RURAL AREA	05	PARK	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	It is the county that I live in.
FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	RURAL AREA	05	TELLER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The ones around me aren't that well rated for education.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	06	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Class sizes to large, staff not equipped and or well trained and academics taking priority over social emotional learning.
FEMALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Lowest per child spending. Shortest school year crappy standardized test.
MALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Not much to say here.
MALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Schools are not safe and standards are low for education learning.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Some schools district has very unprofessional staff.

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FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I think academic standards are low and quality of teachers is poor. I think if teachers were paid better, we would have a better chance of getting higher quality teachers. Class sizes are too high and parents are not involved enough in their children's schools.
MALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Colorado public schools are not interested in teaching kids in K-12 grades, but are more focused on ensuring they become good liberals and socialists. Schools in Colorado ignore drug problems that are impacting all students from those just getting by to those in advanced placement classes. There is a huge problem among Colorado students with the use and abuse of edible THC products that is being ignored by school administrations at the local, county, and state levels. Ignoring the problem promotes the liberal agenda and is only tearing down the potential of thousands of students.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I don't think they teach the basics. There are too many dropouts
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	My concern relates to the increasing costs and diminished results over many years. The cost of administrative services is ridiculously high and it seems that teachers are more interested in revising history than teaching it. Pathetic.
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Needs more safety measures.
MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	06	ARAPAHOE	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They don't get enough money to operate.

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FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	06	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	It seems that we are belittling the power of education by allowing our kids to be mediocre. I loved going to public school. However, I'm not thrilled to know that a child is put into a ESL class when they're native language is English because they don't have any other English classes. That's breeding boredom and attention disorders.
MALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY	06	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I did not have a great education growing up in Pueblo.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	DENVER	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too many teachers putting in their time without really investing their hearts
FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	DOUGLAS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Kids don't learn as well as they would homeschooled. Bad influences everywhere. I didn't learn anything when i went to public school as a kid, but I learned a ton homeschooled.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	06	DOUGLAS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Students come out with low skills and last teacher strike was disgusting.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	06	DOUGLAS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Spend too much time and money on courses that are not needed and won't help in students future.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	06	DOUGLAS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too much money goes to administration, the liberal teachers' union inhibits teacher evaluation, and too many teachers inject their liberal biases into the classroom.

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FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	06	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Looking at the kids that graduate they have no idea how to do basic things like balance a checkbook, pay bills, Cook, know what compound interest is and what it means to pay it, drive or know how govt works. Very disappointing.
FEMALE	55-64	REPUBLICAN	RURAL AREA	06	WELD	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Rather than the same standards for all - a positive learning environment for all children. Foster a success for all students.
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	First they took out all programs that use to teach students and actually get them certified in a field like welding, carpentry, plumbing, etc. I also disagree with how much has been removed from the course outlines. For example, removing cursive writing from the curriculum. How are children supposed to be able to sign a contract, a lease for an apartment, sign for a credit card statement or sign a check?
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They aren't teaching our kid good enough
FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Speaking to Westminster Public schools I feel that they are not teaching the students at the level they should be. Compared to other students in different districts my 11 year old has not even done a book report and her homework is something she received in 2nd grade.
FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Teachers in general do not get paid enough but in Colorado the cost of living is so high. Teachers can't make enough to pay rent.

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MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Most of them are run down, too crowded, and full of subpar teachers.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The graduates have no real education. It's an institution more than a school.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Seems like the educational standards are being lowered.
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Most of them just have teachers that don't really care and don't really try. Wastes of space that teach nothing.
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Teaching is subpar and does not focus on the well-being of the kids.
MALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Both of my boys are in schools and they get good grades but they complain that kids are always messing around and rude in class but they teachers do nothing or have no power to discipline. It is very frustrating. Some teachers even walk out of class.
FEMALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	No values, no individualized learning.
FEMALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	They don't give enough funding to schools and teachers and they aren't doing a very good job
FEMALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The education currently is not up to par with the education standards of 20 to 30 years ago. Kids are learning less reading ,writing and mathmatics. Less real life skills and more of how to manipulate technology. Also most public schools are liberal and indoctrinating my child to accept PC bs. Took the pledge of allegiance out along with god and there is no discipline only awards for mediocrity.

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FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Curriculum needs to be better/ Stop paying principals & superintendents so much pay office staff better.
FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	ADAMS	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Kids aren't learning anything.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too many admins not enough quality teachers
FEMALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Because the jerks who vote don't want to increase taxes to put towards schools. They want something for nothing.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I feel that Colorado has focused upon politics way too much in regards to education. I believe that charter schools are almost the only ones thriving.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Safety, bullying ignored, children's individual needs ignored, under paid & under motivated teachers.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I feel there is a lack of focus on student priorities and good teaching. It's too hard to fire bad teachers or even put them on probation to get additional training. Too much focus on teaching to the test and not enough on teaching kids to learn.
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Because I grew up here
FEMALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Teachers are barely paid a living wage which has eroded the quality of teaching staff. Schools are underfunded and students are over tested. We need to pay teachers and let them teach.
MALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS	07	JEFFERSON	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Too easy.

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MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Funding is not evenly spread out enough and many classrooms must deal with out dated academic material. Additionally, I do not believe there is enough disciplinary acrion taken against students who discriminate against others in the classroom.
MALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	SUBURBS			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	We could do worse (I mean, we're not Mississippi or Alabama or anything like that), but we could do better (we're not, say, Sweden either). While I know relatively little about education policy compared to many other issues, I know that nationwide, we have huge problems with school segregation (due to residency-based schools funded by property taxes) and a huge swath of perverse incentives (because America as a whole tends to treat vital societal infrastructure as vehicles for corporate welfare) and no state is exempt.
FEMALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	SMALL TOWN			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	The schools on average have less days and they are underfunded.
MALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	BIG CITY			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I feel that the education in this day is unfavorable because of lowered standards.
FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	I generally have an unfavorable view of public schools. I think the classroom size prevents students from getting the attention they need.
FEMALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	BIG CITY			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	It not just Colorado, it is all the public school systems they are trying to dumb down are kids.
MALE	18-34	REPUBLICAN	SUBURBS			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Quality of education seems low.

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FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	SUBURBS			SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	Some schools do not have resources for learning materials (books) or extracurricular supplies (sports uniforms). Violence is high in many school districts.