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## WAVE 1

Pre-election wave

Data collected between 28th of June and 1st of July, 2016
Federal election was held on 2nd of July, 2016

Q1 Dear Respondent  You are invited to participate in a survey about voting in the 2016 Australian Federal Election. This survey is mainly about your opinions. There are no right or wrong answers. Your participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any point.  The research is carried out by the Electoral Integrity Project at Harvard and Sydney Universities. We do not have access to any of your personal information beyond what is asked in the survey.  Completing the questionnaire should take around 15 minutes.
Thank you!
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Q2 Are you an Australian citizen?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Answer If Are you an Australian citizen? No Is Selected

Q3 Are you a British citizen who has been a permanent resident since 1984 and thus eligible to vote?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q4 Are you at 18 years of age or older?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q5 On Saturday, voters will go to the polls for the 2016 federal election. Control of the both the House and the Senate is at stake.  The latest opinion polls show there is growing support for the Liberal/National coalition.  Which party do you think will win the 2016 federal election?
- ❍ Liberal/National coalition (1)
- ❍ Labor (2)
- ❍ It is too close to tell (3)
- ❍ No party is likely to receive a majority in the House of Representatives, which would result in a hung parliament (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q6 On Saturday, voters will go to the polls for the 2016 federal election. Control of the both the House and the Senate is at stake.  The latest opinion polls show there is growing support for the Labor Party.  Which party do you think will win the 2016 federal election?
- ❍ Liberal/National coalition (1)
- ❍ Labor (2)
- ❍ It is too close to tell (3)
- ❍ No party is likely to receive a majority in the House of Representatives, which would result in a hung parliament (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q7 On Saturday, voters will go to the polls for the 2016 federal election. Control of the both the House and the Senate is at stake. The latest opinion polls show that the election is too close to call. Which party do you think will win the 2016 federal election?

- Liberal/National coalition (1)
- Labor (2)
- It is too close to tell (3)
- No party is likely to receive a majority in the House of Representatives, which would result in a hung parliament (4)
- Don't know (88)

Q8 On Saturday, voters will go to the polls for the 2016 federal election. Control of the both the House and the Senate is at stake. Which party do you think will win the 2016 federal election?

- Liberal/National coalition (1)
- Labor (2)
- It is too close to tell (3)
- No party is likely to receive a majority in the House of Representatives, which would result in a hung parliament (4)
- Don't know (88)

Q9 How much do you care who will win the 2016 federal election?

- A great deal (4)
- A lot (3)
- A moderate amount (2)
- A little (1)
- None at all (0)
- Don't know (88)

Q10 Generally speaking, how much interest do you usually have in what is going on in politics?

- Very interested (3)
- Somewhat interested (2)
- Not very interested (1)
- Not at all interested (0)
- Don't know (88)

Q11 Some people feel that it is important to obey the rules and always swim between the red and yellow flags at the beach when lifesavers are present. Others feel that they should be free to do whatever they like. How often do you think these rules should be obeyed?

- Always (4)
- Usually (3)
- Sometimes (2)
- Rarely (1)
- Never (0)
- Don't know (88)

Q12 Our society should do whatever is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed.Do you agree or disagree?

- ❍ Agree strongly (4)
- ❍ Agree somewhat (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Disagree somewhat (1)
- ❍ Disagree strongly (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q13 For you personally, voting is first and foremost a:

- ❍ Duty (1)
- ❍ Choice (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If For your personally, voting is FIRST AND FOREMOST a: Duty Is Selected

Q14 How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty?

- ❍ Very strongly (3)
- ❍ Somewhat strongly (2)
- ❍ Not very strongly (1)
- ❍ Not at all strongly (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If For you personally, voting is first and foremost a: Choice Is Selected

Q15 How strongly do you feel that voting is a choice?

- ❍ Very strongly (3)
- ❍ Somewhat strongly (2)
- ❍ Not very strongly (1)
- ❍ Not at all strongly (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q30 Did you vote in the 2013 federal election?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Did you vote in the 2013 federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q31 Which party did you give your first preference to in the House of Representatives for the 2013 federal election?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Do not recall (77)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (88) _____

Q16 Some people think voting should be voluntary while others think voting should be compulsory. What do you think?

- ❍ Voting should be compulsory (1)
- ❍ Voting should be voluntary (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q17 Many people think voting should be voluntary while only a few think voting should be compulsory. What do you think?

- ❍ Voting should be compulsory (1)
- ❍ Voting should be voluntary (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q18 Many people within the Liberal Party think voting should be voluntary while those within the Labor Party think voting should be compulsory. What do you think?

- ❍ Voting should be compulsory (1)
- ❍ Voting should be voluntary (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q19 What is the fine for not voting if you are not able to provide a valid and sufficient reason?

- ❍ $10 (1)
- ❍ $20 (2)
- ❍ $50 (3)
- ❍ $100 (4)
- ❍ More than $100 (5)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q20 What do you think the fine should be for not voting?

- ❍ There should be no fine (1)
- ❍ $10 (2)
- ❍ $20 (3)
- ❍ $50 (4)
- ❍ $100 (5)
- ❍ More than $100 (6)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q21 On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Australia?

- ❍ Very satisfied (4)
- ❍ Somewhat satisfied (3)
- ❍ Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied (2)
- ❍ Somewhat unsatisfied (1)
- ❍ Very unsatisfied (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q22 In general, do you think that federal elections in Australia are conducted fairly?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q23 Democracy only works properly when most people vote. Do you agree or disagree?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree or disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q24 How often does politics seem so complicated that you can't really understand what's going on?

- ❍ Always (4)
- ❍ Most of the time (3)
- ❍ About half the time (2)
- ❍ Sometimes (1)
- ❍ Never (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q25 How much confidence do you have in the Australian Electoral Commission in its ability to conduct an election?

- ❍ A great deal of confidence (3)
- ❍ Some confidence (2)
- ❍ Not much confidence (1)
- ❍ No confidence at all (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q26 On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, what do you think of the following political parties?

_____ Liberal (1)
_____ Labor (ALP) (2)
_____ National Party (3)
_____ Greens (4)

Q27 On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means no confidence and 10 means a great deal of confidence, what do you think of the following?

_____ Australian Parliament (1)
_____ High Court of Australia (2)
_____ Australian Electoral Commission (3)
_____ Political Parties (5)
_____ Politicians (13)
_____ Public Servants (14)
_____ Poll workers (15)
_____ Media (16)

Check Most modern theories of decision-making recognise the fact that decisions do not take place in a vacuum. Individual preferences, knowledge, and situational factors impacts the decision process. We are interested in whether you actually take the time to read the directions. To demonstrate that you have read the instructions, please answer "other" to the question below and type in "I read it." Thanks. What type of electoral activities did you participate in (check all that apply)?

- ❑ Attended meeting or rally (1)
- ❑ Signed a petition (2)
- ❑ Gave money to candidate or party (3)
- ❑ Put a yard sign on my lawn (4)
- ❑ Other (5) _____

Q28 Are you enrolled to vote?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Are you enroled to vote? Yes Is Selected

Q29 When did you enrol to vote?

- ❍ Before the last federal election in 2013 (1)
- ❍ After the 2013 federal election but before this election was called on 8 May, 2016 (2)
- ❍ After this election was called on 8 May, 2016 (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q32 Have you heard anything about the change in the voting rules for the Senate?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q33 Which of the following comes closest to your understanding of how to vote under the new rules for the Senate?

- ❍ If voting "above the line", a voter must now rank all preferences (1)
- ❍ If voting "above the line", a voter must rank at least six preferences (2)
- ❍ If voting "above the line", a voter can rank any number of preferences (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q34 Previously, voters could only number a single party box "above the line" or complete all the boxes "below the line". Now voters can rank their preferences. What do you think of this change?

- ❍ Voters should have control over their preferences even if means it may be a bit more complicated and takes longer to vote (1)
- ❍ Parties should have control over the distribution of other preferences (i.e., 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) which makes it easier for voters (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q35 Do you happen to know which party holds the House seat where you reside?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (88) _____
- ❍ Don't know (99)

Q36 When did you decide how you would vote in this election?

- ❍ A long time ago (1)
- ❍ A few months ago, before election day was announced (2)
- ❍ About the time the election was announced, on 8 May (3)
- ❍ In the first few weeks of the campaign (4)
- ❍ A few days ago (5)
- ❍ Still undecided (9)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q37 Have you already voted?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Answer If Have you already cast an early vote? Yes Is Selected

Q38 How did you cast your ballot?

- ❍ In person (1)
- ❍ By post (2)

Answer If Have you already cast an early vote? Yes Is Selected

Q39 When did you vote?

- ❍ More than two weeks ago (5)
- ❍ 11-14 days ago (4)
- ❍ 7-10 days ago (3)
- ❍ 3-6 days ago (2)
- ❍ 1-2 days ago (1)
- ❍ Today (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Have you already voted? Yes Is Selected

Q40 How well did you understand the new instructions on how to vote for Senate?

- ❍ Very well (3)
- ❍ Somewhat well (2)
- ❍ A little (1)
- ❍ Not at all (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Have you already voted? Yes Is Selected

Q41 Did you vote "above" or "below" the line for Senate?

- ❍ "Above the line" (1)
- ❍ "Below the line" (2)
- ❍ Did not vote (77)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Have you already voted? Yes Is Selected And Did you vote "above" or "below" the line for Senate? "Above the line" Is Selected

Q42 Which party did you give your first preference to in the Senate?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Did not vote (77)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (88) _____

Answer If Have you already voted? Yes Is Selected And Did you vote "above" or "below" the line for Senate? "Below the line" Is Selected

Q43 Which party's candidate did you give your first preference to in the Senate?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Did not vote (77)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (88) _____

Answer If Have you already voted? Yes Is Selected

Q44 How many boxes did you number on the Senate ballot (white ballot)?

- ❍ None (0)
- ❍ 1 (1)
- ❍ 2 (2)
- ❍ 3 (3)
- ❍ 4 (4)
- ❍ 5 (5)
- ❍ 6 (6)
- ❍ 7 (7)
- ❍ 8 (8)
- ❍ 9 (9)
- ❍ 10 (10)
- ❍ 11 (11)
- ❍ 12 (12)
- ❍ 13 or more (13)

Answer If Have you already cast an early vote? Yes Is Selected

Q45 Which party did you give your first preference to in the House of Representatives?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Did not vote (77)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (88) _____

Answer If Have you already cast an early vote? No Is Selected

Q46 On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means not at all likely and 10 means absolutely certain, what is your likelihood of voting in this federal election?

_____ Chance of voting (1)

Answer If Have you already cast an early vote? No Is Selected

Q47 For the election for the House of Representatives which one of the following parties would you vote for?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Other (77)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q48 Parties and candidates sometimes engage in negative campaigning. This happens when parties and candidates attack their opponents' programs, ideas, accomplishments, character and so on. Thinking about this federal election, how would you rate the tone of each of the following parties' campaign?

_____ Liberal (1)

_____ National (4)

_____ Labor (ALP) (2)

_____ Greens (3)

Q116 The 2016 federal election will be the first double dissolution since 1987. This means that every seat in both the House and the Senate will be contested. Normally just half the Senate seats are contested in a single election. Do you think this is a good or bad idea?

- ❍ Excellent idea (1)
- ❍ Good idea (2)
- ❍ Bad idea (3)
- ❍ Terrible idea (4)
- ❍ Unsure (5)

Q118 Approximately, how many surveys do you complete online per month?

- ❍ 0 (4)
- ❍ 1 (5)
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- ❍ 4 (8)
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- ❍ 150 (154)
- ❍ More than 150 (155)

Answer If Approximately, how many surveys do you complete online per month? <o:p></o:p> 0 Is Not Selected

Q119 How many of these surveys focus on politics?

- ❍ None (1)
- ❍ At least a quarter (2)
- ❍ About half (3)
- ❍ Three quarters (4)
- ❍ All of them (5)

Q49 What is your highest level of education?

- ❍ No formal education (1)
- ❍ Primary school (2)
- ❍ Secondary school (3)
- ❍ Technical college (TAFE) (4)
- ❍ University degree (5)
- ❍ Postgraduate degree (6)

Q50 In what year were you born?

- ❍ 1910 (4)
- ❍ 1911 (5)
- ❍ 1912 (6)
- ❍ 1913 (7)
- ❍ 1914 (8)
- ❍ 1915 (9)
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- 2005 (99)

Q51 What is your gender?
- ❍ Female (1)
- ❍ Male (0)

Q52 Please enter your postcode

Q53 Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q121 Were you born in Australia?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Answer If Were you born in Australia? No Is Selected

Q122 Where were you born?
- ❍ Western Europe (1)
- ❍ Eastern Europe (2)
- ❍ North America (3)
- ❍ South America (4)
- ❍ Africa (5)
- ❍ Middle East (6)
- ❍ Indian subcontinent (7)
- ❍ Asia (8)
- ❍ Oceania (9)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (88) _____

Q54 Is any language other than English spoken in your household?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Answer If Is any language other than English spoken in your household? Yes Is Selected

Q55 What other languages are spoken?
- ❍ Aboriginal (1)
- ❍ Arabic (2)
- ❍ Assyrian (3)
- ❍ Bosnian (4)
- ❍ Cantonese (5)
- ❍ Creole (6)
- ❍ Croatian (7)
- ❍ Dinka (8)
- ❍ Dutch (9)
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- ❍ Mandarin (31)
- ❍ Maltese (32)
- ❍ Persian (33)

Q56 Thank you very much for taking part in this survey – your help is appreciated.

## WAVE 2

First Post-election wave

Data collected between 4th of July and 19th of July, 2016
Federal election was held on 2nd of July, 2016

Q1 Dear Respondent Thank you for completing our survey about the 2016 Australian Federal Election last week. Now that the election is over we would like to hear from you once again. Your participation is important to our study and is greatly appreciated. This survey, as you may recall, is mainly about your opinions. There are no right or wrong answers. Your participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any point. The research is carried out by the Electoral Integrity Project at Sydney and Harvard Universities. We do not have access to any of your personal information beyond what is asked in the survey. Completing the questionnaire should take around 20 minutes.
Thank you!
Prof. Pippa Norris (Harvard and Sydney Universities)
Prof. Jeffrey Karp (Exeter University)
Dr. Alessandro Nai (Sydney University)

Q2 On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Australia?
- ❍ Very satisfied (4)
- ❍ Somewhat satisfied (3)
- ❍ Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied (2)
- ❍ Somewhat unsatisfied (1)
- ❍ Very unsatisfied (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q3 Generally speaking, how much interest do you usually have in what is going on in politics?
- ❍ Very interested (3)
- ❍ Somewhat interested (2)
- ❍ Not very interested (1)
- ❍ Not at all interested (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q4 In general, do you think that federal elections in Australia are conducted fairly?
- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q5 The 2016 federal election was the first double dissolution since 1987. This means that every seat in both the House and the Senate was contested. Normally just half the Senate seats are contested in a single election. Do you think this is a good or bad idea?
- ❍ Excellent idea (3)
- ❍ Good idea (2)
- ❍ Bad idea (1)
- ❍ Terrible idea (0)
- ❍ Unsure (88)

Q6 Some people think voting should be voluntary while others think voting should be compulsory. What do you think?

- ❍ Voting should be compulsory (1)
- ❍ Voting should be voluntary (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q7 The result of the 2016 Federal election will not be known for weeks. In your view is this

- ❍ Completely unacceptable (0)
- ❍ Somewhat unacceptable (1)
- ❍ Neither unacceptable nor acceptable (2)
- ❍ Somewhat acceptable (3)
- ❍ Completely acceptable (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q8 The results of the 2016 Federal election will not be known for weeks because of the time it takes to count the ballots. In your view, is this

- ❍ Completely unacceptable (0)
- ❍ Somewhat unacceptable (1)
- ❍ Neither unacceptable nor acceptable (2)
- ❍ Somewhat acceptable (3)
- ❍ Completely acceptable (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q9 The result of the 2016 Federal election will not be known for weeks because many people voted by post and the Electoral Commission must allow time for the postal ballots to be returned. In your view is this

- ❍ Completely unacceptable (0)
- ❍ Somewhat unacceptable (1)
- ❍ Neither unacceptable nor acceptable (2)
- ❍ Somewhat acceptable (3)
- ❍ Completely acceptable (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q10 On an average week, how much of your time watching television is spent watching news or programmes about politics and current affairs?

- ❍ No time at all (1)
- ❍ About 1 hour (2)
- ❍ Between 1-2 hours (3)
- ❍ Between 3-4 hours (4)
- ❍ Between 4-5 hours (5)
- ❍ More than 5 hours (6)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q11 In a political ad that appeared on television during the election campaign, a politician was accused of being "seriously out of touch". Do you happen to recall who that politician was?

- ❍ Malcolm Turnbull (1)
- ❍ Bill Shorten (2)
- ❍ Nick Xenophon (3)
- ❍ Tony Abbott (4)
- ❍ Richard Di Natale (5)
- ❍ Barnaby Joyce (6)
- ❍ Scott Morrison (7)
- ❍ Jacqui Lambie (8)
- ❍ Clive Palmer (9)
- ❍ Pauline Hanson (10)

Q12 In the days before the election, a politician was accused of running a "MediScare" campaign. Do you happen to recall who that politician was?

- ❍ Malcolm Turnbull (1)
- ❍ Bill Shorten (2)
- ❍ Nick Xenophon (3)
- ❍ Tony Abbott (4)
- ❍ Richard Di Natale (5)
- ❍ Barnaby Joyce (6)
- ❍ Scott Morrison (7)
- ❍ Jacqui Lambie (8)
- ❍ Clive Palmer (9)
- ❍ Pauline Hanson (10)

Q13 During the campaign, did anyone from the following political parties or other organisations contact you in any way about how you would vote? (Select all that apply)

| | In person, at your house or on the street? (1) | By letter or pamphlet? (2) | By telephone to your landline or mobile? (3) | By email or text message? (4) | Via a social network or website? (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liberal party (1) | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ |
| Labor (ALP) (2) | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ |
| Green (3) | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ |
| Another party (4) | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ |
| Independent candidate (5) | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ |

Q14 Some people believe that members of parliament should reflect diversity such as the racial, ethnic and gender composition of Australian society. Others believe that achieving diversity is not as important as policy achievements. How important is it to you that parliament reflects diversity over policy achievements?

_____ Importance (1)

Q15 Looking at the types of people who are MPs, do you think that there should be more, fewer, or about the same number as now who are:

| | Fewer (1) | About the same (2) | More (3) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Women (1) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Aboriginals (2) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Pacific Islanders (3) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Asians (4) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| People with business experience (5) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Ordinary working people (6) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |

Q16 How much confidence do you have in the Australian Electoral Commission's ability to conduct an election?

- ❍ A great deal of confidence (3)
- ❍ Some confidence (2)
- ❍ Not much confidence (1)
- ❍ No confidence at all (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q17 Should the Australian Electoral Commission be able to use data from other government agencies to update the electoral roll?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q18 Who should be responsible for maintaining the accuracy of your enrollment details?

- ❍ It is primarily a personal responsibility (1)
- ❍ It is primarily the government's responsibility (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q19 Have you changed address in the last three years?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Answer If Have you moved in the last three years? Yes Is Selected

Q20 How long after your move did you report your change of address to the Electoral Commission?

- ❍ Did not update (1)
- ❍ Within a month (2)
- ❍ 1-3 months (3)
- ❍ 3-6 months (4)
- ❍ 6-12 months (5)
- ❍ More than a year (6)
- ❍ The Electoral Commission updated my details for me (9)
- ❍ Do not recall (88)

Q21 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ Labor (2)
- ❍ National (3)
- ❍ Green (4)
- ❍ Other party (5) _____
- ❍ No party (6)

Answer If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what? Liberal Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what? Labor Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what? National Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what? Green Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what? Other party Is Selected

Q22 Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, or not very strong supporter of that party?

- ❍ Very strong supporter (1)
- ❍ Fairly strong supporter (2)
- ❍ Not very strong supporter (3)

Q23 Would you be able to provide evidence of identity if you were asked to do so when you vote?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q24 Do you think that voters should provide evidence of identity when voting?

- ❍ Definitely yes (3)
- ❍ Probably yes (2)
- ❍ Probably not (1)
- ❍ Definitely not (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q25 In politics, people sometimes talk about the "left" and the "right". Where would you place the following parties and yourself on this scale?

_____ Liberal (1)
_____ Labor (ALP) (2)
_____ National Party (3)
_____ Greens (4)
_____ One Nation (5)
_____ Yourself (6)

Q26 Imagine that a party receives 15 per cent of the votes in an election. Regardless of whether you liked that party or not, do you think that party should get:

- ❍ About 15 percent of the seats in parliament (1)
- ❍ Less than 15 percent of the seats in parliament (2)
- ❍ No seats at all (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q27 Some people believe that election campaigns should be funded with public money so that politicians cannot be bought. Do you agree or disagree?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q28 Would you say that in the Senate prior to the 2016 election, there were...

- ❍ Too many political parties (1)
- ❍ About the right number of political parties (2)
- ❍ Not enough political parties (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q29 Would you say that in the Senate, prior to the 2016 election, there were...

- ❍ Too many independents (1)
- ❍ About the right number of independents (2)
- ❍ Not enough independents (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q30 Should the Prime Minister be directly elected by the country as a whole?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q31 If you have to choose, which of the following is more important to you?

- ❍ One party has more than half the seats in Parliament, so it can easily govern on its own (1)
- ❍ Parties have about the same percentage of seats as their percentage of the party vote (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q32 Sometimes one or more parties can govern with less than half the seats in Parliament as a 'minority government'. In general, do you think that it is –

- ❍ Good that a government has more than half the seats in Parliament (1)
- ❍ Not so good that a government has more than half the seats (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q33 In the case of a hung parliament, where neither the Liberal/National coalition or Labor has won a majority of seats, who should form the government?

- ❍ The party that wins the most seats in the House of Representatives (1)
- ❍ The party that wins the most seats in both the House of Representatives and the Senate (2)
- ❍ The party that the most support from independents (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q34 How often do you use the Internet to do your banking or to buy or sell something online?

- ❍ Once a week or more (3)
- ❍ 1–3 times a month (2)
- ❍ Less than once a month (1)
- ❍ Never (0)

Q35 What do you think of the following people?

_____ Malcolm Turnbull (1)
_____ Bill Shorten (2)
_____ Pauline Hanson (3)
_____ Tony Abbott (4)
_____ Julia Gillard (5)
_____ Donald Trump (6)
_____ Hillary Clinton (7)

Q36 Australia has had five Prime Ministers in the last six years. Do you think this is

- ❍ Excellent (4)
- ❍ Good (3)
- ❍ Neither good nor bad (2)
- ❍ Bad (1)
- ❍ Terrible (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q37 Voter identification laws are necessary to prevent electoral fraud, even if means that some eligible voters will be unable to vote. Do you agree or disagree?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q38 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| | Strongly disagree (0) | Somewhat disagree (1) | Neither agree nor disagree (2) | Somewhat agree (3) | Strongly agree (4) | Don't know (88) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Politicians and public servants care a lot about what people like me think (1) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| The Australian government is largely run by a few big interests (2) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Most Members of Parliament are out of touch with the rest of the country (3) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |

Q39 Overall, how often do you think electoral fraud occurs in Australia?

- ❍ Never (0)
- ❍ Infrequent (1)
- ❍ Occasionally (2)
- ❍ Usually (3)
- ❍ Always (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q40 When thinking of this federal election, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| | Strongly agree (4) | Somewhat agree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (2) | Somewhat disagree (1) | Strongly disagree (0) | Don't know (88) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Electoral laws were unfair to smaller parties (1) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Information about voting procedures was widely available (2) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Ethnic and national minorities had equal opportunities to run for office (3) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| TV news favored the governing party (4) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Journalists provided fair coverage of the elections (5) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Rich people buy elections (6) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |

Q41 How likely do you think fraud affects electoral outcomes in Australia?

- ❍ Extremely likely (4)
- ❍ Somewhat likely (3)
- ❍ Neither likely nor unlikely (2)
- ❍ Somewhat unlikely (1)
- ❍ Extremely unlikely (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q42 Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q43 Did you vote in the federal election?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q44 What do you think the fine should be for not voting?

- ❍ There should be no fine (1)
- ❍ $10 (2)
- ❍ $20 (3)
- ❍ $50 (4)
- ❍ $100 (5)
- ❍ More than $100 (6)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected Or Many people did not manage to vote in the 2016 federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected

Q45 Would you have voted if it were not compulsory?

- ❍ Definitely would have voted (3)
- ❍ Probably would have voted (2)
- ❍ Might, might not (1)
- ❍ Definitely not (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Many people did not manage to vote in the 2016 federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q46 Did you vote early or on election day?

- ❍ Early (1)
- ❍ On election day (2)

Answer If Did you vote early or on election day? Early Is Selected

Q47 How did you vote early?

- ❍ In person at an early polling centre (1)
- ❍ By post (2)
- ❍ Mobile polling facility (3)

Answer If Many people did not manage to vote in the 2016 federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected Or How did you vote early? In person at an early polling centre Is Selected And How did you vote early? Mobile polling facility Is Selected

Q48 Was it easy or difficult to find out where you could vote?

_____ Level of difficulty (1)

Q49 How much effort was required to get to your polling place?

- ❍ A great deal (4)
- ❍ A lot (3)
- ❍ A moderate amount (2)
- ❍ A little (1)
- ❍ None at all (0)

Answer If Did you vote early or on election day? On election day Is Selected Or How did you vote early? In person at an early polling centre Is Selected Or How did you vote early? Mobile polling facility Is Selected

Q50 How long did you have to wait to vote?

- ❍ There was no wait at all (0)
- ❍ Up to five minutes (1)
- ❍ 5-15 minutes (2)
- ❍ 15-30 minutes (3)
- ❍ 30-45 minutes (4)
- ❍ 45-60 minutes (5)
- ❍ 60-90 minutes (6)
- ❍ About two hours (7)
- ❍ More than two hours (8)

Q51 Do you happen to recall the colour of the ballot papers?

| | Yellow (1) | White (2) | Purple (3) | Green (4) | Blue (5) | Orange (6) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| House of Representatives (1) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Senate (2) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q52 Did you vote "above" or "below" the line for Senate?

- ❍ "Above the line" (1)
- ❍ "Below the line" (2)
- ❍ Did not vote (77)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q53 Did you find the instructions provided on the ballot papers easy or difficult to understand?

_____ House of Representatives (green) ballot paper (3)

_____ Senate (white) ballot paper (2)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q54 What, if anything, did you use to assist you in filling out your green House of Representatives ballot paper this election? Select all that apply.

- ❑ The how to vote practice tool on the AEC website (1)
- ❑ Information from a website other than the AEC (2)
- ❑ A how to vote card given to you by a party representative (3)
- ❑ Advice from a polling official (4)
- ❑ Advice from a friend or family member or carer (5)
- ❑ The instructions on the ballot paper (6)
- ❑ TV ads you had seen earlier showing how to vote correctly (7)
- ❑ Newspaper ads you had seen earlier demonstrating how to vote correctly (8)
- ❑ Information in the "Official Guide" you received at home (9)
- ❑ Workshops or other community education activities (10)
- ❑ Posters in the polling place (11)
- ❑ Translated material available at the polling place (12)
- ❑ The AEC telephone enquiry line/interpreter service (13)
- ❑ Information received in the mail from parties/candidates (14)
- ❑ Other (Specify) (15) _____
- ❑ Nothing (16)
- ❑ Don't know (17)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q55 What, if anything, did you use to assist you in filling out your white Senate ballot paper this election? Select all that apply.

- ❑ The how to vote practice tool on the AEC website (1)
- ❑ Information from a website other than the AEC (2)
- ❑ A how to vote card given to you by a party representative (3)
- ❑ Advice from a polling official (4)
- ❑ Advice from a friend or family member or carer (5)
- ❑ The instructions on the ballot paper (6)
- ❑ TV ads you had seen earlier showing how to vote correctly (7)
- ❑ Newspaper ads you had seen earlier demonstrating how to vote correctly (8)
- ❑ Information in the "Official Guide" you received at home (9)
- ❑ Workshops or other community education activities (10)
- ❑ Posters in the polling place (11)
- ❑ Translated material available at the polling place (12)
- ❑ The AEC telephone enquiry line/interpreter service (13)
- ❑ Information received in the mail from parties/candidates (14)
- ❑ Other (Specify) (15) _____
- ❑ Nothing (16)
- ❑ Don't know (17)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q56 Which party did you give your FIRST preference to on the green House of Representatives ballot paper?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (66) _____
- ❍ Did not vote (99)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q57 Which party did you give your SECOND preference to on the green House of Representatives ballot paper?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (66) _____
- ❍ None (9)
- ❍ Did not vote (99)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q58 Which party did you give your FIRST preference to on the white Senate ballot paper?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (66) _____
- ❍ Did not vote (99)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q59 Which party did you give your SECOND preference to on the white Senate ballot paper?

- ❍ Liberal (1)
- ❍ National (2)
- ❍ Labor (ALP) (3)
- ❍ Greens (4)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (66) _____
- ❍ None (9)
- ❍ Did not vote (99)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q60 How many boxes did you number on the white Senate ballot paper?

- ❍ 0 (0)
- ❍ 1 (1)
- ❍ 2 (2)
- ❍ 3 (3)
- ❍ 4 (4)
- ❍ 5 (5)
- ❍ 6 (6)
- ❍ 7 (7)
- ❍ 8 (8)
- ❍ 9 (9)
- ❍ 10 (10)
- ❍ 11 (11)
- ❍ 12 (12)
- ❍ 13 or more (13)

Q61 Do you think that the voting system is too complicated and should be simplified?

- ❍ Definitely yes (1)
- ❍ Probably yes (2)
- ❍ Might or might not (3)
- ❍ Probably not (4)
- ❍ Definitely not (5)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q62 How much confidence do you have that your preferences are counted accurately?

- ❍ A great deal of confidence (3)
- ❍ Some confidence (2)
- ❍ Not much confidence (1)
- ❍ No confidence at all (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q63 Have you heard anything about the change in the voting system for the Senate?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (2)

Q64 What do you think of the change in the voting rules for the Senate?

- ❍ Extremely satisfied (4)
- ❍ Somewhat satisfied (3)
- ❍ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (2)
- ❍ Somewhat dissatisfied (1)
- ❍ Extremely dissatisfied (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q65 Which of the following comes closest to your understanding of how to vote under the new rules for the Senate?

- ❍ If voting "above the line", a voter must now rank all preferences (1)
- ❍ If voting "above the line", a voter must rank at least six preferences (2)
- ❍ If voting "above the line", a voter can rank any number of preferences (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q65B- Which of the following comes closest to your understanding of how to vote under the new rules for the Senate?

- ❍ If voting "below the line", a voter must now rank all preferences (1)
- ❍ If voting "below the line", a voter must rank at least twelve preferences (2)
- ❍ If voting "below the line", a voter can rank any number of preferences (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q66 Australian elections provide many opportunities for voters to express their preferences. Voters can vote for specific candidates by numbering their choices on the ballot paper. We are interested to know whether you actually take the time to read directions. To demonstrate that you have read this please select “other” below and type in “I read it.” You can stop reading now. Of the many choices that you might have, which of the following systems would you prefer? Select all that apply.

- ❑ Proportional representation (PR) (1)
- ❑ Single transferable vote (STV) (2)
- ❑ Mixed-member proportional system (MMP) (3)
- ❑ First-past-the-post (FPTP) (4)
- ❑ Single non-transferable vote (SNTV) (5)
- ❑ Other (please specify) (6) _____

Q67 What is your view about the following proposals?

Q68 Many people believe that it should be more convenient to vote especially since they are fined for not doing so. What is your view about the following proposals?

Q69 Many people within the Labor party believe that it should be more convenient to vote. What do you think of the following proposals?

Q70 Who should be allowed to vote early?

- ❍ Voting early should not be allowed (1)
- ❍ Only those who are disabled or overseas should be allowed to vote early (2)
- ❍ Only those who cannot vote on election day should be allowed to vote early (3)
- ❍ Everyone should be allowed to vote early (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q71 How important is it to you to have the option of voting online?
_____ Importance (1)

Q72 If you were able to vote online, how confident would you be about the security and privacy of doing so?

- ❍ Very confident (3)
- ❍ Somewhat confident (2)
- ❍ Not very confident (1)
- ❍ Not at all confident (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q73 Polling places on election day should be abolished and everyone should vote early, either by post or at an early polling centre. Do you agree or disagree?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q74 More money should be spent on polling places so that everyone can vote on election day. Do you agree or disagree?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q75 Would you prefer that elections are held

- ❍ On a single day (1)
- ❍ Over the weekend (2)
- ❍ Over a week (3)
- ❍ Over two weeks (4)
- ❍ Over three weeks (5)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q76 Electronic voting machines should be introduced at the polling place to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the vote count. Agree or disagree?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q77 Some people believe that electronic voting machines can be tampered with. Do you agree or disagree?

- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected

Q78 How important were the following issues when deciding who would you vote for?

| | Extremely important (4) | Very important (3) | Moderately important (2) | Slightly important (1) | Not at all important (0) | Don't know (88) |
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| Education and research (1) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Defence and foreign policy (2) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Health care (3) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Spending, deficit (4) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Immigration, asylum, refugees (5) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Job market, unemployment (6) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Religion, morality (7) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Environment, climate (8) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Crime and security (9) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Taxation (10) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |

Q79 How close should Australia's relationship be with the United States, if Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton is elected president?

_____ Donald Trump (1)

_____ Hillary Clinton (2)

Q80 In what year were you born?

- ❍ 1910 (4)
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- ❍ 2001 (95)
- ❍ 2002 (96)
- ❍ 2003 (97)
- ❍ 2004 (98)
- ❍ 2005 (99)

Q81 What is your gender?
- ❍ Female (1)
- ❍ Male (0)

Q82 Please enter your postcode

Q83 What is the gross annual income, before tax or other deductions, for you and your family living with you from all sources? Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interests or dividends.
- ❍ Less than $10,000 per year (1)
- ❍ $10,001 to $15,000 per year (2)
- ❍ $15,001 to $20,000 per year (3)
- ❍ $20,001 to $25,000 per year (4)
- ❍ $25,001 to $30,000 per year (5)
- ❍ $30,001 to $35,000 per year (6)
- ❍ $35,001 to $40,000 per year (7)
- ❍ $40,001 to $45,000 per year (8)
- ❍ $45,001 to $50,000 per year (9)
- ❍ $50,001 to $60,000 per year (10)
- ❍ $60,001 to $70,000 per year (11)
- ❍ $70,001 to $80,000 per year (12)
- ❍ $80,001 to $90,000 per year (13)
- ❍ $90,001 to $100,000 per year (14)

- ❍ $100,001 to $110,000 per year (15)
- ❍ $110,001 to $120,000 per year (16)
- ❍ $120,001 to $130,000 per year (17)
- ❍ $130,001 to $140,000 per year (18)
- ❍ $140,001 to $150,000 per year (19)
- ❍ $150,001 to $160,000 per year (20)
- ❍ $160,001 to $180,000 per year (21)
- ❍ More than $180,000 per year (22)

Q84 Thank you very much for taking part in this survey – your help is appreciated.

## WAVE 3

Second Post-election wave

Data collected between 23rd of August and 13th of September, 2016
Federal election was held on 2nd of July, 2016

Q1 Dear Respondent About a month ago, you participated in our survey about the 2016 Australian federal election. Now that the election is over we would like to hear from you once again. Your participation is important to our study and is greatly appreciated. This survey, as you may recall, is mainly about your opinions. There are no right or wrong answers. Your participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any point. The research is carried out by the Electoral Integrity Project at Sydney and Harvard Universities. We do not have access to any of your personal information beyond what is asked in the survey. Completing the questionnaire should take around 10 minutes.
Thank you!
Prof. Pippa Norris (Harvard and Sydney Universities)
Prof. Jeffrey Karp (Exeter University)
Dr. Alessandro Nai (Sydney University)

Q2 Generally speaking, how much interest do you usually have in what is going on in politics?
- ❍ Very interested (3)
- ❍ Somewhat interested (2)
- ❍ Not very interested (1)
- ❍ Not at all interested (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q3 On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Australia?
- ❍ Very satisfied (4)
- ❍ Somewhat satisfied (3)
- ❍ Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied (2)
- ❍ Somewhat unsatisfied (1)
- ❍ Very unsatisfied (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q4 In general, do you think that federal elections in Australia are conducted fairly?
- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q5 The 2016 federal election was the first double dissolution since 1987. This means that every seat in both the House and the Senate was contested. Normally just half the Senate seats are contested in a single election. Do you think this was a good or bad idea?
- ❍ Excellent idea (3)
- ❍ Good idea (2)
- ❍ Bad idea (1)
- ❍ Terrible idea (0)
- ❍ Unsure (88)

Q6 The double dissolution also means that the threshold for winning a Senate seat is lowered which means that it is easier for small parties to win a seat. Do you think this is a good or bad idea?
- ❍ Excellent idea (1)
- ❍ Good idea (2)
- ❍ Bad idea (3)
- ❍ Terrible idea (4)
- ❍ Unsure (88)

Q7 How much confidence do you have that your preferences are counted accurately?
- ❍ A great deal of confidence (3)
- ❍ Some confidence (2)
- ❍ Not much confidence (1)
- ❍ No confidence at all (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q8 Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference to what happens. When thinking of voting, where would you place yourself on this scale?
_____ Scale (4)

Q9 Do you happen to know which party won in the House of Representatives?
- ❍ The Coalition won the most seats but not enough to have a majority (1)
- ❍ Labor won the most seats but not enough to have a majority (9)
- ❍ The Coalition won a majority of the seats (6)
- ❍ Labor won a majority of the seats (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q10 Do you happen to know which party won the most seats in the Senate?
- ❍ Labor (1)
- ❍ Liberal (2)
- ❍ Greens (3)
- ❍ One Nation (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q11 Do you happen to know which party's candidate won the House seat in your division?
- ❍ Labor (1)
- ❍ Liberal (2)
- ❍ Greens (3)
- ❍ One Nation (4)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (5) _____
- ❍ Don't know (6)

Q12 Do you think that the fines for not voting should be increased to ensure that everyone votes?
- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q13 Some people think voting should be voluntary while others think voting should be compulsory. What do you think?
- ❍ Voting should be compulsory (1)
- ❍ Voting should be voluntary (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q14 Results indicate that Labor supporters were less likely to vote than Liberal supporters which may have cost Labor a few seats in close contests.Do you think that the fines for not voting should be increased to ensure that everyone votes?
- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q15 Some people think voting should be voluntary while others think voting should be compulsory. What do you think?

- ❍ Voting should be compulsory (1)
- ❍ Voting should be voluntary (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q16 How much confidence do you have in the Australian Electoral Commission's ability to conduct an election?

- ❍ A great deal of confidence (3)
- ❍ Some confidence (2)
- ❍ Not much confidence (1)
- ❍ No confidence at all (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q17 How likely do you think fraud affects electoral outcomes in Australia?

- ❍ Extremely likely (4)
- ❍ Somewhat likely (3)
- ❍ Neither likely nor unlikely (2)
- ❍ Somewhat unlikely (1)
- ❍ Extremely unlikely (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q18 The official result of the 2016 Federal election was not known for over four weeks after the election. In your view is this

- ❍ Completely unacceptable (0)
- ❍ Somewhat unacceptable (1)
- ❍ Neither unacceptable nor acceptable (2)
- ❍ Somewhat acceptable (3)
- ❍ Completely acceptable (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q19 The official results of the 2016 Federal election was not known for over four weeks because of the time it took to ensure that the ballots were safely transported and counted. In your view, is this

- ❍ Completely unacceptable (0)
- ❍ Somewhat unacceptable (1)
- ❍ Neither unacceptable nor acceptable (2)
- ❍ Somewhat acceptable (3)
- ❍ Completely acceptable (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q20 The official result of the 2016 Federal election was not known for over four weeks because many people voted by post and the Electoral Commission had to allow time for the postal ballots to be returned. In your view is this

- ❍ Completely unacceptable (0)
- ❍ Somewhat unacceptable (1)
- ❍ Neither unacceptable nor acceptable (2)
- ❍ Somewhat acceptable (3)
- ❍ Completely acceptable (4)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q21 When your personal circumstances change, should the AEC automatically update your details when they receive notification from other government agencies?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q22 When your personal circumstances change, should the AEC automatically update your enrolment details when they receive notification from other government agencies without your consent?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q23 In many European democracies, government agencies share personal informations with one another to maintain the accuracy of the electoral roll.Who should be responsible for maintaining the accuracy of your enrolment details?
- ❍ It is primarily a personal responsibility (1)
- ❍ It is primarily the government's responsibility (2)
- ❍ Don't know (3)

Q24 Who should be responsible for maintaining the accuracy of your enrolment details?
- ❍ It is primarily a personal responsibility (1)
- ❍ It is primarily the government's responsibility (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q25 Imagine that a party receives 15 per cent of the votes in an election. Regardless of whether you liked that party or not, do you think that party should get:
- ❍ About 15 percent of the seats in parliament (1)
- ❍ Less than 15 percent of the seats in parliament (2)
- ❍ No seats at all (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q26 Now that the outcome for the Senate is known, would you say that there are...
- ❍ Too many political parties (1)
- ❍ About the right number of political parties (2)
- ❍ Not enough political parties (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q27 Now that the outcome for the Senate is known, would you say that there are...
- ❍ Too many independents (1)
- ❍ About the right number of independents (2)
- ❍ Not enough independents (3)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q28 If you have to choose, which of the following is more important to you?
- ❍ One party has more than half the seats in Parliament, so it can easily govern on its own (1)
- ❍ Parties have about the same percentage of seats as their percentage of the party vote (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q29 Sometimes one or more parties can govern with less than half the seats in Parliament as a 'minority government'. In general, do you think that it is –
- ❍ Good that a government has more than half the seats in Parliament (1)
- ❍ Not so good that a government has more than half the seats (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q30 What do you think of the following people?
_____ Malcolm Turnbull (1)
_____ Bill Shorten (2)
_____ Pauline Hanson (3)
_____ Tony Abbott (4)
_____ Julia Gillard (5)
_____ Donald Trump (6)
_____ Hillary Clinton (7)

Q31 Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q32 Did you vote in the federal election?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (0)

Q33 How long would you wait in a queue to vote before leaving?
- ❍ Would not wait (11)
- ❍ Up to five minutes (1)
- ❍ 5-15 minutes (2)
- ❍ 15-30 minutes (3)
- ❍ 30-45 minutes (4)
- ❍ 45-60 minutes (5)
- ❍ 60-90 minutes (6)
- ❍ Up to two hours (7)
- ❍ Up to three hours (8)
- ❍ As long as it takes (10)

Answer If Many people forgot to vote in the 2016 Federal election. Did you vote? No Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? No Is Selected
Q34 Why didn't you vote in this federal election? Please select the most important reason
- ❍ I never vote (1)
- ❍ My vote won't make a difference (2)
- ❍ I don't believe in compulsory voting (4)
- ❍ I was travelling (3)
- ❍ I forgot to vote (8)
- ❍ The system is corrupt (7)
- ❍ I am not interested in voting (9)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (5) _____

Answer If Many people did not manage to vote in the 2016 federal election. Did you vote? Yes Is Selected Or Did you vote in the federal election? Yes Is Selected
Q35 Did you vote early or on election day?
- ❍ Early (1)
- ❍ On election day (2)

Answer If Did you vote early or on election day? Early Is Selected
Q36 If early voting had not been available, could you have voted on election day?
- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Answer If Did you vote early or on election day? Early Is Selected
Q37 Why did you vote early this election – rather than on Election Day, Saturday 2nd July? Please select the most important reason
- ❍ I always vote early (12)
- ❍ To avoid crowds and/or queues (4)
- ❍ I was unable to leave work (5)
- ❍ I was travelling within state (6)
- ❍ I was travelling interstate (7)
- ❍ I was travelling overseas (8)
- ❍ I had pre-existing commitments (9)
- ❍ It is more convenient (2)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (3) _____

Answer If Did you vote early or on election day? On election day Is Selected
Q38 Why did you not choose to vote early? Please select the most important reason
- ❍ I did not know that it was an option for me to vote early (1)
- ❍ I always vote in person (9)
- ❍ I was undecided until election day (2)
- ❍ I needed assistance to vote (3)
- ❍ I wanted to show support to my community (4)
- ❍ I like to take part in the community event (sausage sizzle, etc) (5)
- ❍ I wanted to vote early but I was not able to do so (7)
- ❍ Other (please specify) (6) _____

Q39 Should a law always be obeyed even if it is wrong?
- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)

Q40 On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means no confidence and 10 means a great deal of confidence, what do you think of the following?
_____ Australian Parliament (1)
_____ High Court of Australia (2)
_____ Australian Electoral Commission (3)
_____ Political Parties (5)
_____ Politicians (13)
_____ Public Servants (14)
_____ Poll workers (15)
_____ The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) (16)
_____ Australian Bureau of Statistics (17)

Q41 Overall, how confident are you that your personal information and privacy is kept safe and secure by the AEC?
_____ Confidence (1)

Q42 How much access should the following groups have to the electoral roll?
_____ Politicians (1)
_____ Researchers (2)
_____ Government agencies (3)
_____ Private corporations (4)
_____ Polling firms (5)
_____ Political parties (6)
_____ The Australian Bureau of Statistics (7)

Q43 Some people think completing the census should be voluntary while others think it should be compulsory. What do you think?
- ❍ Completing the census should be compulsory (1)
- ❍ Completing the census should be voluntary (2)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q44 By the end of the decade, everyone should be required to vote online
- ❍ Strongly agree (14)
- ❍ Somewhat Agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q45 By the end of the decade, everyone should be allowed to vote online
- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat Agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q46 Some people believe that online voting can be tampered with. Do you agree or disagree?
- ❍ Strongly agree (4)
- ❍ Somewhat agree (3)
- ❍ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ❍ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ❍ Strongly disagree (0)
- ❍ Don't know (88)

Q47 How important are the following issues nowadays in Australia?

| | Extremely important (4) | Very important (3) | Moderately important (2) | Slightly important (1) | Not at all important (0) | Don't know (88) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Education and research (1) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Defence and foreign policy (2) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Health care (3) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Spending, deficit (4) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Immigration, asylum, refugees (5) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Job market, unemployment (6) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Religion, morality (7) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Environment, climate (8) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Crime and security (9) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Taxation (10) | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |

Q48 Political parties are often evaluated on how they handle an issue.How good or bad do you think that the Liberals and Labor are at handling the economy of this country? Please provide an answer from 0 "very bad" to 10 "very good"
_____ Liberals (1)
_____ Labor party (2)

Q49 Political parties are often evaluated on how they handle an issue.During the campaign, Labor party's leader Bill Shorten claimed that the Liberals' "cuts in education spending and family tax benefits would hurt the economy". How good or bad do you think that the two parties are at handling the economy of this country? Please provide an answer from 0 "very bad" to 10 "very good".
_____ Liberals (1)
_____ Labor Party (2)

Q50 Political parties are often evaluated on how they handle an issue.During the campaign, Labor party's leader Bill Shorten claimed that the Liberals' "cuts in education spending and family tax benefits would hurt the economy". This criticism comes as ratings agency Standard and Poor's lowered Australia's credit rating outlook to negative.How good or bad do you think that the two parties are at handling the economy of this country? Please provide an answer from 0 "very bad" to 10 "very good".

_____ Liberals (1)

_____ Labor Party (2)

Q51 In what year were you born?

- ❍ 1910 (4)
- ❍ 1911 (5)
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- ❍ 1974 (68)
- ❍ 1975 (69)
- ❍ 1976 (70)
- ❍ 1977 (71)
- ❍ 1978 (72)
- ❍ 1979 (73)
- ❍ 1980 (74)
- ❍ 1981 (75)
- ❍ 1982 (76)
- ❍ 1983 (77)
- ❍ 1984 (78)
- ❍ 1985 (79)
- ❍ 1986 (80)
- ❍ 1987 (81)
- ❍ 1988 (82)
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- ❍ 1991 (85)
- ❍ 1992 (86)
- ❍ 1993 (87)
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- ❍ 2001 (95)
- ❍ 2002 (96)
- ❍ 2003 (97)
- ❍ 2004 (98)
- ❍ 2005 (99)

Q52 What is your gender?

- ❍ Female (1)
- ❍ Male (0)

Q53 How often do you use the Internet to do your banking or to buy or sell something online?

- ❍ Everyday (5)
- ❍ Several times a week (3)
- ❍ Once a week (6)
- ❍ 1–3 times a month (2)
- ❍ Less than once a month (1)
- ❍ Never (0)

Q54 What is your highest level of education?

- ❍ No formal education (1)
- ❍ Primary school (2)
- ❍ Secondary school (3)
- ❍ Technical college (TAFE) (4)
- ❍ University degree (5)
- ❍ Postgraduate degree (6)

Q55 Please enter your postcode

Q56 Thank you very much for taking part in this survey – your help is appreciated.