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Introduction to the dataset

The dataset is based on an online survey of a representative sample of Australian eligible voters. Respondents were drawn from a large panel recruited by Survey Sampling International (SSI), an international market research firm with offices in 21 countries.

Respondents were initially contacted in the week before the Australian federal election (July 2nd, 2016) between 28 June and 1 July and completed an online questionnaire lasting approximately 15 minutes. This forms the pre-election base line survey (wave 1). The same individuals were contacted again after the election to complete a longer survey, an average of 25 minutes in length. Respondents in wave 2 were contacted between 4 July and 19 July, with two thirds completing the survey after the first week. About six weeks later, the same respondents were interviewed again (wave 3) beginning on 23 August and ending on 13 September.

The sample contains 2,139 valid responses for the first wave of questionnaires, 1,838 for the second wave (an 86 percent retention rate), and 1,543 for the third wave (84 percent retention rate). Overall, 72 percent of the respondents were carried over from the pre-election wave to the final wave.

To improve the quality of the responses, the data include 'Instructional Manipulation Checks (IMCs, or 'screeners') in waves 1 and 2 to filter out respondents who might answer randomly to questions or, at the very least, did not pay a close attention to the way questions were asked. These reliability checks verify if respondents are paying attention to questions by asking them to follow a precise set of instructions (usually related to a specific survey response that they have to select). In our surveys, 'screeners' took the form of a long and verbose question, embedded in which there was the following instruction: "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'." The question was followed by a series of unrelated response categories (e.g., 'attended a meeting or rally', 'signed a petition', etc.) plus the category 'other', that the respondents had to select. Respondents that failed those reliability checks – that is, that selected the inappropriate answer or did not write the required key sentence ('I read it') in the space allowed – were filtered out from our analyses.

Variable Name	Variable Label		Answer Label
psid	psid		Open ended
PID	PID		Open ended
w1_contact	respondent contacted in wave 1	1	Respondent is in wave
w2_contact	respondent contacted in wave 2	1	Respondent is in wave
w3_contact	respondent contacted in wave 3	1	Respondent is in wave
__WAVE1	----- Wave 1 variables -----		
w1_Q1	Intro text w1		
w1_Q2	Australian citizen?	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q3	British eligible citizen?	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q4	18 yrs or older?	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q5	EXP1 - Who will win the election? (treatment: polls support Liberals)	1	Liberal/National coalition
	* Experimental component	2	Labor
	Question asked only to a random 1/4 of respondents	3	Too close to tell
		4	Hung parliament
		88	Don't know
w1_Q6	EXP1 - Who will win the election? (treatment: polls support Labor)	1	Liberal/National coalition
	* Experimental component	2	Labor
	Question asked only to a random 1/4 of respondents	3	Too close to tell
		4	Hung parliament
		88	Don't know
w1_Q7	EXP1 - Who will win the election? (treatment: too close to call)	1	Liberal/National coalition
	* Experimental component	2	Labor
	Question asked only to a random 1/4 of respondents	3	Too close to tell
		4	Hung parliament
		88	Don't know
w1_Q8	EXP1 - Who will win the election? (control)	1	Liberal/National coalition
	* Experimental component	2	Labor
	Question asked only to a random 1/4 of respondents	3	Too close to tell
		4	Hung parliament
		88	Don't know
w1_Q9	Care who wins	0	None at all
		1	A little
		2	A moderate amount
		3	A lot
		4	A great deal
		88	Don't know
w1_Q10	Interest in politics	0	Not at all interested
		1	Not very interested
		2	Somewhat interested
		3	Very interested
		88	Don't know
w1_Q11	Important to obey rules and swim between the flags	0	Never
		1	Rarely
		2	Sometimes
		3	Usually
		4	Always
		88	Don't know
w1_Q12	Society should ensure equal opportunities	0	Disagree strongly
		1	Disagree somewhat
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Agree somewhat
		4	Agree strongly
		88	Don't know
w1_Q13	Voting duty or choice	1	Duty
		2	Choice
		88	Don't know
w1_Q14	How strongly voting is duty	0	Not at all strongly

		1	Not very strongly
		2	Somewhat strongly
		3	Very strongly
		88	Don't know
w1_Q15	How strongly voting is choice	0	Not at all strongly
		1	Not very strongly
		2	Somewhat strongly
		3	Very strongly
		88	Don't know
w1_Q30	Voted in 2013	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q31	Which party given first preference for House in 2013	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor (ALP)
		4	Greens
		77	Do not recall
		88	Other (please specify)
w1_Q31_TEXT	Which party given first preference for House in 2013 (other, string)		Open ended
w1_Q16	EXP2 - Voting comp/vol (treatment: some ppl think should be voluntary)	1	Voting should be compulsory
	* Experimental component	2	Voting should be voluntary
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	88	Don't know
w1_Q17	EXP2 - Voting comp/vol (treatment: many ppl think should be voluntary)	1	Voting should be compulsory
	* Experimental component	2	Voting should be voluntary
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	88	Don't know
w1_Q18	EXP2 - Voting comp/vol (treatment: many Liberal think should be voluntary)	1	Voting should be compulsory
	* Experimental component	2	Voting should be voluntary
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	88	Don't know
w1_Q19	Fine for not voting: how much it is now	1	$10
		2	$20
		3	$50
		4	$100
		5	More than $100
		88	Don't know
w1_Q20	Fine for not voting: how much it should be	1	There should be no fine
		2	$10
		3	$20
		4	$50
		5	$100
		6	More than $100
		88	Don't know
w1_Q21	How satisfied with way democracy works in Australia	0	Very unsatisfied
		1	Somewhat unsatisfied
		2	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied
		3	Somewhat satisfied
		4	Very satisfied
		88	Don't know
w1_Q22	Elections in Australia conducted fairly	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w1_Q23	Democracy works only when people vote	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w1_Q24	How often politics too complicated	0	Never

		1	Sometimes
		2	About half the time
		3	Most of the time
		4	Always
		88	Don't know
w1_Q25	Confidence in AEC ability to conduct an election	0	No confidence at all
		1	Not much confidence
		2	Some confidence
		3	A great deal of confidence
		88	Don't know
w1_Q26_1	Like: Liberal	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w1_Q26_2	Like: Labor	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w1_Q26_3	Like: Nationals	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w1_Q26_4	Like: Greens	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w1_Q27_1	Confidence: Australian Parliament	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w1_Q27_2	Confidence: High Court	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w1_Q27_3	Confidence: AEC	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w1_Q27_5	Confidence: Political parties	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w1_Q27_13	Confidence: Politicians	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w1_Q27_14	Confidence: Public servants	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w1_Q27_15	Confidence: Poll workers	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w1_Q27_16	Confidence: Media	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
confinstit	confidence: additive scale (0-100) * Additive scale Variable obtained dy cumulating variables w1_Q27_1 to w1_Q27_16 Additive variable standardized to a 0-100 range Cronbach's alpha=0.91; no missing values allowed		Numeric, 0-100
w1_Check_1	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w1_Check_2	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w1_Check_3	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w1_Check_4	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w1_Check_5	check variable: ok		Open ended
w1_Check_5_TEXT	check variable: text		Open ended
w1_Q28	Enrolled	0	No
		1	Yes
		88	Don't know
w1_Q29	When did R enrol	1	Before the last federal election in 2013
		2	After the 2013 federal election but before this election was called on 8 May, 20
		3	After this election was called on 8 May, 2016
		88	Don't know
w1_Q32	Change in voting rules for Senate: Heard anything?	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q33	Change in voting rules for Senate: Understands	1	If voting "above the line", a voter must now rank all preferences

		2	If voting "above the line", a voter must rank at least six preferences
		3	If voting "above the line", a voter can rank any number of preferences
w1_Q34	Change in voting rules for Senate: Opinion	1	Voters should have control over their preferences even if means it may be a bit
		2	Parties should have control over the distribution of other preferences (i.e., 2n
		88	Don't know
w1_Q35	Knows which party holds House where R resides	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor (ALP)
		4	Greens
		88	Other (please specify)
		99	Don't know
w1_Q35_TEXT	Knows which party holds House where R resides (other, string)		Open ended
w1_Q36	When decided to vote	1	A long time ago
		2	A few months ago, before election day was announced
		3	About the time the election was announced, on 8 May
		4	In the first few weeks of the campaign
		5	A few days ago
		9	Still undecided
		88	Don't know
w1_Q37	Already voted?	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q38	Voted how: person or Post	1	In person
		2	By post
w1_Q39	When voted	0	Today
		1	1-2 days ago
		2	3-6 days ago
		3	7-10 days ago
		4	11-14 days ago
		5	More than two weeks ago
		88	Don't know
w1_Q40	How well R understands new rules for Senate	0	Not at all
		1	A little
		2	Somewhat well
		3	Very well
		88	Don't know
w1_Q41	Vote for Senate: above or below line	1	"Above the line"
		2	"Below the line"
		77	Did not vote
		88	Don't know
w1_Q42	Vote for Senate (Above): first preference	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor (ALP)
		4	Greens
		77	Did not vote
		88	Other (please specify)
w1_Q42_TEXT	Vote for Senate (Above): first preference (other, string)		Open ended
w1_Q43	Vote for Senate (Below): first preference	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor (ALP)
		4	Greens
		77	Did not vote

		88	Other (please specify)
w1_Q43_TEXT	Vote for Senate (Below): first preference (other, string)		Open ended
w1_Q44	Vote for Senate: how many boxes numbered	0	None
		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	13 or more
w1_Q45	Vote for House: first preference	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor (ALP)
		4	Greens
		77	Did not vote
		88	88. Other (please specify)
w1_Q45_TEXT	Vote for House: first preference (other, string)		Open ended
w1_Q46_1	Likelihood of voting		Open ended
w1_Q47	Vote intention for House	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor (ALP)
		4	Greens
		77	Did not vote
		88	Other (please specify)
w1_Q48_1	Negative campaign rating: Liberal	-10	Very negative
		0	Equally negative and positive
		10	Very positive
w1_Q48_2	Negative campaign rating: Nationals	-10	Very negative
		0	Equally negative and positive
		10	Very positive
w1_Q48_3	Negative campaign rating: Labor	-10	Very negative
		0	Equally negative and positive
		10	Very positive
w1_Q48_4	Negative campaign rating: Greens	-10	Very negative
		0	Equally negative and positive
		10	Very positive
w1_Q116	Double dissolution: good or bad idea	1	Excellent idea
		2	Good idea
		3	Bad idea
		4	Terrible idea
		5	Unsure
w1_Q118	How many surveys per month		Original unrecoded variable
w1_Q119	How many of surveys are on politics	1	None
		2	At least a quarter
		3	About half
		4	Three quarters
		5	All of them
w1_Q49	Education, highest degree	1	No formal education
		2	Primary school
		3	Secondary school
		4	Technical college (TAFE)
		5	University degree
		6	Postgraduate degree

w1_Q50	Year born		Original unrecoded variable
born	Year born recoded		Recoded variable
age	Age of respondent		Numeric, age in years
w1_Q51	Gender	0	Male
		1	Female
w1_Q52	Postcode		Numeric
STATE	State	1	ACT
	* Variable created by classifying postcodes (variable w1_Q52)	2	NSW
		3	NT
		4	QLD
		5	SA
		6	TAS
		7	VIC
		8	WA
w1_Q53	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q121	Born in Australia?	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q122	Born where	1	Western Europe
		2	Eastern Europe
		3	North America
		4	South America
		5	Africa
		6	Middle East
		7	Indian subcontinent
		8	Asia
		9	Oceania
		88	Other (please specify)
w1_Q122_TEXT	Born where (other, string)		Open ended
w1_Q54	Language other than English	0	No
		1	Yes
w1_Q55	Language other than English (which one)		Multiple options specified
w1_Q56	Thank you text (END OF SURVEY w1)		
w1_V8	StartDate		Open ended
w1_V9	EndDate		Open ended
w1_V10	Finished		Open ended
__WAVE2	----- Wave 2 variables -----		
w2_Q1	Intro text w2		
w2_Q2	How satisfied with way democracy works in Australia	0	Very unsatisfied
		1	Somewhat unsatisfied
		2	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied
		3	Somewhat satisfied
		4	Very satisfied
		88	Don't know
w2_Q3	Interest in politics	0	Not at all interested
		1	Not very interested
		2	Somewhat interested
		3	Very interested
		88	Don't know
w2_Q4	Elections in Australia conducted fairly	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q5	Double dissolution: good or bad idea	0	Terrible idea
		1	Bad idea
		2	Good idea
		3	Excellent idea
		88	Unsure

w2_Q6	Voting comp/vol (some ppl think should be voluntary)	1	Voting should be compulsory
		2	Voting should be voluntary
		88	Don't know
w2_Q7	EXP3 - Results not known for weeks (control)	0	Completely unacceptable
	* Experimental component	1	Somewhat unacceptable
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	2	Neither unacceptable nor acceptable
		3	Somewhat acceptable
		4	Completely acceptable
		88	Don't know
w2_Q8	EXP3 - Results not known for weeks (treatment: it takes time)	0	Completely unacceptable
	* Experimental component	1	Somewhat unacceptable
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	2	Neither unacceptable nor acceptable
		3	Somewhat acceptable
		4	Completely acceptable
		88	Don't know
w2_Q9	EXP3 - Results not known for weeks (treatment: many people voted by Post)	0	Completely unacceptable
	* Experimental component	1	Somewhat unacceptable
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	2	Neither unacceptable nor acceptable
		3	Somewhat acceptable
		4	Completely acceptable
		88	Don't know
w2_Q10	TV hours per week, political news	1	No time at all
		2	About 1 hour
		3	Between 1-2 hours
		4	Between 3-4 hours
		5	Between 4-5 hours
		6	More than 5 hours
		88	Don't know
w2_Q11	Knowledge Negative Campaigning (M. Turnbull, 'out of touch')	1	Malcolm Turnbull (correct answer)
	* Answers presented in random order	2	Bill Shorten
		3	Nick Xenophon
		4	Tony Abbott
		5	Richard Di Natale
		6	Barnaby Joyce
		7	Scott Morrison
		8	Jacqui Lambie
		9	Clive Palmer
		10	Pauline Hanson
w2_Q12	Knowledge Negative Campaigning (B. Shorten, 'Mediscare')	1	Malcolm Turnbull
	* Answers presented in random order	2	Bill Shorten (correct answer)
		3	Nick Xenophon
		4	Tony Abbott
		5	Richard Di Natale
		6	Barnaby Joyce
		7	Scott Morrison
		8	Jacqui Lambie
		9	Clive Palmer
		10	Pauline Hanson
w2_Q13_1_1	Party contacted R: Liberal (in person, at house or street)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_1_2	Party contacted R: Liberal (by letter or pamphlet)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_1_3	Party contacted R: Liberal (by telephone)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_1_4	Party contacted R: Liberal (by email of text message)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_1_5	Party contacted R: Liberal (via social network or website)	0	Not selected

		1	Selected
w2_Q13_2_1	Party contacted R: Labor (in person, at house or street)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_2_2	Party contacted R: Labor (by letter or pamphlet)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_2_3	Party contacted R: Labor (by telephone)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_2_4	Party contacted R: Labor (by email of text message)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_2_5	Party contacted R: Labor (via social network or website)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_3_1	Party contacted R: Green (in person, at house or street)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_3_2	Party contacted R: Green (by letter or pamphlet)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_3_3	Party contacted R: Green (by telephone)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_3_4	Party contacted R: Green (by email of text message)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_3_5	Party contacted R: Green (via social network or website)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_4_1	Party contacted R: Another party (in person, at house or street)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_4_2	Party contacted R: Another party (by letter or pamphlet)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_4_3	Party contacted R: Another party (by telephone)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_4_4	Party contacted R: Another party (by email of text message)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_4_5	Party contacted R: Another party (via social network or website)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_5_1	Party contacted R: Independent (in person, at house or street)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_5_2	Party contacted R: Independent (by letter or pamphlet)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_5_3	Party contacted R: Independent (by telephone)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_5_4	Party contacted R: Independent (by email of text message)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q13_5_5	Party contacted R: Independent (via social network or website)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q14_1	Parliament action: policy vs diversity	-5	policy is more important
		5	diversity is more important
w2_Q15_1	MPs: more or fewer (women)	1	Fewer
		2	About the same
		3	More
w2_Q15_2	MPs: more or fewer (aboriginals)	1	Fewer
		2	About the same
		3	More
w2_Q15_3	MPs: more or fewer (pacific islanders)	1	Fewer
		2	About the same
		3	More
w2_Q15_4	MPs: more or fewer (asians)	1	Fewer
		2	About the same
		3	More
w2_Q15_5	MPs: more or fewer (people with business experience)	1	Fewer
		2	About the same
		3	More
w2_Q15_6	MPs: more or fewer (ordinary working people)	1	Fewer
		2	About the same
		3	More
w2_Q16	Confidence in AEC ability to conduct an election	0	No confidence at all

		1	Not much confidence
		2	Some confidence
		3	A great deal of confidence
		88	Don't know
w2_Q17	Should AEC be able to use data from other gvt agencies to update roll	0	No
		1	Yes
		88	Don't know
w2_Q18	Who is responsible for maintaining accuracy of roll	1	It is primarily a personal responsibility
		2	It is primarily the government's responsibility
		88	Don't know
w2_Q19	Changed address in last three years	0	No
		1	Yes
		88	Don't know
w2_Q20	How long after moving has R reported change in address	1	Did not update
		2	Within a month
		3	1-3 months
		4	3-6 months
		5	6-12 months
		6	More than a year
		9	The Electoral Commission updated my details for me
		88	Do not recall
w2_Q21	Party ID (do you think yourself as...)	1	Liberal
		2	Labor
		3	National
		4	Green
		5	Other Party
		6	No party
w2_Q21_TEXT	Party ID (do you think yourself as...) (other, string)		Open ended
w2_Q22	Party ID strenght	1	Very strong supporter
		2	Fairly strong supporter
		3	Not very strong supporter
w2_Q23	Voter ID: Able to provide if asked?	1	Yes
		4	No
		88	Don't know
w2_Q24	Voter ID: voters should provide?	0	Definitely not
		1	Probably not
		2	Probably yes
		3	Definitely yes
		88	Don't know
w2_Q25_1	Left-right placement: Liberal party	0	Left
		10	Right
w2_Q25_2	Left-right placement: Labor party	0	Left
		10	Right
w2_Q25_3	Left-right placement: National party	0	Left
		10	Right
w2_Q25_4	Left-right placement: Greens	0	Left
		10	Right
w2_Q25_5	Left-right placement: One Nation	0	Left
		10	Right
w2_Q25_6	Left-right placement: yourself (self-placement)	0	Left
		10	Right
w2_Q26	Opinion about PR (how many seats for a party that receivess 15% of votes)	1	About 15 percent of the seats in parliament
		2	Less than 15 percent of the seats in parliament
		3	No seats at all
		88	Don't know
w2_Q27	Campaigns financed by public money so politicians cannot be bought	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree

		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q28	Prior to 2016 election, too many political parties?	1	Too many political parties
		2	About the right number of political parties
		3	Not enough political parties
		88	Don't know
w2_Q29	Prior to 2016 election, too many independents?	1	Too many independents
		2	About the right number of independents
		3	Not enough independents
		88	Don't know
w2_Q30	PM elected directly by country	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q31	Opinion about PR (easy govern or same percentage)	1	One party has more than half the seats in Parliament, so it can easily govern on its own
		2	Parties have about the same percentage of seats as their percentage of the party vote
		88	Don't know
w2_Q32	Opinion about minority government	1	Good that a government has more than half the seats in Parliament
		2	Not so good that a government has more than half the seats
		88	Don't know
w2_Q33	Hung parliament: who should form the government	1	The party that wins the most seats in the House of Representatives
		2	The party that wins the most seats in both the House of Representatives and the Senate
		3	The party that the most support from independents
		88	Don't know
w2_Q34	How often use internet for banking or buy online	0	Never
		1	Less than once a month
		2	1-3 times a month
		3	Once a week or more
w2_Q35_1	Like: Malcolm Turnbull	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w2_Q35_2	Like: Bill Shorten	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w2_Q35_3	Like: Pauline Hanson	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w2_Q35_4	Like: Tony Abbott	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w2_Q35_5	Like: Julia Gillard	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w2_Q35_6	Like: Donald Trump	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w2_Q35_7	Like: Hillary Clinton	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like

w2_Q36	Five PM in last six years: good or bad	0	Terrible
		1	Bad
		2	Neither good nor bad
		3	Good
		4	Excellent
		88	Don't know
w2_Q37	Voter ID necessary to prevent fraud even if eligible voters excluded	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q38_1	Cynicism: politicians care a lot	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q38_2	Cynicism: australian government largely run by a few big interests	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q38_3	Cynicism: most MPs out of touch	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
cynicism	cynicism additive scale (0-100) * Additive scale Variable obtained dy cumulating variables w2_Q38_1 to w2_Q38_3 Additive variable standardized to a 0-100 range Cronbach's alpha=0.68; no missing values allowed		Numeric, 0-100
w2_Q39	Electoral fraud: how common	0	Never
		1	Infrequently
		2	Occasionally
		3	Usually
		4	Always
		88	Don't know
w2_Q40_1	PEI: electoral laws unfair to smaller parties	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q40_2	PEI: information about voting widely available	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q40_3	PEI: minorities had equal opportunities to run	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q40_4	PEI: TV news favored government	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree

		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q40_5	PEI: journalists provided fair coverage	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q40_6	PEI: rich people buy elections	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
indPEI	Individual perceptions of electoral integrity, additive scale (0-100) * Additive scale Variable obtained dy cumulating variables w2_Q40_1 to w2_Q40_6 Additive variable standardized to a 0-100 range Cronbach's alpha=0.60; no missing values allowed		Numeric, 0-100
w2_Q41	Electoral fraud: how likely to affect electoral outcomes in Australia	0	Extremely unlikely
		1	Somewhat unlikely
		2	Neither likely nor unlikely
		3	Somewhat likely
		4	Extremely likely
		88	Don't know
w2_Q42	EXP4 - Did you vote (treatment: many people forgot) * Experimental component Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	0	No
		1	Yes
w2_Q43	EXP4 - Did you vote (control) * Experimental component Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	0	No
		1	Yes
w2_Q44	Fine for not voting: how much it should be	1	There should be no fine
		2	$10
		3	$20
		4	$50
		5	$100
		6	More than $100
		88	Don't know
w2_Q45	Would you have voted if not compulsory	0	Definitely not
		1	Might, might not
		2	Probably would have voted
		3	Definitely would have voted
		88	Don't know
w2_Q46	Early vote?	1	Early
		2	On election day
w2_Q47	Early vote: how	1	In person at an early polling centre
		2	By post
		3	Mobile polling facility
w2_Q48_1	Easy or difficult to find out where to vote	0	Very easy
		100	Very difficult
w2_Q49	How much effort was required to get to polling place	0	None at all
		1	A little
		2	A moderate amount
		3	A lot
		4	A great deal
w2_Q50	How long did R had to wait to vote	0	There was no wait at all
		1	Up to five minutes
		2	5-15 minutes
		3	15-30 minutes
		4	30-45 minutes

		5	45-60 minutes
		6	60-90 minutes
		7	About two hours
		8	More than two hours
w2_Q51_1	Knowledge: colour of House ballot paper (green) * Answers presented in random order	1	Yellow
		2	White
		3	Purple
		4	Green (correct answer)
		5	Blue
		6	Orange
w2_Q51_2	Knowledge: colour of Senate ballot paper (white) * Answers presented in random order	1	Yellow
		2	White (correct answer)
		3	Purple
		4	Green
		5	Blue
		6	Orange
w2_Q52	Vote for Senate: above or below line	1	above the line
		2	below the line
		77	Did not vote
		88	Don't know
w2_Q53_1	Instructions on ballot paper (House): easy or difficult	0	Very easy
		50	Neither easy nor difficult
		100	Very difficult
w2_Q53_2	Instructions on ballot paper (Senate): easy or difficult	0	Very easy
		50	Neither easy nor difficult
		100	Very difficult
w2_Q54_1	Used for House ballot: How to vote tool on AEC website	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_2	Used for House ballot: Information from website other than AEC	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_3	Used for House ballot: A how to vote card given by party	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_4	Used for House ballot: Advice from a polling official	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_5	Used for House ballot: Advice from a friend or family member or carer	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_6	Used for House ballot: The instructions on the ballot paper	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_7	Used for House ballot: TV ads showing how to vote correctly	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_8	Used for House ballot: Newspaper ads showing how to vote correctly	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_9	Used for House ballot: Information in Official Guide	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_10	Used for House ballot: Workshops or other community education activities	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_11	Used for House ballot: Posters in the polling place	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_12	Used for House ballot: Translated material available at the polling place	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_13	Used for House ballot: The AEC telephone enquiry line/interpreter service	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_14	Used for House ballot: Information received in the mail from parties/candidates	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_15	Used for House ballot: Other (Specify)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_15_TEXT	Used for House ballot: Other (Specify) (string)		Open ended
w2_Q54_16	Used for House ballot: Nothing	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q54_17	Used for House ballot: Don't know	0	Not selected
		1	Selected

w2_Q55_1	Used for Senate ballot: How to vote tool on AEC website	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_2	Used for Senate ballot: Information from website other than AEC	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_3	Used for Senate ballot: A how to vote card given by party	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_4	Used for Senate ballot: Advice from a polling official	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_5	Used for Senate ballot: Advice from a friend or family member or carer	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_6	Used for Senate ballot: The instructions on the ballot paper	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_7	Used for Senate ballot: TV ads showing how to vote correctly	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_8	Used for Senate ballot: Newspaper ads showing how to vote correctly	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_9	Used for Senate ballot: Information in Official Guide	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_10	Used for Senate ballot: Workshops or other community education activities	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_11	Used for Senate ballot: Posters in the polling place	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_12	Used for Senate ballot: Translated material available at the polling place	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_13	Used for Senate ballot: The AEC telephone enquiry line/interpreter service	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_14	Used for Senate ballot: Information received in the mail from parties/candidates	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_15	Used for Senate ballot: Other (Specify)	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_15_TEXT	Used for Senate ballot: Other (Specify) (string)		Open ended
w2_Q55_16	Used for Senate ballot: Nothing	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q55_17	Used for Senate ballot: Don't know	0	Not selected
		1	Selected
w2_Q56	Vote for House: first preference	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor
		4	Greens
		66	Other
		88	Don't know
		99	I did not vote
w2_Q56_TEXT	Vote for House: first preference (other, string)		Open ended
w2_Q57	Vote for House: second preference	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor
		4	Greens
		9	None
		66	Other
		88	Don't know
		99	I did not vote
w2_Q57_TEXT	Vote for House: second preference (other, string)		Open ended
w2_Q58	Vote for Senate: first preference	1	Liberal
		2	National
		3	Labor
		4	Greens
		66	Other
		88	Don't know
		99	I did not vote
w2_Q58_TEXT	Vote for Senate: first preference (other, string)		Open ended
w2_Q59	Vote for Senate: second preference	1	Liberal

		2	National
		3	Labor
		4	Greens
		9	None
		66	Other
		88	Don't know
		99	I did not vote
w2_Q59_TEXT	Vote for Senate: second preference (other, string)		Open ended
w2_Q60	Vote for Senate: how many boxes numbered	0	None
		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	13 or more
w2_Q61	Voting system: too complicated and should be simplified?	1	Definitely yes
		2	Probably yes
		3	Might or might not
		4	Probably not
		5	Definitely not
		88	Don't know
w2_Q62	Voting system: how confident that your votes are counted accurately	0	No confidence at all
		1	Not much confidence
		2	Some confidence
		3	A great deal of confidence
		88	Don't know
w2_Q63	Change in voting rules for Senate: Heard anything?	1	yes
		2	No
w2_Q64	Change in voting rules for Senate: opinion	0	Extremely dissatisfied
		1	Somewhat dissatisfied
		2	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
		3	Somewhat satisfied
		4	Extremely satisfied
		88	Don't know
w2_Q65	Change in voting rules for Senate: understand rules (above the line)	1	If voting above the line, a voter must now rank all preferences
		2	If voting above the line, a voter must rank at least six preferences
		3	If voting above the line, a voter can rank any number of preferences
		88	Don't know
w2_Q65b	Change in voting rules for Senate: understand rules (below the line)	1	If voting below the line, a voter must now rank all preferences
		2	If voting below the line, a voter must rank at least twelve preferences
		3	If voting below the line, a voter can rank any number of preferences
		88	Don't know
w2_Q66_1	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended

w2_Q66_2	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w2_Q66_3	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w2_Q66_4	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w2_Q66_5	check variable: wrong choice		Open ended
w2_Q66_6	check variable: ok		Open ended
w2_Q66_6_TEXT	check variable: text		Open ended
w2_Q67	EXP5 - convenience (control) * Experimental component Text presented only to a random 1/3 of respondents Answers recorded in w2_Q70		
w2_Q68	EXP5 - convenience (treatment: many ppl believe should be more convenient) * Experimental component Text presented only to a random 1/3 of respondents Answers recorded in w2_Q70		
w2_Q69	EXP5 - convenience (treatment: many Labor believe should be more convenient) * Experimental component Text presented only to a random 1/3 of respondents Answers recorded in w2_Q70		
w2_Q70	Who should be allowed to vote early	1	Voting early should not be allowed
		2	Only those who are disabled or overseas should be allowed to vote early
		3	Only those who cannot vote on election day should be allowed to vote early
		4	Everyone should be allowed to vote early
		88	Don't know
w2_Q71_1	Online voting: How important to have the option	0	Not at all important
		100	Extremely important
w2_Q72	Online voting: how confident about security and privacy	0	Not at all confident
		1	Not very confident
		2	Somewhat confident
		3	Very confident
		88	Don't know
w2_Q73	Polling places should be abolished: agree or disagree	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q74	More money should be spent on polling places so everyone can vote on e-day	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q75	When elections are held: preference	1	On a single day
		2	Over the weekend
		3	Over a week
		4	Over two weeks
		5	Over three weeks
		88	Don't know
w2_Q76	Electronic voting machines: should introduce to improve efficiency/accuracy	0	Strongly disagree
		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q77	Electronic voting machines: can be tampered with	0	Strongly disagree

		1	Somewhat disagree
		2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Somewhat agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_1	Issue voting: Education and research	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_2	Issue voting: Defence and foreign policy	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_3	Issue voting: Health care	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_4	Issue voting: Spending, deficit	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_5	Issue voting: Immigration, asylum, refugees	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_6	Issue voting: Job market, unemployment	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_7	Issue voting: Religion, morality	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_8	Issue voting: Environment, climate	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_9	Issue voting: Crime and security	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q78_10	Issue voting: Taxation	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important

		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w2_Q79_1	How close should australia be with US: if Trump wins	0	More distant
		50	Remain the same
		100	More close
w2_Q79_2	How close should australia be with US: if Clinton wins	0	More distant
		50	Remain the same
		100	More close
w2_Q80	Year born		Original unrecoded variable
w2_Q81	Gender	0	Male
		1	Female
w2_Q82	Postcode		Numeric
w2_Q83	Gross annual income	1	Less than $10,000 per year
		2	$10,001 to $15,000 per year
		3	$15,001 to $20,000 per year
		4	$20,001 to $25,000 per year
		5	$25,001 to $30,000 per year
		6	$30,001 to $35,000 per year
		7	$35,001 to $40,000 per year
		8	$40,001 to $45,000 per year
		9	$45,001 to $50,000 per year
		10	$50,001 to $60,000 per year
		11	$60,001 to $70,000 per year
		12	$70,001 to $80,000 per year
		13	$80,001 to $90,000 per year
		14	$90,001 to $100,000 per year
		15	$100,001 to $110,000 per year
		16	$110,001 to $120,000 per year
		17	$120,001 to $130,000 per year
		18	$130,001 to $140,000 per year
		19	$140,001 to $150,000 per year
		20	$150,001 to $160,000 per year
		21	$160,001 to $180,000 per year
		22	More than $180,000 per year
w2_Q84	Thank you text (END OF SURVEY w2)		
w2_V8	StartDate		Open ended
w2_V9	EndDate		Open ended
w2_V10	Finished		Open ended
__WAVE3	----- Wave 3 variables -----		
w3_Q1	Intro text w3		
w3_Q2	Interest in politics	0	not at all interested
		1	not very interested
		2	somewhat interested
		3	very interested
		88	Don't know
w3_Q3	How satisfied with way democracy works in Australia	0	very unsatisfied
		1	somewhat unsatisfied
		2	neither satisfied nor unsatisfied
		3	somewhat satisfied
		4	very satisfied
		88	Don't know
w3_Q4	Elections in Australia conducted fairly	0	strongly disagree

		1	somewhat disagree
		2	neither agree nor disagree
		3	somewhat agree
		4	strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w3_Q5	Double dissolution: good or bad idea	0	terrible idea
		1	bad idea
		2	good idea
		3	excellent idea
		88	unsure
w3_Q6	Double dissolution means lower threshold: good or bad idea	0	terrible idea
		1	bad idea
		2	good idea
		3	excellent idea
		88	unsure
w3_Q7	How confident that your preferences anre counted accurately	0	no confidence at all
		1	not much confidence
		2	some confidence
		3	a great deal of confidence
		88	Don't know
w3_Q8_1	Efficacy: Voting makes a difference	0	voting won't make any difference
		10	voting can make a big difference
w3_Q9	Knowledge: which party won the House	1	The Coalition won the most seats but not enough to have a majority
		2	Labor won a majority of the seats
		6	The Coalition won a majority of the seats
		9	Labor won the most seats but not enough to have a majority
		88	Don't know
w3_Q10	Knowledge: which party won the Senate	1	Labor
		2	Liberal
		3	Greens
		4	One Nation
		88	Don't know
w3_Q11	Knowledge: which party won the House seat in your dividion	1	Labor
		2	Liberal
		3	Greens
		4	One Nation
		5	other
		88	Don't know
w3_Q11_TEXT	Knowledge: which party won the House seat in your dividion (other, string)		Open ended
w3_Q12	EXP6 - Compulsory (control) - fines for non voting increased	0	Strongly disagree
	* Experimental component	1	Disagree
	Question asked (with following) only to a random 1/2 of respondents	2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w3_Q13	EXP6 - Compulsory (control) - Voting comp/vol	1	voting should be compulsory
	* Experimental component	2	voting should be voluntary
	Question asked (with previous) only to a random 1/2 of respondents	88	Don't know
w3_Q14	EXP6 - Compulsory (trt: Labor less likely to vote) - fines increased	0	Strongly disagree
	* Experimental component	1	Disagree
	Question asked (with following) only to a random 1/2 of respondents	2	Neither agree nor disagree
		3	Agree
		4	Strongly agree
		88	Don't know

w3_Q15	EXP6 - Compulsory (trt: Labor less likely to vote) - Voting comp/vol	1	voting should be compulsory
	* Experimental component	2	voting should be voluntary
	Question asked (with previous) only to a random 1/2 of respondents	88	Don't know
w3_Q16	Confidence in AEC ability to conduct an election	0	no confidence at all
		1	not much confidence
		2	some confidence
		3	a great deal of confidence
		88	Don't know
w3_Q17	Electoral fraud: how likely to affect electoral outcomes in Australia	0	extremely unlikely
		1	somewhat unlikely
		2	neither likely nor unlikely
		3	somewhat likely
		4	extremely likely
		88	Don't know
w3_Q18	EXP7 - Results not known for four weeks (control)	0	completely unacceptable
	* Experimental component	1	somewhat unacceptable
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	2	neither unacceptable nor acceptable
		3	somewhat acceptable
		4	completely acceptable
		88	Don't know
w3_Q19	EXP7 - Results not known for four weeks (treatment: it takes time)	0	completely unacceptable
	* Experimental component	1	somewhat unacceptable
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	2	neither unacceptable nor acceptable
		3	somewhat acceptable
		4	completely acceptable
		88	Don't know
w3_Q20	EXP7 - Results not known for four weeks (treatment: many ppl voted by Post)	0	completely unacceptable
	* Experimental component	1	somewhat unacceptable
	Question asked only to a random 1/3 of respondents	2	neither unacceptable nor acceptable
		3	somewhat acceptable
		4	completely acceptable
		88	Don't know
w3_Q21	EXP8 - Can AEC update enrolment details (control)	1	yes
	* Experimental component	2	no
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	88	Don't know
w3_Q22	EXP8 - Can AEC update enrolment details (trewatment: without your consent)	1	yes
	* Experimental component	2	no
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	88	Don't know
w3_Q23	EXP9 - Maintain roll (trt: in many European demo gvt agencies share info)	1	it is primarily a personal responsibility
	* Experimental component	2	it is primarily the government's responsability
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	88	Don't know
w3_Q24	EXP9 - Maintain roll (control)	1	it is primarily a personal responsibility
	* Experimental component	2	it is primarily the government's responsability
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	88	Don't know
w3_Q25	Opinion about PR (how many seats for party that got 15% of votes)	1	About 15 percent of the seats in parliament
		2	Less than 15 percent of the seats in parliament
		3	No seats at all
		88	Don't know
w3_Q26	New results, too many political parties?	1	too many political parties
		2	about the right number of political parties
		3	not enough political parties
		88	Don't know

w3_Q27	New results, too many independents?	1	too many independents
		2	about the right number of independents
		3	not enough independents
		88	Don't know
w3_Q28	Opinion about PR (easy govern or same percentage)	1	One party has more than half the seats in Parliament, so it can easily govern on its own
		2	Parties have about the same percentage of seats as their percentage of the party vote
		88	Don't know
w3_Q29	Opinion about minority government	1	Good that a government has more than half the seats in Parliament
		2	Not so good that a government has more than half the seats
		88	Don't know
w3_Q30_1	Like: Malcolm Turnbull	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w3_Q30_2	Like: Bill Shorten	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w3_Q30_3	Like: Pauline Hanson	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w3_Q30_4	Like: Tony Abbott	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w3_Q30_5	Like: Julia Gillard	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w3_Q30_6	Like: Donald Trump	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w3_Q30_7	Like: Hillary Clinton	0	Strongly dislike
		10	Strongly like
w3_Q31	EXP10 - Did you vote (treatment: many people forgot)	0	no
	* Experimental component	1	yes
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents		
w3_Q32	EXP10 - Did you vote (control)	0	no
	* Experimental component	1	yes
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents		
w3_Q33	How long would R wait in queue to vote	1	Up to five minutes
		2	5-15 minutes
		3	15-30 minutes
		4	30-45 minutes
		5	45-60 minutes
		6	60-90 minutes
		7	Up to two hours
		8	Up to three hours
		10	As long as it takes
		11	Would not wait
w3_Q34	Reasons for not voting	1	I never vote
		2	My vote won't make a difference
		3	I was travelling
		4	I don't believe in compulsory voting
		5	Other (please specify)
		7	The system is corrupt
		8	I forgot to vote
		9	I am not interested in voting
w3_Q34_TEXT	Reasons for not voting (other, string)		Open ended
w3_Q35	Early vote?	1	early

		2	on election day
w3_Q36	If early vote not available, would R have voted on e-day?	1	yes
		2	no
		88	Don't know
w3_Q37	Why did R vote early?	2	It is more convenient
		3	Other (please specify)
		4	To avoid crowds and/or queues
		5	I was unable to leave work
		6	I was travelling within state
		7	I was travelling interstate
		8	I was travelling overseas
		9	I had pre-existing commitments
		12	I always vote early
w3_Q37_TEXT	Why did R vote early? (other, string)		Open ended
w3_Q38	Why did R not vote early?	1	I did not know that it was an option for me to vote early
		2	I was undecided until election day
		3	I needed assistance to vote
		4	I wanted to show support to my community
		5	I like to take part in the community event (sausage sizzle, etc)
		6	Other (please specify)
		7	I wanted to vote early but I was not able to do so
		9	I always vote in person
w3_Q38_TEXT	Why did R not vote early? (other, string)		Open ended
w3_Q39	Law: should always be obeyed even if wrong?	0	strongly disagree
		1	somewhat disagree
		2	neither agree nor disagree
		3	somewhat agree
		4	strongly agree
w3_Q40_1	Confidence: Australian Parliament	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_2	Confidence: High Court	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_3	Confidence: AEC	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_5	Confidence: Political parties	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_13	Confidence: Politicians	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_14	Confidence: Public servants	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_15	Confidence: Poll workers	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_16	Confidence: ABC	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q40_17	Confidence: Australian Bureau of statistics	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q41_1	Confidence that AEC keeps personal information safe and secure	0	No confidence
		10	A great deal of confidence
w3_Q42_1	Should have access to roll: politicians	0	No access whatsoever
		10	full unrestricted access
w3_Q42_2	Should have access to roll: researchers	0	No access whatsoever
		10	full unrestricted access
w3_Q42_3	Should have access to roll: government agencies	0	No access whatsoever

		10	full unrestricted access
w3_Q42_4	Should have access to roll: private corporations	0	No access whatsoever
		10	full unrestricted access
w3_Q42_5	Should have access to roll: polling firms	0	No access whatsoever
		10	full unrestricted access
w3_Q42_6	Should have access to roll: political parties	0	No access whatsoever
		10	full unrestricted access
w3_Q42_7	Should have access to roll: the Australian Bureau of Statistics	0	No access whatsoever
		10	full unrestricted access
w3_Q43	Census: compulsory or voluntary	1	Completing the census should be compulsory
		2	Completing the census should be voluntary
		88	Don't know
w3_Q44	EXP11 - Online voting (treatment: everyone should be required)	0	strongly disagree
	* Experimental component	1	somewhat disagree
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	2	neither agree nor disagree
		3	somewhat agree
		4	strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w3_Q45	EXP11 - Online voting (treatment: everyone should be allowed)	0	strongly disagree
	* Experimental component	1	somewhat disagree
	Question asked only to a random 1/2 of respondents	2	neither agree nor disagree
		3	somewhat agree
		4	strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w3_Q46	Online voting can be tampered with: agree or disagree	0	strongly disagree
		1	somewhat disagree
		2	neither agree nor disagree
		3	somewhat agree
		4	strongly agree
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_1	Issue importance: Education and research	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_2	Issue importance: Defence and foreign policy	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_3	Issue importance: Health care	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_4	Issue importance: Spending, deficit	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_5	Issue importance: Immigration, asylum, refugees	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know

w3_Q47_6	Issue importance: Job market, unemployment	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_7	Issue importance: Religion, morality	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_8	Issue importance: Environment, climate	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_9	Issue importance: Crime and security	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q47_10	Issue importance: Taxation	0	Not at all important
		1	Slightly important
		2	Moderately important
		3	Very important
		4	Extremely important
		88	Don't know
w3_Q48_1	EXP12 - Neg camp (cntr). How handles econ (Lib)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including following) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q48_2	EXP12 - Neg camp (cntr). How handles econ (Labor)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including previous) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q49_1	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: Labor atk Lib). How handles econ (Lib)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including following) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q49_2	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: Labor atk Lib). How handles econ (Labor)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including previous) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q50_1	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: Labor atk Lib + real info). How handles econ (Lib)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including following) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q50_2	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: Labor atk Lib + real info). How handles econ (Labor)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including previous) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q50a_1	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: real info). How handles econ (Lib)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including following) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q50a_2	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: real info). How handles econ (Labor)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including previous) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q50b_1	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: Labor positive camp). How handles econ (Lib)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including following) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q50b_2	EXP12 - Neg camp (trt: Labor positive camp). How handles econ (Labor)	0	Very bad
	* Experimental component	10	very good
	Question (including previous) asked only to a random 1/5 of respondents		
w3_Q51	Year born		Original unrecoded variable
w3_Q52	Gender	0	Male

		1	Female
w3_Q53	How often use internet for banking or buy online	0	Never
		1	Less than once a month
		2	1-3 times a month
		3	Once a week
		4	Several times a week
		5	Everyday
w3_Q54	Education, highest degree	1	No formal education
		2	Primary school
		3	Secondary school
		4	Technical college (TAFE)
		5	University degree
		6	Postgraduate degree
w3_Q55	Postcode		Numeric
w3_Q56	Thank you text (END OF SURVEY w3)		
w3_V8	StartDate		Open ended
w3_V9	EndDate		Open ended
w3_V10	Finished		Open ended
__WEIGHTS	----- Weights and filters -----		
agewt	Weight by age and gender * Weight variable that reflects the age structure in Australia, by gender		Numeric, weight
failw1	Screener wave 1, simple * Screener test (Instructional Manipulation Check) Based on variables w1_Check_1 to w1_Check_5 Simple version: a correct answer in selection option w1_Check_5 suffices	0 1	Passed, include observation Failed, exclude observation
failw1strict	Screener wave 1, restrictive * Screener test (Instructional Manipulation Check) Based on variables w1_Check_1 to w1_Check_5_TEXT Strict version: a correct answer in selection option w1_Check_5 is required, as well as precise wording (“I read it”) in w1_Check_5_TEXT	0 1	Passed, include observation Failed, exclude observation
failw2	Screener wave 2, simple * Screener test (Instructional Manipulation Check) Based on variables w2_Q66_1 to w2_Q66_6 Simple version: a correct answer in selection option w2_Q66_1 suffices	0 1	Passed, include observation Failed, exclude observation
failw2strict	Screener wave 2, restrictive * Screener test (Instructional Manipulation Check) Based on variables w2_Q66_1 to w2_Q66_6 Strict version: a correct answer in selection option w2_Q66_6is required, as well as precise wording (“I read it”) in w2_Q66_6_TEXT	0 1	Passed, include observation Failed, exclude observation