# Anura Kumara Dissanayake

This is summary of changes in support for AK Dissanayake across various demographics between Jan/Feb 2024 and Jun/Jul 2024:

- Overall support decreased by 7%
- Both male and female support decreased equally by 7%
- Poor demographics lost 4% support, middle class lost 6%, and better off lost 12%
- Sinhala support decreased by 9%
- SL Tamil support decreased by 3%
- Estate/Indian Tamil showed an increase of 5%
- Muslim support decreased by 4%
- Young voters (18-29) showed a substantial loss of 17%
- Middle-aged voters (30-59) lost 5% support
- Older voters (60+) lost 2% support
- Those who voted for G Rajapaksa in 2019 lost 6% support
- Previous Premadasa voters showed a 7% decrease
- Previous AK Dissanayake voters showed a slight 2% increase
- Aragalaya supporters lost 9% support, while opponents lost 7%

This data indicates a broad decline in support for AK Dissanayake across most demographics. The most significant losses are among young voters, the economically better-off, and Sinhala voters. The only notable gains are among Estate/Indian Tamil voters and a slight increase among his previous voters. The substantial loss among young voters (18-29) is particularly striking at -17%.

# Sajith Premadasa

This is summary of changes in support for Sajith Premadasa across various demographics between Jan/Feb 2024 and Jun/Jul 2024:

- Overall support decreased slightly by 1%
- Male support increased by 2%, while female support decreased by 3%
- Poor demographics gained 3% support, middle class lost 4%, and better off lost 1%
- Sinhala support decreased by 1%
- SL Tamil and Estate/Indian Tamil saw significant losses of 5% and 7% respectively
- Muslim support increased by 4%

- Young voters (18-29) showed a substantial gain of 12%
- Middle-aged (30-59) and older voters (60+) lost support by 4% and 9% respectively
- Those who voted for G Rajapaksa in 2019 lost 4% support
- Previous Premadasa voters showed a slight 1% decrease
- Aragalaya supporters lost 3% support, while opponents lost 7%

This data indicates a mixed performance for Premadasa, with gains in some key demographics (poor, Muslim, young voters) offset by losses in others (female, Tamil populations, older voters). The significant gain among young voters is particularly noteworthy.

# **Ranil Wickremesinghe**

This is summary of changes in support for Ranil Wickremesinghe, showing significant gains across almost all demographics:

- Overall support increased by 13%
- Female support increased by 17%, more than male support at 8%
- Better off (+17%) and middle class (+14%) showed strong gains
- Sinhala support increased by 16%
- Older voters (60+) showed the highest gain at 24%
- Strong gains among those who voted for G Rajapaksa in 2019 (+20%)
- Both Aragalaya supporters (+16%) and opponents (+26%) increased their support

# Namal Rajapaksha

This is summary of changes in support for SLPP (Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna) candidate:

- Overall support decreased by 5%
- Losses across most demographics, with females (-7%) losing more support than males (-2%)
- Poor and female demographics both lost 7% support
- Sinhala support decreased by 6%
- Significant loss among older voters (60+) at -13%
- Those who voted for G Rajapaksa in 2019 lost 9% support
- Aragalaya opponents showed the largest decrease at -13%

# **Summary of results**

- 1. AK Dissanayake experienced a broad decline in support across most demographics, with a 7% overall decrease. The most significant losses were among young voters (18-29) at -17% and the economically better-off at -12%.
- 2. Sajith Premadasa saw a slight overall decline of 1%, but with mixed results across demographics. He gained support among the poor (+3%), Muslims (+4%), and young voters (+12%), while losing support among older voters (-9%) and Tamil populations.
- 3. Ranil Wickremesinghe emerged as the candidate with the most positive change, showing significant gains across almost all demographics. His overall support increased by 13%, with strong improvements among females (+17%), the better-off (+17%), and older voters (+24%).
- 4. The SLPP candidate faced a decline in support across most demographics, with an overall decrease of 5%. The most significant losses were among older voters (-13%), Aragalaya opponents (-13%), and those who previously voted for G Rajapaksa (-9%).

These results suggest a shifting political landscape in Sri Lanka, with Ranil Wickremesinghe gaining ground, while AK Dissanayake and the SLPP are losing support. Sajith Premadasa's position remains relatively stable with some demographic shifts. The data indicates changing voter preferences across various age groups, economic classes, and ethnic communities, which could significantly impact the 2024 elections.