**2198 Australian Election Study – Hard copy questionnaire**



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Welcome to the 2019 Australian Election Study (AES)!

**This questionnaire is designed to be completed by Australian citizens aged 18 years and over. If any household member is part of the AES community and completed in 2016, we ask that they also be the person to complete the survey this time.**

The questionnaire will take around 30 minutes to complete, depending on your answers. By participating, you will help us understand how the public feels about issues facing the country at the time of each Federal election.

To thank you for your help, we will send you a further $20 gift card once we receive your completed survey.

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Your participation in the survey is voluntary. If there are any questions you don't want to answer, you can skip over them without providing a response. Your views will remain strictly confidential and will be reported only as part of the general findings from the survey.

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1. To answer most of the questions you only need to select a response. Please select the response which is closest to your view – there are no right or wrong answers. We just want your opinions.

*Here is an example.*

Do you think the government should spend more or less on education?

Spend more on education 🞏 [DESIGNER NOTE: Please put a written X in the first box]

Spend less on education 🞏

Can’t choose 🞎

If you think the government should spend more on education, you would place a cross [X] in the box next to the first response.

2. Sometimes you are asked to write in an answer — in that case, simply write your answer in the space provided.

What is your age?

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Please write in as a number [DESIGNER NOTE: Please “write in” 18]

3. Please read each question carefully. Sometimes additional information that will help you answer the question will appear next to this symbol .

*Remember, there are no right or wrong answers - we just want to know your own personal opinions.*



If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please call 1800 023 040 or email the Social Research Centre on: [aes@srcentre.com.au](mailto:aes@srcentre.com.au).

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Section A: The Election Campaign

PREA1 First, some questions about the Federal election campaign, the period between when the election was announced on Thursday, 11 April and election day on Saturday, 18 May.

A1 Generally speaking, how much interest do you **usually have** in what's going on in politics?

1. A good deal

2. Some

3. Not much

4. None

A2 How much attention did you pay to reports about the election campaign…?

a) In the newspapers

b) On the television

c) On the radio

d) On the internet

1. A good deal

2. Some

3. Not much

4. None at all

A3 And, how much interest would you say you took **in the election campaign** overall?

1. A good deal

2. Some

3. Not much

4. None at all

A4 Here is a list of things some people do during elections. How often did you do any of these things during the recent election?

a) Discuss politics with others in person (i.e. face-to-face or over the phone)

b) Discuss politics with others online (i.e. through email or on a social network site like Facebook or Twitter)

c) Talk to other people to persuade them to vote for a particular party or candidate

d) Show your support for a particular party or candidate by, for example, attending a meeting, putting up a poster, or in some other way

e) Go to any political meetings or rallies

f) Contribute money to a political party or election candidate

1. Frequently

2. Occasionally

3. Rarely

4. Not at all

A5 Did you watch any of the three televised debates between Scott Morrison and Bill Shorten?

1. Yes, watched all three

2. Yes, watched two of them

3. Yes, watched one only

4. No, didn’t watch any

A6 From what you saw or what you heard or read about them, who do you think performed better in the debates - Scott Morrison or Bill Shorten?

1. Morrison did much better

2. Morrison did somewhat better

3. About equal

4. Shorten did somewhat better

5. Shorten did much better

A7 During the election campaign, did a candidate or anyone from a political party contact you to persuade you to vote for them?

*Please select all that apply.*

1. No [GO TO A9]

2. Yes, by telephone

3. Yes, by mail

4. Yes, face-to-face

5. Yes, by text message or SMS

6. Yes, by email

7. Yes, by social network site or other web-based method

A8 Which parties or candidates contacted you by any of these means?

*Please select all that apply.*

1. None

2. Liberal

3. Labor

4. National

5. Greens

6. Other party or candidate

A9 Do you think that voting at Federal elections should be compulsory, or do you think that people should only have to vote if they want to?

1. Strongly favour compulsory voting

2. Favour compulsory voting

3. Favour people voting only if they want to

4. Strongly favour people voting only if they want to

A10 Would you have voted in the election if voting had not been compulsory?

1. Definitely would have voted

2. Probably would have voted

3. Might / might not have voted

4. Probably would not have voted

5. Definitely would not have voted

6. Not eligible to vote

\*(ALL)

A11 Do you think that the voting age in elections should be lowered to 16, or should it stay at 18?

1. Definitely lowered to 16

2. Probably lowered to 16

3. Probably stay at 18

4. Definitely stay at 18

A12 During the 2019 election campaign, did you read or access any of the following?

*Please select all that apply.*

1. Official party or candidate campaign sites (e.g. home pages, blogs,  
official Facebook profiles, official YouTube channels)

2. Mainstream news media sites (e.g. ABC Online, SMH site etc)

3. Unofficial online content (i.e. non-party campaign material, e.g. YouTube)

4. Federal Parliament site

5. Australian Electoral Commission site

6. Voting advice website (e.g. VoteCompass, SmartVote etc.)

7. No, none of the above

A13 During the 2019 election campaign, did you do any of the following activities online?

*Please select all that apply.*

1. Signed up to receive information from a party or candidate on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram

2. Shared campaign or political content on a blog, Twitter feed or on social network

3. Joined or started a political group on a social networking site (e.g. Facebook etc.)

4. No, none of the above

Section B: Party Preference and Voting

B1 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?

1. Liberal

2. Labor

3. National

4. Greens

5. Other party (*please specify*)

6. No party [GO TO B3]

B2 Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, or not very strong supporter of that party?

1. Very strong supporter

2. Fairly strong supporter

3. Not very strong supporter

B3 Would you say you cared a good deal which party won the Federal election or that you did not care very much which party won?

1. Cared a good deal

2. Did not care very much

3. Did not care at all

B4 When did you decide how you would **definitely** vote in this election?

1. A long time ago

2. A few months ago, before election day was announced

3. About the time the election was announced, on Thursday, 11 April

4. In the first few weeks of the campaign

5. A few days before election day

6. On election day

7. Did not vote in this election [GO TO B6]

B5 In deciding how you would vote in the election, which was **most** important to you?

*Please select* ***one*** *only.*

1. The party leaders

2. The policy issues

3. The candidates in your electorate

4. The parties taken as a whole

B6 Which do you think is better - when the Federal Government has a majority in **both** the House of Representatives **and** the Senate, OR when the Federal Government in the House of Representatives **does not** control the Senate?

1. Much better when Government controls **both**

2. Better when Government controls **both**

3. Neither / doesn’t matter

4. Better when Government **does not** control the Senate

5. Much better when Government **does not** control the Senate

B7 Considering everything the Labor Party and the Liberal Party stand for, would you say there is...?

1. A good deal of difference between the parties

2. Some difference between the parties

3. Not much difference between the parties

4. No difference between the parties

B8a In politics, people sometimes talk about the ‘left’ and the ‘right’. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

0. 0 - Left

1. 1

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5

6. 6

7. 7

8. 8

9. 9

10. 10 - Right

B8b **Using the same scale**, where would you place each of the Federal political parties?

a) Liberal Party

b) Labor Party (ALP)

c) National Party

d) Greens

0. 0 - Left

1. 1

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5

6. 6

7. 7

8. 8

9. 9

10. 10 - Right

B9a In the Federal election for the House of Representatives on Saturday 18 May, which party did you vote for **first**in the **House of Representatives**?

1. Liberal Party

2. Labor Party (ALP)

3. National Party

4. Greens

5. Other party (*please specify*)

6. Voted informal / Did not vote

B9b Which party did you vote for in the **Senate** election?

1. Liberal Party

2. Labor Party (ALP)

3. National Party

4. Greens

5. Other party (*please specify*)

6. Voted informal / Did not vote

B10 ~~D~~ If you voted, did you vote in person on election day or did you cast your vote before election day?

1. Voted in person on election day

2. Voted in person before election day (at a pre-polling voting centre)

3. Cast postal vote before election day

B11a ~~In the end,~~ If you voted for the Greens or other minor party in the **House of Representatives**, which of the two major parties, the Liberal-National Coalition or the Labor Party, did you give your preference to ~~in the~~ **~~House of Representatives~~**?

1. Liberal-National Coalition

2. Labor Party (ALP)

3. Not sure / Don’t know

B11b If you voted for the Greens or other minor party in the **Senate,** ~~W~~ which major party did you give your preference to ~~in the~~ **~~Senate~~** ~~election~~?

1. Liberal-National Coalition

2. Labor Party (ALP)

3. Not sure / Don’t know

B12 ~~In voting for~~ If you voted in the **House of Representatives**, did you follow a party ‘How to Vote’ card or did you decide your own preferences?

1. Followed a ‘How to Vote’ card

2. Decided my own preferences

B13 Was there any time during the election campaign when you **seriously** thought you might give your **first** preference to another party in the **House of Representatives**?

*Please select* ***one*** *only.*

1. No

2. Yes, Liberal Party

3. Yes, Labor Party (ALP)

4. Yes, National Party

5. Yes, Greens

6. Yes, another party / independent

B13a In the Federal election on Saturday 18 May, which party would you have voted for first in the **House of Representatives** if Malcolm Turnbull had been leader of the Liberal Party?

1. Liberal Party

2. Labor Party (ALP)

3. National Party

4. Greens

5. Another party / independent

6. Would not have voted

B14 In the last Federal election in July 2016, when the Liberals were led by Malcolm Turnbull and Labor by Bill Shorten, which party got your first preference then in the **House of Representatives** election?

1. Liberal Party

2. Labor Party (ALP)

3. National Party

4. Greens

5. Another party / independent

6. Did not vote

B15 Before this current Federal election for the **House of Representatives**, had you always voted for the same party, or had you sometimes voted for different parties?

*Please select all that apply.*

1. Always voted for the same party

2. Sometimes voted Liberal

3. Sometimes voted Labor (ALP)

4. Sometimes voted National

5. Sometimes voted Greens

6. Sometimes voted for other party / independent

7. Did not vote before this election

B16 Some people say that political parties in Australia care what ordinary people think. Others say that political parties in Australia don't care what ordinary people think. Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5?

1. 1 – **Political parties in Australia care what ordinary people think**

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5 – **Political parties in Australia don’t care what ordinary people think**

B17 Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means that political parties are necessary to make our political system work, and 5 means that political parties are not needed in Australia?

1. 1 – **Political parties are necessary to make our political system work**

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5 – **Political parties are not needed in Australia**

B18 Finally in this section, we would like to know what you think about each of our political parties. Please rate each party on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly **dislike** that party and 10 means that you strongly **like** that party. If you are neutral about a particular party or don't know much about them, you should give them a rating of 5.

**How do you feel about the…?**

a) Liberal Party

b) Labor Party (ALP)

c) National Party

d) Greens

0. 0 – **Strongly dislike**

1. 1

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5 – **Neutral**

6. 6

7. 7

8. 8

9. 9

10. 10 – **Strongly like**

B19 On the whole, how would you describe the following parties nowadays? Does the Liberal-National Coalition keep its promises? And would you describe the Labor Party as a party that keeps its promises?

a) Liberal-National Coalition

b) Labor Party

1. Keeps its promises

2. Breaks its promises

3. Unsure

B20 Would you describe the Liberal-National Coalition as capable of strong government or not capable of strong government? And how about the Labor Party?

a) Liberal-National Coalition

b) Labor Party

1. Capable of strong government

2. Not capable of strong government

3. Unsure

B21 Would you describe the Liberal-National Coalition as united or divided? And how about the Labor Party?

a) Liberal-National Coalition

b) Labor Party

1. United

2. Divided

3. Unsure

Section C: Politicians and Government

C1 Again using a scale from 0 to 10, please show how much you **like** or **dislike** the party leaders. If you don't know much about them, you should give them a rating of 5.

**How do you feel about…?**

a) Scott Morrison

b) Bill Shorten

c) Michael McCormack

d) Malcolm Turnbull

e) Richard Di Natale

0. 0 – **Strongly dislike**

1. 1

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5 – **Neutral**

6. 6

7. 7

8. 8

9. 9

10. 10 – **Strongly like**

C2 Here is a list of words and phrases people use to describe party leaders. Thinking first about **Scott Morrison**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him - extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

a) Intelligent

b) Compassionate

c) Competent

d) Sensible

e) Provides strong leadership

f) Honest

g) Knowledgeable

h) Inspiring

i) Trustworthy

1. Extremely well

2. Quite well

3. Not too well

4. Not well at all

C3 Now thinking about **Bill Shorten**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him - extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

a) Intelligent

b) Compassionate

c) Competent

d) Sensible

e) Provides strong leadership

f) Honest

g) Knowledgeable

h) Inspiring

i) Trustworthy

1. Extremely well

2. Quite well

3. Not too well

4. Not well at all

C4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Liberal Party handled the leadership change in August of last year, when Scott Morrison replaced Malcolm Turnbull?

1. Strongly approve

2. Approve

3. Disapprove

4. Strongly disapprove

C5 On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Australia?

1. Very satisfied

2. Fairly satisfied

3. Not very satisfied

4. Not at all satisfied

C6 In general, do you feel that the people in government are too often interested in looking after themselves, or do you feel that they can be trusted to do the right thing nearly all the time?

1. Usually look after themselves

2. Sometimes look after themselves

3. Sometimes can be trusted to do the right thing

4. Usually can be trusted to do the right thing

C7 Would you say the government is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

1. Entirely run for the big interests

2. Mostly run for the big interests

3. About half and half

4. Mostly run for the benefit of all

5. Entirely run for the benefit of all

C8 Over the past five years or so, have you done any of the following things to express your views about something the government should or should not be doing?

*Please select ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ for each action.*

a) Contacted a politician or government official by email

b) Contacted a politician or government official either in person, or in writing

c) Taken part in a protest, march or demonstration

d) Worked together with people who shared the same concern

e) Signed a written petition

f) Signed an online or e-petition

1. Yes

2. No

C9 Some people say that Federal politicians know what ordinary people think. Others say that Federal politicians don't know much about what ordinary people think. Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5?

1. 1 – **Federal politicians know what ordinary people think**

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5 – **Federal politicians don’t know what ordinary people think**

C10 Some people say it makes a big difference who is in power. Others say it doesn’t make any difference who is in power. Using the scale below, where would you place yourself?

1. 1 – **It makes a big difference who is in power**

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5 – **It doesn’t make any difference who is in power**

C11 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. Using the scale below, where would you place yourself?

1. 1 – **Who people vote for can make a big difference**

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5 – **Who people vote for won’t make any difference**

C12 Should there be more efforts to increase the number of women MPs? If so, what means would you prefer?

*Please only select one option.*

1. No, there is no need to increase the number of women MPs

2. No, nothing needs to be done, it will happen naturally

3. Yes, by legally requiring all political parties to select more women candidates by means of a ‘quota’

4. Yes, the political parties should make their own voluntary commitments to increase the number of women MPs

5. Yes, by encouraging more women to participate in politics

C13 Finally in this section, please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

a) The people instead of politicians should make our most important policy decisions

b) Politicians in the government are corrupt

c) Politicians make decisions that harm the interests of the ordinary people

d) The ordinary people should have more influence in political decision-making than big companies that only want to make profits

1. Strongly agree

2. Agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree

Section D: Election Issues

D1 Here is a list of important issues that were discussed during the election campaign. **When you were deciding how to vote**, how important was each of these issues to you personally?

*Please select a response for each issue.*

a) Taxation

b) Immigration

c) Education

d) The environment

e) Government debt

f) Health and Medicare

g) Refugees and asylum seekers

h) Global warming

i) Superannuation

j) Management of the economy

1. Extremely important

2. Quite important

3. Not very important

D2 Still thinking about these same issues, whose policies - the Labor Party’s or the Liberal–National Coalition’s - would you say **come closer** to your own views on each of these issues?

*Please select a response for each issue.*

a) Taxation

b) Immigration

c) Education

d) The environment

e) Government debt

f) Health and Medicare

g) Refugees and asylum seekers

h) Global warming

i) Superannuation

j) Management of the economy

1. Labor (ALP)

2. Liberal-National Coalition

3. No difference

4. Don’t know

D3 Still thinking about the same 10 issues, which of these issues was the **most** important to you and your family during the election campaign? And, which was the **second most** important issue?

*Please select* ***one issue in each column****.*

a) Taxation

b) Immigration

c) Education

d) The environment

e) Government debt

f) Health and Medicare

g) Refugees and asylum seekers

h) Global warming

i) Superannuation

j) Management of the economy

1. Most important

2. Second most important

D4 How does the **financial situation of your household** now compare with what it was 12 months ago? And how do you think the **general economic situation in Australia** now compares with what it was 12 months ago?

a) Financial situation of your household

b) Economic situation in Australia

1. A lot better

2. A little better

3. About the same

4. A little worse

5. A lot worse

D5 Compared with 12 months ago, would you say that the **Federal government's policies** have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really have not made much difference to the **financial situation of your household**? And what effect do you think they have had on the **general economic situation in Australia** as a whole?

a) Financial situation of your household

b) Economic situation in Australia

1. A good effect

2. Not much difference

3. A bad effect

D6 Compared to now, what do you think the financial situation of your household will be **in 12 months’time**? And what do you think the general economic situation in Australia as a whole will be in 12 months’ time?

a) Financial situation of your household

b) Economic situation in Australia

1. A lot better

2. A little better

3. About the same

4. A little worse

5. A lot worse

D7 Do you think that, **12 months from now**, the Federal government's policies will have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really will have not made much difference to the financial situation of your household? And what effect do you think they will have had on the general economic situation in Australia as a whole?

a) Financial situation of your household

b) Economic situation in Australia

1. A good effect

2. Not much difference

3. A bad effect

D8 Please say whether there should be more or less public expenditure in each of the following areas. Remember if you say ‘more’ it could require a tax increase, and if you say ‘less’ it could require a reduction in those services.

a) Health

b) Education

c) Unemployment benefits

d) Defence

e) Old-age pensions

f) Business and industry

g) Police and law enforcement

h) The National Disability Insurance Scheme

i) Public transport infrastructure

j) Child care

1. Much more than now

2. Somewhat more than now

3. The same as now

4. Somewhat less than now

5. Much less than now

D9 If you lost your job, how easy or difficult would it be to find another job **in the next 12 months**?If your spouse / partner lost their job, how easy or difficult would it be for them to find another job **in the next 12 months**?

a) You

b) Your spouse / partner

1. Very easy

2. Somewhat easy

3. Somewhat difficult

4. Very difficult

5. Do not have a job

6. Do not have a spouse / partner [ONLY AN OPTION FOR STATEMENT B]

D10 Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

a) High income tax makes people less willing to work hard

b) The trade unions in this country have too much power

c) Big business in this country has too much power

d) Income and wealth should be redistributed towards ordinary working people

e) There should be stricter laws to regulate the activities of trade unions

f) The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels

1. Strongly agree

2. Agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree

D11 Thinking back to the last Federal election in 2016, would you say that since then the following have got better, worse, or stayed the same?

a) The cost of living

b) The quality of education in schools

c) The quality of health services

1. A lot better

2. A little better

3. About the same

4. A little worse

5. A lot worse

D12 Some people feel that government should make much greater efforts to make people's incomes more equal. Other people feel that government should be much less concerned about how equal people's incomes are. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Do you think the Government should…?

0. 0 – Make greater efforts to make people’s incomes more equal

1. 1

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5

6. 6

7. 7

8. 8

9. 9

10. 10 – Be less concerned about making people’s incomes more equal

D13 Do you support or oppose policies to limit shareholders receiving a cash rebate on dividends (i.e. franking credits)?

1. Strongly support

2. Support

3. Oppose

4. Strongly oppose

D14 And do you support or oppose policies to limit property investors claiming tax deductions (i.e. negative gearing)?

1. Strongly support

2. Support

3. Oppose

4. Strongly oppose

Section E: Social Policy

E1 If the government had a choice between reducing taxes or spending more on social services, which do you think it should do?

1. Strongly favour reducing taxes

2. Mildly favour reducing taxes

3. It depends

4. Mildly favour spending more on social services

5. Strongly favour spending more on social services

E2 The statements below indicate some of the changes that have been happening in Australia over the years. For each one, please say whether you think the change has gone too far, not gone far enough, or is about right?

a) Equal opportunities for migrants

b) The right to show nudity and sex in films and magazines

c) Aboriginal land rights

d) Equal opportunities for women

e) The number of migrants allowed into Australia at the present time

f) Government help for Indigenous Australians

g) Building close relations with Asia

1. Gone much too far

2. Gone too far

3. About right

4. Not gone far enough

5. Not gone nearly far enough

E3 Which one of these statements comes closest to how you feel about abortion in Australia?

1. Women should be able to obtain an abortion readily when they want one

2. Abortion should be allowed only in special circumstances

3. Abortion should not be allowed under any circumstances

4. Don't know

E4 Do you personally favour or oppose same sex couples being given the same rights to marry as couples consisting of a man and a woman?

1. Strongly favour

2. Favour

3. Oppose

4. Strongly oppose

E5 What do you think is the best way to handle the processing and resettlement of asylum seekers who come by boat and manage to reach Australian waters?

1. Process and resettle offshore

2. Process offshore but resettle in Australia

3. Process and resettle onshore in Australia

4. None of these options

E6 Here are some statements about general social concerns. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

a) The death penalty should be reintroduced for murder

b) The smoking of marijuana should NOT be a criminal offence

c) People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences

d) Women should be given preferential treatment when applying for jobs and promotions

e) All boats carrying asylum seekers should be turned back

f) Terminally ill patients should be able to end their own lives with medical assistance

g) The government should increase opportunities for women in business and industry

h) Pill testing should be allowed at music festivals

1. Strongly agree

2. Agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree

E7 If a referendum were held to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution would you support or oppose such a change to the Constitution?

1. Strongly support

2. Support

3. Oppose

4. Strongly oppose

E8a Finally in this section, a question about what you think the aims of Australia should be for the next ten years. Here is a list of four aims that different people would give priority. If you had to choose among these four aims, which would be your **first** choice?

1. Maintain order in the nation

2. Give people more say in important government decisions

3. Fight rising prices

4. Protect freedom of speech

E8b Which would be your **second** choice?

1. Maintain order in the nation

2. Give people more say in important government decisions

3. Fight rising prices

4. Protect freedom of speech

E9 Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

a) Many women interpret innocent remarks or acts as being sexist

b) Women fail to appreciate what men do for them

c) Women seek to gain power by getting control over men

1. Strongly agree

2. Agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree

Section F: General Political Views

F1 How important do you feel the Queen and the Royal Family are to Australia?

1. Very important

2. Fairly important

3. Not very important

F2 Do you think that Australia should become a republic with an Australian head of state, or should the Queen be retained as head of state?

1. Strongly favour becoming republic

2. Favour becoming republic

3. Favour retaining the Queen as head of state

4. Strongly favour retaining the Queen as head of state

F3 How important do you think the Australian alliance with the United States under the ANZUS treaty is for protecting Australia’s security?

1. Very important

2. Fairly important

3. Not very important

4. Not at all important

F4 If Australia’s security were threatened by some other country, how much trust do you feel Australia can have in the United States to come to Australia’s defence?

1. A great deal

2. A fair amount

3. Not very much

4. None at all

F5 In your opinion, are any of the following countries likely to pose a threat to Australia's security?

a) Japan

b) United States

c) China

d) Vietnam

e) Malaysia

f) Indonesia

1. Very likely

2. Fairly likely

3. Not very likely

F6 Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

a) Australia’s defence is stronger now than it was 10 years ago

b) Australia would be able to defend itself successfully if it were ever attacked

c) Australia’s trading future lies in Asia

d) Australia should provide military assistance for the war on terrorism

1. Strongly agree

2. Agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree

F7 Do you think the number of immigrants allowed into Australia nowadays should be reduced or increased?

1. Increased a lot

2. Increased a little

3. Remain about the same as it is

4. Reduced a little

5. Reduced a lot

F8 There are different opinions about the effects that immigrants have on Australia. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

a) Immigrants increase the crime rate

b) Immigrants are generally good for Australia’s economy

c) Immigrants take jobs away from people who are born in Australia

d) Immigrants make Australia more open to new ideas and cultures

1. Strongly agree

2. Agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree

F9 How serious a threat do you think global warming will pose to you or your way of life in your lifetime?

1. Very serious

2. Fairly serious

3. Not very serious

4. Not at all serious

F10 And, a final question for this section, a quick quiz on Australian government. For each of the following statements, please say whether it is true or false. If you don't know the answer, select the ‘Don’t know’ option and try the next one.

a) Australia became a federation in 1901

b) There are 75 members of the House of Representatives

c) The Constitution can only be changed by the High Court

d) The Senate election is based on proportional representation

e) No-one may stand for Federal parliament unless they pay a deposit

f) The longest time allowed between Federal elections for the House of Representatives is four years

1. True

2. False

3. Don’t know

Section G: Education and Work

G1 How old were you when you left secondary school?

1. Years \_\_\_\_\_\_

2. No formal schooling

3. Went to primary school only

4. Still at secondary school

G2 In all, how many years of **tertiary** study have you completed since you left secondary school?

If your tertiary study was part-time, give the number of years of equivalent full-time study.

1. Years of full-time tertiary study \_\_\_\_\_\_

G3 Have you obtained a trade qualification, a degree or a diploma, or any other qualification since leaving school? What is your highest qualification?

*If you are qualified, please select your* ***highest*** *qualification.*

1. No qualification since leaving school

2. Postgraduate Degree or Postgraduate Diploma

3. Bachelor Degree (including Honours)

4. Undergraduate Diploma

5. Associate Diploma

6. Trade qualification

7. Non-trade qualification

G4 Now some questions about the work you are doing now. Last week, what were you mainly doing?

1. Working full-time for pay

2. Working part-time for pay

3. Unemployed – looking for full-time work

4. Unemployed – looking for part-time work

5. Retired from paid work

6. A full-time school or university student

7. Family or caring responsibilities

8. Other (please specify)

G5a What kind of work do you do? Please give your full job title, and as much detail as you can. For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.

*If you are unemployed or retired, please describe your last regular paid job.*

1. Full job title (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

2. Have never worked for pay [GO TO SECTION H]

G5b What are (or were) the **main tasks** that you usually perform? Please give full details.

1. Main tasks (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

G5c What kind of business or industry is (or was) that in? What do they do or make at the place where you work (or used to work)?

1. Kind of industry (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

G5d Which of the following **best describes** the position that you hold (or held)?

1. Upper managerial

2. Middle managerial

3. Lower managerial

4. Supervisory

5. Non-supervisory

G5e Whom do (or did) you work for?

1. Self-employed

2. Employee in private company or business

3. Employee of Federal / State / Local Government

4. Employee in family business or farm

G5f As an official part of your job, do (or did) you directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?

1. Yes

2. No

G6 Do you belong to a trade union?

1. Yes

2. No

Section H: Personal background

PREH1 This final section includes questions about yourself and your family background. These characteristics are very important to our research on how people in different circumstances feel about the issues covered earlier. **The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.**

H1 Are you male or female?

1. Male

2. Female

3. Other

H2 In what year were you born?

1. Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

H3a In which country were **you** born? And your **mother**? And your **father**?

a) Australia

b) New Zealand

c) United Kingdom

d) Republic of Ireland

e) Italy

f) Germany

g) Greece

h) China

i) India

j) Vietnam

k) Philippines

l) Other *(please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Yourself

2. Mother

3. Father

H3b Are you currently an Australian citizen?

1. Yes

2. No

H4 Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

1. Yes

2. No

H5 Did your **father** have any particular preference for one of the political parties when

you were young, say about 14 years old? And how about your **mother**?

a) Liberal (includes UAP)

b) Labor (ALP)

c) National

d) Greens

e) Democratic Labor (DLP)

f) Australian Democrats

g) Other parties

h) Don’t know

1. Father

2. Mother

H6 What is your religion or faith?

1. Roman Catholic

2. Anglican / Church of England

3. Uniting Church / Methodist

4. Orthodox Church

5. Presbyterian

6. Other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. No religion

H7 Apart from weddings, funerals and baptisms, about how often do you attend religious services?

1. At least once a week

2. At least once a month

3. Several times a year

4. At least once a year

5. Less than once a year

6. Never

H8 What is your current marital status?

1. Never married [GO TO SECTION J]

2. Now married (including de facto relationships)

3. Widowed [GO TO SECTION J]

4. Divorced or separated [GO TO SECTION J]

Section I: Partner

This section is for those who are married or living with a partner. If you are not currently married or living in a de facto relationship, please go to section J.

I1 What was your **partner’s** main activity last week?

1. Working full-time for pay

2. Working part-time for pay

3. Unemployed – looking for full-time work

4. Unemployed – looking for part-time work

5. Retired from paid work

6. A full-time school or university student

7. Family or caring responsibilities

8. Other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I2a What kind of work does (or did) your **partner** do? Please give their full job title, and as much detail as you can. For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.

*If not working for pay now, please describe your partner’s last regular paid job*

1. Full job title (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

2. Have never worked for pay [GO TO QUESTION I6]

I2b What are (or were) the **main tasks** that your **partner** usually performs? Please give full details.

1. Main tasks (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

I3 Whom does (or did) your **partner** work for?

1. Self-employed

2. Employee in private company or business

3. Employee of Federal / State / Local Government

4. Employee in family business or farm

I4 As an official part of their job, does (or did) your **partner** directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?

1. Yes

2. No

I5 Does your **partner** belong to a trade union?

1. Yes

2. No

I6 Generally speaking, does your **partner** usually think of himself or herself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?

1. Liberal

2. Labor

3. National

4. Greens

5. Other party (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. No party

Section J: Household

J1 Some questions now about your household.

Do you own outright, or are you buying or renting the dwelling in which you now live?

1. Own outright

2. Own, paying off mortgage

3. Rent from private landlord or real estate agent

4. Rent from public housing authority

5. Other (boarding, living at home, etc.)

J2 Do you own any investment properties?

1. Yes

2. No

J3 Do you have a self-managed superannuation fund?

1. Yes

2. No

J4 Which social class would you say you belong to?

1. Upper class

2. Middle class

3. Working class

4. None

J5 Would you say you now live in…?

1. A rural area or village

2. A small country town (under 10,000 people)

3. A larger country town (over 10,000 people)

4. A large town (over 25,000 people)

5. A major city (over 100,000 people)

J6 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 interest or dividends.

1. Less than $20,000 per year

2. $20,001 to $30,000 per year

3. $30,001 to $40,000 per year

4. $40,001 to $50,000 per year

5. $50,001 to $60,000 per year

6. $60,001 to $70,000 per year

7. $70,001 to $80,000 per year

8. $80,001 to $90,000 per year

9. $90,001 to $100,000 per year

10. $100,001 to $110,000 per year

11. $110,001 to $120,000 per year

12. $120,001 to $130,000 per year

13. $130,001 to $140,000 per year

14. $140,001 to $150,000 per year

15. $150,001 to $160,000 per year

16. $160,001 to $180,000 per year

17. $180,001 to $200,000 per year

18. More than $200,000 per year

J7 Do you own shares in any company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (shares registered in your name or that of your family company)?

1. No, don't own any shares

2. Yes, in one company

3. Yes, in two to five companies

4. Yes, in six to 10 companies

5. Yes, in more than 10 companies

J8 Do you or your partner receive any of the following benefits from the government?

*Please select all that apply.*

1. Family payments (Family Tax Benefit A and B)

2. Child Care Benefit

3. Unemployment benefits (e.g. Newstart Allowance)

4. Aged Pension

5. Disability Support Pension

6. Veterans’ Pension

7. No, none of the above

J9 Just to confirm, are you currently enrolled to vote in Australia?

1. Yes, I am enrolled to vote

2. No, I am not enrolled to vote

3. I don’t know whether I am enrolled

Section W: Final questions

W0 Were you enrolled to vote in Australia at the previous Federal election in 2016?

1. Yes, I was enrolled to vote

2. No, I was not enrolled to vote

3. I don’t know whether I was enrolled

W1 Including yourself, how many people aged 18 years or older live in your household?

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_

W2 Is there at least one working fixed line telephone inside your home that is used for making and receiving calls?

1. Yes

2. No

W3 How many mobile phones, in total, do you have that you receive calls on?

1. Specify number: \_\_\_\_

W4 Does any member of your household access the internet from home?

*Please include internet access using any device (computer, phone, tablet, gaming console) and any type of connection (fibre, cable, wireless, mobile data).*

1. Yes

2. No

W5 Over the last 12 months did you spend any time doing voluntary work through an organisation or group?

*Please include voluntary work for sporting teams, youth groups, schools, or religious organisations. Please exclude work in a family business or paid employment. Please exclude work to qualify for a government benefit or to obtain an educational qualification or due to a community / court order.*

1. Yes, did voluntary work

2. No, did not do voluntary work

W6 Some households also completed the survey at the time of the 2016 election and are part of the AES community. Did you personally complete the Australian Election Study survey in 2016?

1. Yes

2. No, but someone else in my household did

3. No, nobody in my household did

W7 Would you be prepared to take part in a similar survey at the time of the next Federal election in 2022?

*If you choose to stay in the study we will occasionally send you updates about the project, key findings and media activity. If you decide that you want to withdraw, just contact us and we will delete your details.*

1. Yes – *please provide your contact details below*

a. Full name:

b. Postal address:

c. Email address:

d: Phone:

2. No

Thank you for participating in this important study!

Please put the questionnaire in the reply-paid envelope and post it back to us.

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Once your survey has been returned and processed, we will send out your $20 gift card.

We will send it to the same address we sent the survey invitation.

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