

**J01216 SUSAN MCKINNON FOUNDATION
TOPIC 5 – POLARISATION AND PARTISAN POLL
JULY 2024
FINALf**

SAMPLE: n=3,000 ADULTS AGED 18+

State/Territory	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Non- metro	TOTAL
Sample size (n=) Inclusive of metro and regional to ABS 18+ population proportions	960	750	600	330	210	n=150 across all	2,100	900	3,000

PROGRAMMER NOTE: TAG RESPONDENT ELECTORATE (ELECTORATE, PARTY, MARGINAL STATUS) FOR ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this online survey.

The survey will take about **15 minutes** of your time to complete and is completely confidential and anonymous. As such, we ask you to answer the following questions as honestly as possible, noting that you must provide a valid answer to all questions for your responses to be included.

Please read each question and follow the instructions to record your reply. Some questions ask you to type in a comment.

Please DO NOT USE the 'Back' and 'Next' buttons in the browser.
Please use the button(s) at the bottom of each screen.

If you would like to pause the survey to return to it later, simply close the window and click on the original link to return. You will return to where you were up to.

SCREENING AND DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS:

ASK ALL

S1	Firstly, some demographic questions to ensure we have a representative cross section of the population. Please indicate your gender.		
		Male	1
		Female	2
		Prefer to self-describe	3
		Prefer not to say	4



ASK ALL

S2	How old are you?		
		Under 18	CLOSE
		18-24	1
		25-29	2
		30-34	3
		35-39	4
		40-44	5
		45-49	6
		50-54	7
		55-59	8
		60-64	9
		65-69	10
		70-74	11
		75+	12
		Prefer not to say	CLOSE

ASK ALL

S3a	What is the postcode where you live?	



ASK ALL

S3b	AUTOCODE FROM POSTCODE	
	Sydney	1
	Rest of New South Wales	2
	Melbourne	3
	Rest of Victoria	4
	Brisbane	5
	Rest of Queensland	6
	Perth	7
	Rest of Western Australia	8
	Adelaide	9
	Rest of South Australia	10
	Hobart	11
	Rest of Tasmania	12
	Darwin	13
	Rest of Northern Territory	14
	Canberra	15
	Rest of Australian Capital Territory	16
	Other Australian Territory	CLOSE
	Not currently living in Australia	CLOSE

CHECK QUOTAS

ASK ALL

D1a	Which one of the following best describes where you live?	
	IF S3b CODE 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15: DISPLAY 1-3	
	IF S3b CODE 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16: DISPLAY 3-5	
	Inner urban	1
	Middle to outer urban	2
	Urban fringe	3
	Large regional city or town (population 50,000 or more)	4
	Other regional or rural	5

ASK ALL

D2	Are you currently enrolled to vote in elections in Australia?	
	Yes	1
	No	2
	Not sure	3



MAIN SURVEY QUESTIONS:**TRACKING****ASK ALL**

Q1	Now to the main survey questions...						
	How would you rate the current overall performance of each of the following?						
	RANDOMISE A-C	Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very good	Can't say
A	The Australian Government	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	Your State or Territory Government	1	2	3	4	5	6
C	Your Local Council	1	2	3	4	5	6

ASK ALL

Q1a	What are the qualities you most want to see in Australia's political leaders?	
	Please select your top three qualities, in order of preference.	
	<i>First, click on the most important '1'. Then click on the second most important '2', etc. until all three have been ranked OR select 'None of these' or 'Can't say' if applicable.</i>	
	RANDOMISE 1-11	
	Honesty and ethical behaviour	1
	Intelligence	2
	Compassion and empathy	3
	Works out compromises for the greater good	4
	Stands up for what they believe in, even when it is difficult	5
	Hardworking	6
	Has a plan for the future	7
	Listens	8
	Communicates well	9
	Respect for taxpayers' money	10
	Delivers on the priorities of citizens	11
	None of these	98
	Can't say	99

ASK ALL

Q2	<p>What are the most important issues facing Australia today and into the future that we should be doing something about?</p> <p>Please select your top five issues, in order of importance.</p> <p><i>First, click on the most important '1'. Then click on the second most important '2', etc. until five have been ranked OR select 'Can't say' if applicable.</i></p> <p>RANDOMISE 1-30</p>																																																		
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PROGRAMMER NOTE: RANDOMLY ASSIGN EITHER Q4a OR Q4b. APPROX. HALF THE SAMPLE TO SEE Q4a, HALF TO SEE Q4b. FLAG QN ASKED IN DATAFILE.

Q4a	Inflation is defined as an increase in the level of prices of the goods and services that households buy. It is measured as the rate of change of those prices. Typically, prices rise over time, but prices can also fall (a situation called deflation).	
	The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) has an inflation target of keeping inflation between 2-3%, on average, over time. What do you think the current rate of inflation is?	
	(It's okay if you're not sure. We're interested in your impressions.)	
	A lot below 2-3%	1
	A little below 2-3%	2
	On par with 2-3%	3
	A little above 2-3%	4
A lot above 2-3%	5	
Can't say	6	

OR

Q4b	Inflation is defined as an increase in the level of prices of the goods and services that households buy. It is measured as the rate of change of those prices. Typically, prices rise over time, but prices can also fall (a situation called deflation).	
	What do you think the current rate of inflation is?	
	(It's okay if you're not sure. We're interested in your impressions.)	
	A lot below 2-3%	1
	A little below 2-3%	2
	On par with 2-3%	3
	A little above 2-3%	4
A lot above 2-3%	5	
Can't say	6	

ASK ALL

Q5	And what do you expect the inflation rate to be in 12 months' time ?	
	A lot below 2-3%	1
	A little below 2-3%	2
	On par with 2-3%	3
	A little above 2-3%	4
	A lot above 2-3%	5
	Can't say	6



ASK ALL

Q6	On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is 'keeping unemployment low is of greatest importance' and 10 is 'keeping inflation low is of greatest importance', how much would you prioritise low unemployment versus low inflation?												
	Keeping unemployment low is of greatest importance											Keeping inflation low is of greatest importance	Can't say
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99	

POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP

RANDOMISE ORDER OF Q8a AND Q8b

ASK ALL

Q8a	Thinking about your political views. In politics, people sometimes talk about the 'left' and the 'right'. Where would you place yourself on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means the 'left', 5 means the 'centre' and 10 means the 'right'?												
Left					Centre						Right	<i>Unsure / Prefer not to say</i>	<i>Don't understand the question</i>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98	99	

ASK ALL

Q8b	Thinking about your views on social issues, where would you place yourself on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means 'very progressive', 5 means 'moderate' and 10 means 'very conservative'?												
Very progressive					Moderate						Very conservative	<i>Unsure / Prefer not to say</i>	<i>Don't understand the question</i>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98	99	

ASK ALL

Q8c	How much trust do you have in each of the following? SCALE: None, Low, Moderate, High, Complete, Can't say. RANDOMISE A-F											
A	In democracy as the way we choose our governments											
B	The courts and justice system											
C	The electoral commissions that run our elections, e.g. the Australian Electoral Commission and State and Territory electoral commissions											
D	Politicians											
E	The Australian Government											
F	Your State Government											



ASK ALL

Q9	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? SCALE: Strongly disagree, Somewhat disagree, Neither agree nor disagree, Somewhat agree, Strongly agree, Can't say RANDOMISE A-I	
A	The people I disagree with politically are just misinformed	
B	The party / candidate someone votes for says a lot about the kind of person they are	
C	You can tell if a person is good or bad if you know their politics	
D	Corruption is a problem in Australian politics	
E	[INSERT IF VOTER] I believe my vote makes a difference	
F	I think it's a good thing for people to stay loyal to their preferred political party over time	
G	Compulsory voting improves the quality of democracy	
H	Extreme left views are a serious threat to our country	
I	Extreme right views are a serious threat to our country	

ASK ALL

Q9a	Below are some statements about democracy. Please indicate which one of the three statements comes closest to your own personal view about democracy. RANDOMISE 1-2	
	Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government, even if those I disagree with get elected	1
	Under some circumstances, an authoritarian government can be preferable to a democratic one	2
	It does not matter if we have a democratic or non-democratic government	3
	Can't say	4

ASK ALL

Q39	On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is 'Politicians should stand up for what they believe in, and the promises they made when they were elected' and 10 is 'Politicians should cooperate more to get things done, even if it means compromising on issues I care about', how much would you prioritise beliefs versus compromises?											Can't say	
	Politicians should stand up for what they believe in, and the promises they made when they were elected											Politicians should cooperate more to get things done, even if it means compromising on issues I care about	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99	



ASK ALL

Q12	<p>How likely are you to consider each of these political parties / candidates if you were deciding who to vote for at a federal election?</p> <p>[INSERT IF NOT VOTER IE CODE 2-3 IN D2: It's okay if you're not enrolled, we're interested in your general impressions as someone who lives in Australia.]</p> <p>SCALE: Definitely not consider, Probably not consider, Probably consider, Definitely consider, Can't say, Prefer not to say</p> <p>RANDOMISE A-H</p>	
A	Labor Party	
B	QLD: Liberal National Party / LNP	
C	EX QLD: Liberal Party	
D	EX QLD: Nationals	
E	The Greens	
F	Pauline Hanson's One Nation	
G	Teal independents	
H	An independent candidate (excluding the Teals)	

RANDOMISE Q14a AND Q14b

ASK ALL

Q14a	<p>[IF SHOWN FIRST, INSERT: Thinking about different political parties in Australia.]</p> <p>How would you describe the Labor Party?</p> <p><i>Use the slider to indicate where your view of the Labor Party sits for each of the following pairs of words / phrases. It's okay if you're not sure, we are just after your impressions.</i></p> <p>RANDOMISE A-D USE SLIDER FORMAT</p>						
A	Unifying	1	2	3	4	5	Divisive
B	Moderate in their positions on issues	1	2	3	4	5	Extreme in their positions on issues
C	Respectful / tolerant of different views	1	2	3	4	5	Disrespectful / intolerant of different views
D	A source of true / credible information	1	2	3	4	5	A source of false / misleading information



ASK ALL

Q14b	<p>[IF SHOWN FIRST, INSERT: Thinking about different political parties in Australia.]</p> <p>How would you describe the Liberal National Coalition?</p> <p><i>Use the slider to indicate where your view of the Liberal National Coalition sits for each of the following pairs of words / phrases. It's okay if you're not sure, we are just after your impressions.</i></p> <p>RANDOMISE A-D USE SLIDER FORMAT</p>						
A	Unifying	1	2	3	4	5	Divisive
B	Moderate in their positions on issues	1	2	3	4	5	Extreme in their positions on issues
C	Respectful / tolerant of different views	1	2	3	4	5	Disrespectful / intolerant of different views
D	A source of true / credible information	1	2	3	4	5	A source of false / misleading information

ASK IF VOTER IE CODE 1 IN D2 – RANDOMLY ASSIGN ONE OF “The Greens”, “Pauline Hanson’s One Nation”, “the Teal independents”

Q15	<p>How would you describe [INSERT “The Greens” / “Pauline Hanson’s One Nation” / “the Teal independents”]?</p> <p><i>Use the slider to indicate where your view of this party / group sits for each of the following pairs of words / phrases. It's okay if you're not sure, we are just after your impressions.</i></p> <p>RANDOMISE A-D USE SLIDER FORMAT</p>						
A	Unifying	1	2	3	4	5	Divisive
B	Moderate in their positions on issues	1	2	3	4	5	Extreme in their positions on issues
C	Respectful / tolerant of different views	1	2	3	4	5	Disrespectful / intolerant of different views
D	A source of true / credible information	1	2	3	4	5	A source of false / misleading information

ASK IF VOTER IE CODE 1 IN D2

Q16	If a Federal election were being held today, which of these would you give your first preference vote to in the House of Representatives, or lower house?	
	If you're not sure, then who are you leaning towards? RANDOMISE CODES 1-4 THEN RANDOMISE 5-6	
	EX QLD: Liberal Party	1
	Labor Party	2
	EX QLD: Nationals	3
	QLD: Liberal National Party / LNP	4
	Greens	5
	Pauline Hanson's One Nation	6
	Another party or an independent	97
	Not sure	99
	Prefer not to say	98

ASK IF VOTE FOR ANOTHER PARTY / INDEPENDENT AT NEXT ELECTION IE CODE 97 IN Q16

Q16a	And which of these would you give your first preference vote to?	
	If you're not sure, then who are you leaning towards? RANDOMISE 7-18	
	Teal independent	7
	Muslim independent	8
	United Australia Party (UAP)	9
	Liberal Democratic Party	10
	Animal Justice Party	11
	Australian Federation Party	12
	Katter's Australian Party (KAP)	13
	Centre Alliance	14
	WA: Western Australia Party	15
	Great Australian Party	16
	VIC: Victorian Socialists	17
	Jacqui Lambie Network	18
	Another party (please specify _____)	19
	Another independent (please specify _____)	20
	Not sure	99
	Prefer not to say	98

ASK IF VOTE FOR PARTY / INDEPENDENT AT NEXT ELECTION IE CODES 1-6 IN Q16 OR CODES 7-20 IN Q16a

Q17	How strongly do you identify with the [INSERT “the“ PARTY / IND NAME / “the Teal independents” / “the Muslim independents” VOTE FOR IN Q16 / Q16a]?	
	ROTATE 1-4,99 OR 4-1,99	
	Not at all strongly	1
	Not that strongly	2
	Somewhat strongly	3
	Very strongly	4
	Can't say	99

ASK IF VOTE FOR PARTY / INDEPENDENT AT NEXT ELECTION IE CODES 1-6 IN Q16 OR CODES 7-20 IN Q16a

Q17a	How important is it to your identity to be a [INSERT PARTY / IND NAME VOTE FOR IN Q16 / Q16a] voter?	
	ROTATE 1-4,99 OR 4-1,99	
	Not at all important	1
	Not that important	2
	Somewhat important	3
	Very important	4
	Can't say	99

ASK IF VOTE FOR LABOR / LIB/NAT / GREENS / ONE NATION / INDEPENDENT AT NEXT ELECTION IE CODES 1-6 IN Q16, CODE 7, 8, 20 IN Q16a

Now some questions about how you think **others** feel about the party / candidate you intend to vote for, and whether voters for these other parties or independents like / dislike people who vote for the [INSERT PARTY / “An independent” VOTE FOR IN Q16/a].

RANDOMISE ORDER OF Q17b-f

ASK IF VOTE LABOR / GREENS / ONE NATION / INDEPENDENT (IE CODES 2,5-6 IN Q16, CODE 7,8,20 IN Q16a)

Q17b	What do you think Liberals / Nationals voters think about [INSERT PARTY VOTE FOR IN Q16/a] voters?	
	ROTATE 1-5,99 OR 5-1,99	
	Don't like them at all	1
	Don't like them that much	2
	No view either way	3
	Like them a little	4
	Like them a lot	5
	Can't say	99

ASK IF VOTE LIB/NAT / GREENS / ONE NATION / INDEPENDENT (IE CODES 1,3-6 IN Q16, CODE 7,8, 20 IN Q16a)

Q17c	What do you think Labor voters think about [INSERT PARTY VOTE FOR IN Q16/a] voters? ROTATE 1-5,99 OR 5-1,99	
	Don't like them at all	1
	Don't like them that much	2
	No view either way	3
	Like them a little	4
	Like them a lot	5
	Can't say	99

ASK IF VOTE LABOR / LIB/NAT / ONE NATION / INDEPENDENT (IE CODES 1-4,6 IN Q16, CODE 7,8,20 IN Q16a)

Q17d	What do you think Greens voters think about [INSERT PARTY VOTE FOR IN Q16/a] voters? ROTATE 1-5,99 OR 5-1,99	
	Don't like them at all	1
	Don't like them that much	2
	No view either way	3
	Like them a little	4
	Like them a lot	5
	Can't say	99

ASK IF VOTE LABOR / LIB/NAT / GREENS / INDEPENDENT (IE CODES 1-5 IN Q16, CODE 7, 8, 20 IN Q16a)

Q17e	What do you think One Nation voters think about [INSERT PARTY VOTE FOR IN Q16/a] voters? ROTATE 1-5,99 OR 5-1,99	
	Don't like them at all	1
	Don't like them that much	2
	No view either way	3
	Like them a little	4
	Like them a lot	5
	Can't say	99

ASK IF VOTE LABOR / LIB/NAT / GREENS / ONE NATION (IE CODE 1-6 IN Q16)

Q17f	What do you think voters for independent candidates think about [INSERT PARTY VOTE FOR IN Q16] voters? ROTATE 1-5,99 OR 5-1,99	
	Don't like them at all	1
	Don't like them that much	2
	No view either way	3
	Like them a little	4
	Like them a lot	5
	Can't say	99

ASK IF VOTER IE CODE 1 IN D2

Q20	In the referendum held last year to introduce an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, how did you answer the referendum question: <i>“Do you approve this alteration to the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?”</i>	
	I voted “YES”	1
	I voted “NO”	2
	Can't recall	3
	Prefer not to say	4

ASK ALL

Q20a	Which of these values do you most want Australia's political parties, leaders and candidates to represent or prioritise? Please rank the following six values in order of preference. <i>First, click on the value you think is most important and that you most want to see in parties / leaders / candidates '1'. Then click on the second most important value '2', etc. until all six have been ranked OR select 'None of these' or 'Can't say' if applicable.</i> RANDOMISE 1-6	
	Care and compassion	1
	Fairness and equality	2
	Commitment and loyalty	3
	Respect for the law and authority	4
	Upholding moral standards	5
	Protection of individual rights and freedoms	6
	None of these	98
	Can't say	99



ISSUES POLARISATION**ASK ALL**

Q22	To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? SCALE: Strongly disagree, Somewhat disagree, Neither agree nor disagree, Somewhat agree, Strongly agree, Can't say RANDOMISE A-I	
A	I am comfortable talking about difficult or controversial issues in-person	
B	I am comfortable talking about difficult or controversial issues online	
C	I am passionate about my opinions on social and political issues	
D	I am comfortable discussing my opinions with people who have views different to my own	
E	I have experienced negative consequences from discussing my opinions with people who have views different to my own	
F	I would not be friends with people with very different political views to mine	
G	I would never be able to marry someone with very different political views to mine	
H	I would not be happy if a loved one married someone with very different political views to mine	
I	If someone with political views very different to mine was in need, I would help them	

ASK ALL

Q23	And to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? SCALE: Strongly disagree, Somewhat disagree, Neither agree nor disagree, Somewhat agree, Strongly agree, Can't say RANDOMISE A-H	
A	People should be informed and have an opinion about key local and national issues	
B	People should be active in expressing their views on key local and national issues, e.g. through discussion, forums, petitions, meetings, protests	
C	People should be informed and have an opinion about key international issues and events	
D	People should be active in expressing their views on key international issues and events, e.g. through discussion, forums, petitions, meetings, protests	
E	People should consider the feelings of others before talking about their views on issues.	
F	People should be free to express their views, whatever those views are	
G	The Australian media does a good job of presenting different sides of the debate about key issues and events	
H	There should be more progress on important issues and fewer "culture wars"	

ASK ALL

Q23a	Have you done any of the following in the last five years? <i>Please select all that apply.</i> RANDOMISE 1-11	
	'Liked' content about a political or social issue on social media	1
	'Shared' content about a political or social issue on social media	2
	Written an email or letter to a politician, government or council	3
	Signed a petition	4
	Joined a protest march	5
	Attended a meeting about a political or social issue	6
	Volunteered for a community organisation	7
	Volunteered for a political or social cause	8
	Donated money to a charity	9
	Donated money to a political or social cause	10
	Been detained, arrested or charged with an offence by police for your beliefs, in relation to a cause or issue you feel strongly about	11
	In some other capacity (please specify_____)	12
	None of these	13
	Can't say / Prefer not to say	99

ASK ALL

Q24	Overall, how divided do you think Australians are on key political, economic and social issues?	
	Extremely divided	1
	Very divided	2
	Somewhat divided	3
	Not that divided	4
	Not at all divided	5
	Can't say	99

ASK ALL

Q25	Compared with five years ago, do you think Australians today are more divided, less divided, or about the same as before?	
	Much more divided	1
	A little more divided	2
	Same as five years ago	3
	A little less divided	4
	Much less divided	5
	Can't say	99



ASK ALL

Q29	Which of the following best describes your position on the following issues? SCALE: Strongly oppose, Somewhat oppose, Neither support nor oppose, Somewhat support, Strongly support, Can't say, Prefer not to say RANDOMISE A-M	
A	Allowing religious schools / faith-based service providers to withhold employment or services based on sexual orientation or gender identity	
B	Government redistributing income from the better off to those who are less well off	
C	Increasing welfare payments	
D	Reducing immigration levels	
E	Prioritising renewable energy over other sources of power	
F	Introducing nuclear power in Australia	
G	Australia meeting a Net-Zero carbon emissions target by 2050	
H	Changing the date of Australia Day	
I	Indigenous reconciliation	
J	Australia becoming a republic	
K	Harsher / longer sentences for people who break the law	
L	Increased use of artificial intelligence (AI) in daily life	
M	Banning access to social media for people aged under 16 years	

SOCIAL COHESION / DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES

ASK ALL

Q32a	Now for something different. To what extent do you have a sense of belonging in Australia? ROTATE 1-4,99 OR 4-1,99	
		Not at all 1
		Only slightly 2
		To a moderate extent 3
		To a great extent 4
		Can't say / Prefer not to say 99

ASK ALL

Q32b	From the list below, select the groups / communities where you feel a strong sense of belonging?		
	<i>Please select all that apply</i>		
	RANDOMISE 1-11		
	My family		1
	My local community / neighbourhood / suburb		2
	Australia as a whole		3
	My friends		4
	My work / study colleagues		5
	School community		11
	My place of worship (i.e. church, temple, mosque, etc)		6
	The sports teams I follow / other fans		7
	The sports teams I play for		8
	My club or community group		9
	My social media connections		10
	Other online connections		12
	Another group / community (please specify _____)		13
	Can't say		99

ASK ALL

Q33	How would you describe your friends and social circle?						
	<i>Use the slider to indicate where your social group sits for each of the following. It's okay if you're not sure, we are just after your impressions.</i>						
	RANDOMISE A-C						
	USE SLIDER FORMAT						
A	Mainly people from the same cultural background as me	1	2	3	4	5	Mainly people from different cultural backgrounds to me
B	Mainly people with the same political views as me	1	2	3	4	5	Mainly people with different political views to me
C	Mainly people with the same religious views as me	1	2	3	4	5	Mainly people with different religious views to me

ASK ALL

Q35	To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following? SCALE: Strongly disagree, Somewhat disagree, Neither agree nor disagree, Somewhat agree, Strongly agree, Can't say RANDOMISE A-I	
A	It's important that we have a shared understanding of what matters in Australian society	
B	It's important that we have a shared understanding of what it means to be Australian	
C	We can have disagreement on issues and still be a cohesive community	
D	It is more important to stick to your principles than compromise with others on issues we disagree on	
E	Australians should be being willing to cooperate with each other in order to survive and prosper	
F	We should not let international disputes impact all of us living in Australia	
G	There are individuals / groups trying to divide communities in Australia	
H	I am concerned about tensions between different groups in Australia	
I	I have experienced discrimination in Australia based on my race, culture, religion or sexuality	

ASK ALL

Q38	Which of the following have you experienced or been concerned about in the last five years? <i>Please select all that apply</i> RANDOMISE 1-5	
	My safety in areas where there are protestors	1
	Feeling unwelcome in my community due to my views	2
	Conflict with friends or family due to expressing different opinions	3
	Conflict with colleagues or peers due to expressing different opinions	4
	Feeling like I can't express my real views	5
	None of the above	98
	Prefer not to say / Can't say	99

ASK ALL

Q40	Would you support any of the following activities to advance a cause that you care about? SCALE: Definitely not, Probably not, Probably, Definitely, Can't say / would need more information RANDOMISE A-G	
A	Encouraging or using violence	
B	Sending threatening or intimidating messages to someone with different views online	
C	Sending threatening or intimidating messages to Members of Parliament	
D	Vandalising or damaging government offices	
E	Vandalising or damaging private property	
F	Preventing people from accessing buildings / facilities or block traffic / roads as part of an organised protest	
G	Lying or misleading the public	

ASK ALL

Q41	Do you agree or disagree that the Government should take further action to address extreme views and intolerance in our community? ROTATE 1-5,99 OR 5-1,99	
	Strongly disagree	1
	Somewhat disagree	2
	Neither agree nor disagree	3
	Somewhat agree	4
	Strongly agree	5
	Can't say	99

ASK ALL

Q42	<p>Which of these actions do you think would be most effective to address extreme views or intolerance in our community?</p> <p>(It's okay if you're not sure. We're interested in your impressions.)</p> <p><i>Please select up to two.</i></p> <p>RANDOMISE 1-5</p>	
	Better education on the Australian system of Government and our community values	1
	Stronger laws to allow police to prosecute people who go too far	2
	Early intervention programs for young people who are at risk	3
	Stronger laws on social media companies to stop extreme content going viral	4
	More support for local community events and community sport to bring people together	5
	None of these	6
	Can't say	7

FURTHER DEMOGRAPHICS:

To finish up, just a few more questions about yourself and your household.

ASK ALL

Q31a	Thinking about different sources of news. Which, if any, of the following do you access at least weekly to follow news and current affairs?		
	<i>Please select all that apply.</i> RANDOMISE 1-10		
Q31b	ASK IF MORE THAN ONE SOURCE: And which is your main source of news and current affairs? RANDOMISE 1-10 SELECTED IN Q31a		
		Q31a	Q31b
	Local or Australian commercial TV news	1	1
	ABC or SBS TV news	2	2
	Major Australian newspapers	3	3
	International news (BBC, Al Jazeera, CNN, etc.)	4	4
	Radio news	5	5
	Online news websites or forums	6	6
	X (formerly Twitter)	7	7
	Facebook	8	8
	Instagram	9	9
	YouTube	10	10
	Other social media platforms (please specify)	11	11
	Some other source (please specify)	12	12
	None / do not follow news and current affairs	13	13
	Can't say	99	99

ASK IF FOLLOW NEWS IE CODE 1-12 IN Q31a

Q32	On which, if any, of the following have you personally come across news stories, opinion pieces, or posts containing views which you would call ‘extreme’? <i>Please select all that apply.</i> RANDOMISE 1-10	
	Local or Australian commercial TV news	1
	ABC or SBS TV news	2
	Major Australian newspapers	3
	International news (BBC, Al Jazeera, CNN, etc.)	4
	Radio news	5
	Online news websites or forums	6
	X (formerly Twitter)	7
	Facebook	8
	Instagram	9
	YouTube	10
	Other social media platforms (please specify)	11
	Some other source (please specify)	12
	None	13
	Can't say	99

ASK ALL

Q32c	The next questions ask about your use of the internet. This includes work and personal use. Please indicate how often you undertake each of the following activities. RANDOMISE A-D							
		Never	A few times a month or less	Once a week	A few times a week	Once a day	Several times a day or more often	Can't say / prefer not to say
A	Browsing or looking for information	1	2	3	4	5	6	99
B	Using social media (e.g. Facebook, X / Twitter, LinkedIn, TikTok, Instagram)	1	2	3	4	5	6	99
C	Messaging and chatting online (e.g. Facebook, Messenger, Instagram, Snapchat)	1	2	3	4	5	6	99
D	Reading news articles online	1	2	3	4	5	6	99



ASK ALL

D2a	Now about something different. Do you feel well and in good health?		
		Yes, definitely	1
		Yes, probably	2
		Probably not	3
		Definitely not	4
		Don't know / Prefer not to say	5

ASK ALL

D2b	Please indicate how often you feel the way described in each of these statements. SCALE: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Often, Can't say / Prefer not to say RANDOMISE A-D	
A	I lack companionship	
B	I feel left out	
C	I feel isolated from others	
D	I often feel anxious and worried	

ASK ALL

D3	What is the highest educational qualification you have completed?	
	Post Graduate Degree	1
	Graduate Diploma / Certificate	2
	Bachelor Degree	3
	Advanced Diploma / Diploma	4
	TAFE / Technical Certificate	5
	Completed High School	6
	Part High School or Primary School	7
	Prefer not to say / Can't say	99

ASK ALL

D5	In which country were you born?	
		Australia 1
		England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland 2
		Italy 3
		Germany 4
		Greece 5
		Other Europe 6
		India 7
		China 8
		Philippines 9
		Vietnam 10
		Malaysia 11
		Sri Lanka 12
		Nepal 13
		Republic of Korea 14
		Hong Kong 15
		Pakistan 16
		Other Asia 17
		New Zealand 18
		Other Pacific / Oceania 19
		South Africa 20
		Other Africa 21
		United States of America, Canada 22
		Mexico, Central and South America 23
		Iraq 24
		Middle East 25
		Other (please specify _____) 26
		Prefer not to say 98

ASK ALL

D6	Which language(s) are spoken in your home?	
	<i>Please select all that apply</i>	
	English	1
	Mandarin	2
	Arabic	3
	Vietnamese	4
	Cantonese	5
	Punjabi	6
	Greek	7
	Italian	8
	Filipino/Tagalog	9
	Hindi	10
	Spanish	11
	Nepali	12
	Korean	13
	Urdu	14
	Tamil	15
	Other (please specify_____)	16
	Prefer not to say	98

ASK ALL

D7a	Which religion do you identify with?	
	Buddhism	1
	Christianity	2
	Hinduism	3
	Islam	4
	Judaism	5
	Something else (please specify)	6
	No religion	7
	Prefer not to say	99

ASK ALL

D7	What is your household's total annual income from all sources before tax?	
	<i>Please note all data collected is analysed in aggregate form only, no individual responses are singled out.</i>	
	Less than \$20,000	1
	\$20,000-\$39,999	2
	\$40,000-\$59,999	3
	\$60,000-\$79,999	4
	\$80,000-\$99,999	5
	\$100,000-\$119,999	6
	\$120,000-\$139,999	7
	\$140,000-\$159,999	8
	\$160,000-\$179,999	9
	\$180,000-\$199,999	10
	\$200,000 or more	11
	Prefer not to say / Can't say	99

CLOSE:

THAT'S THE END OF THE INTERVIEW, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

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