Omnibus Poll January 2020

Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on a sample which has been selected for voting intention based on the results of the most recent Newspoll to the date of the questionnaire, as published in *The Australian*.

Results should be taken as indicative in that the sample is not properly randomised, but it is unlikely that groups are completely unrepresentative.

In these tables we have amalgamated the Pauline Hanson One Nation and the Australian Conservatives votes as one and labelled them "Nationalist". This is so that we have a statistically significant sample for this group, and because these parties in our sample attract similar voters, with significantly more having voted Liberal or Liberal National previously than have voted Labor.

The poll was conducted January 25, 2020 through to January 31, 2020 using our online panel of over 13,000 Australian voters.

Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel, and responses were weighted for voting intention. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer. Respondents were selected randomly from their various voting blocs.

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Executive Summary

We've analysed the quantitative parts of this poll as a comparison with the one that we took midway through the 2019 federal election. Our January poll came at the end of an horrendous bushfire season where many commentators were sheeting the blame home to Scott Morrison for the Coalition not doing enough to combat climate change.

The quants are revealing on how people's political preferences change in the face of a disaster. 31% of people thought the country was heading in the right direction in January 2020, a low figure, but what do you expect when the country appears to be burning up? But this is actually an improvement on last year when it was only 28%. This can be largely explained by a 15 percentage point improvement in sentiment amongst coalition voters, while minor party voters went in the other direction. ALP and Greens didn't change their view substantially.

First preference voting intentions didn't change by much, apart from a drop in the ALP vote of 4 percentage points and an increase in the Greens by the same amount. There was also a bit of shuffling amongst minor parties, and a one percentage point drop in the coalition vote. After preferences this actually translated to an increase in the ALP vote from 53% to 55%.

Of course the result at the last election was 51.53% to the LNP, which means our sample is skewed to a similar amount as most of the mainstream polls. However, the relative changes in the vote should mirror the absolute one, suggesting that the ALP would be marginally ahead of the coalition on a two-party preferred basis but 50.5% to 49.5%.

Interestingly, Morrison's positive approval rating improved from 31% to 36% as a number of undecided voters came off the fence in his favour. However, his net result was still -21%, meaning 57% of our sample disapproved of his performance as PM. Albanese's net result was 0%, but with a favourability rating of 33%. Albanese's figure was an improvement on Shorten's who had total approval of 40% and disapproval of 46%, a net -6%. Albanese's disapproval figure was 13% lower than Shorten's.

Qualitative research shows the usual split between economic issues, on the part of the coalition voters and climate change on the part of Labor and Greens. The Nationalist voters, as well as others were most closely connect to climate change as well, although this is often as a reaction to ALP and Greens' concerns.

The level of hatred from left wing voters towards the government seems to be higher than I remember it previously. Left wing respondents are scathing of Scott Morrison and see him as shallow and hypocritical. His religion is an issue in a way that Kevin Rudd's never was. There is also a tendency to see the right as being corrupt and criminal, which is hard to understand in the absence of many concrete examples (although many respondents referred to the Sports Rorts affair in this context).

Some of the hyper-partisanship may be driven by the physical climate. Climate change becomes more urgent as an issue when there is a very obvious, and existential, environmental issue. We first identified it as a vote solidifier in 2007, toward the end of the worst drought in 100 years. Dam levels were low and populations panicky. The failure of John Howard to ratify the Kyoto protocol gave voters a mechanism to sheet blame for natural events home to him, which they did. In times of severe environmental crisis voters also become emotionally less settled.

In 2020 the severity of the bushfire season, occurring at a time when many were on holidays, with time on their hands, and more likely to be irritated by bad news at a time of year when they are trying to relax, gave voters a reason to look for someone to blame for the natural disaster, and they found that through the government's perceived failure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While climate change was the most solid issue predicting opposition to the government, the Nationalists also were concerned about climate change. Their concern was expressed through a desire to see policies that boosted water security and managed the landscape via prescribed burning. While they thought not enough had been done by all governments, it was an issue where they were culturally closer to the coalition, and played into their generally position which is to be more opposed to the politically correct views held by Labor and the Greens than they are to the connections to wealth that the coalition has.

So much of the discussion was polarised between climate change and the economy, that issues which used to feature heavily on the Labor/Greens side, like health, education and refugees have receded as a top of mind concern.

The qualitative research also showed-up how much perceptions of Bill Shorten played in Labor's loss at the last election, and while Anthony Albanese is net more popular than Shorten there is a broad feeling that he is not strong enough, and may have missed his opportunity and become leader too late.

Morrison is in a different position on the leadership issue. Labor voters see him as both a bad leader, and someone who is a marketer, and therefore showy, and not substantial, and not a real leader. However his supporters are often quite enthusiastic, with him sometimes being compared favourably to John Howard.

The difference in the positions can be seen in the quantitative figures with Morrison more likely to have respondents strongly approving or disapproving than Albanese. So his leadership has made a much stronger impression than Albanese's. While it may seem Albanese is in a better position leadership-wise, experience suggests that indifference is a bigger problem for a leader than motivated loathing.

Quantitative Analysis

Thinking about Australia how strongly would you agree or disagree that the country is heading in the right direction?

	ALP		Coalition		Green		Nationalist		Other		Total	
	1st	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*
SA	1%	0%	21%	15%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	9%	6%
A	2%	2%	39%	60%	1%	0%	27%	17%	6%	2%	19%	25%
N	6%		12%		2%		24%		12%		10%	
D	37%	28%	19%	6%	25%	11%	14%	19%	37%	33%	27%	17%
SD	53%	65%	7%	2%	72%	89%	34%	36%	42%	62%	35%	42%
U	0%	6%	2%	17%	0%	0%	0%	26%	0%	2%	1%	11%
TA	3%	2%	60%	75%	1%	0%	28%	19%	8%	2%	28%	31%
TD	90%	93%	26%	8%	97%	100%	48%	55%	80%	95%	62%	59%
NA	-87%	-91%	35%	67%	-95%	-100%	-20%	-36%	-71%	-93%	-34%	-28%

Code: SA=Strongly Agree, A=Agree, N=Neutral, D=Disagree, SD=Strongly Disagree, U=Unsure, TA=Total Agree, TD=Total Disagree, NA=Net Agree

If an election were to be held next weekend, which of the following parties would receive your first preference?

Party	1st	2nd
ALP	39%	35%
Grns	9%	13%
LP	39%	38%
Nationalists	5%	8%
Other	8%	6%
	100%	100%

Thinking about your vote in the House of Representatives, which group, Labor or Coalition, will you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government?

	ALP		Grns		Coalition		Nationalists		Other		Grand Total	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
ALP	99%	100%	100%	99%	1%	1%	0%	14%	52%	86%	53%	55%
Coalition	1%	0%	0%	1%	99%	99%	100%	86%	48%	14%	47%	45%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Prime Minister Scott Morrison, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	ALP		Coalition		Green		Nationalist		Other		Total	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
SA	0%	1%	55%	47%	1%	0%	13%	12%	3%	0%	3%	19%
A	2%	0%	37%	39%	1%	0%	37%	24%	28%	4%	28%	17%
N	5%	2%	5%	6%	3%	0%	19%	28%	12%	4%	12%	6%
D	18%	11%	2%	4%	21%	4%	11%	14%	11%	7%	11%	7%
SD	76%	85%	1%	2%	74%	96%	20%	22%	46%	84%	46%	50%
U	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
TA	2%	1%	92%	86%	1%	0%	50%	36%	31%	4%	31%	36%
TD	93%	96%	2%	6%	95%	100%	31%	36%	57%	91%	57%	57%
NA	-92%	-95%	90%	80%	-94%	-100%	19%	0%	-27%	-87%	-27%	-21%

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Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Opposition Leader Bill Shorten/Anthony Albanese, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	ALP		Coalition		Green		Nationalist		Other		Total	
	1st	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*
SA	23%	10%	2%	1%	10%	1%	4%	0%	10%	2%	11%	4%
A	58%	58%	5%	9%	40%	32%	3%	7%	24%	13%	29%	29%
N	15%	24%	7%	35%	31%	39%	8%	24%	25%	49%	14%	32%
D	2%	6%	20%	27%	12%	16%	8%	28%	22%	22%	12%	18%
SD	2%	1%	66%	26%	6%	6%	77%	40%	20%	13%	34%	15%
U	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	5%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%
TA	81%	68%	7%	10%	50%	33%	7%	7%	34%	15%	40%	33%
TD	4%	7%	86%	53%	17%	22%	85%	68%	42%	35%	46%	33%
NA	77%	61%	-79%	-43%	33%	11%	-78%	-61%	-8%	-20%	-6%	0%

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Who is your preferred prime minister?

	ALP		Coalition		Green		Nationalist		Other		Total	
	1st	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*	*1st*	*2nd*
Shorten/Albanese	95%	94%	1%	1%	93%	86%	0%	11%	48%	58%	48%	49%
Scott Morrison	1%	0%	99%	96%	2%	0%	79%	72%	37%	8%	48%	43%
Undecided	3%	6%	0%	3%	5%	14%	21%	17%	14%	33%	4%	8%

Qualitative Analysis

Our qualitative analysis looks at the reasons given by respondents for their various judgements. The following maps are generated from the data by Leximancer and overlay the key words over the variables from the question – generally the answer to the question plus voting intentions. Words that are most closely associated will cluster together. The most frequently used words are brighter than those used less frequently.

We do not edit the verbatims and all spelling and grammatical errors are reproduced. Editing the transcripts would take away from some of the unique tone of each response. The verbatims are selected so as to give a better insight into how the individual words are being used.

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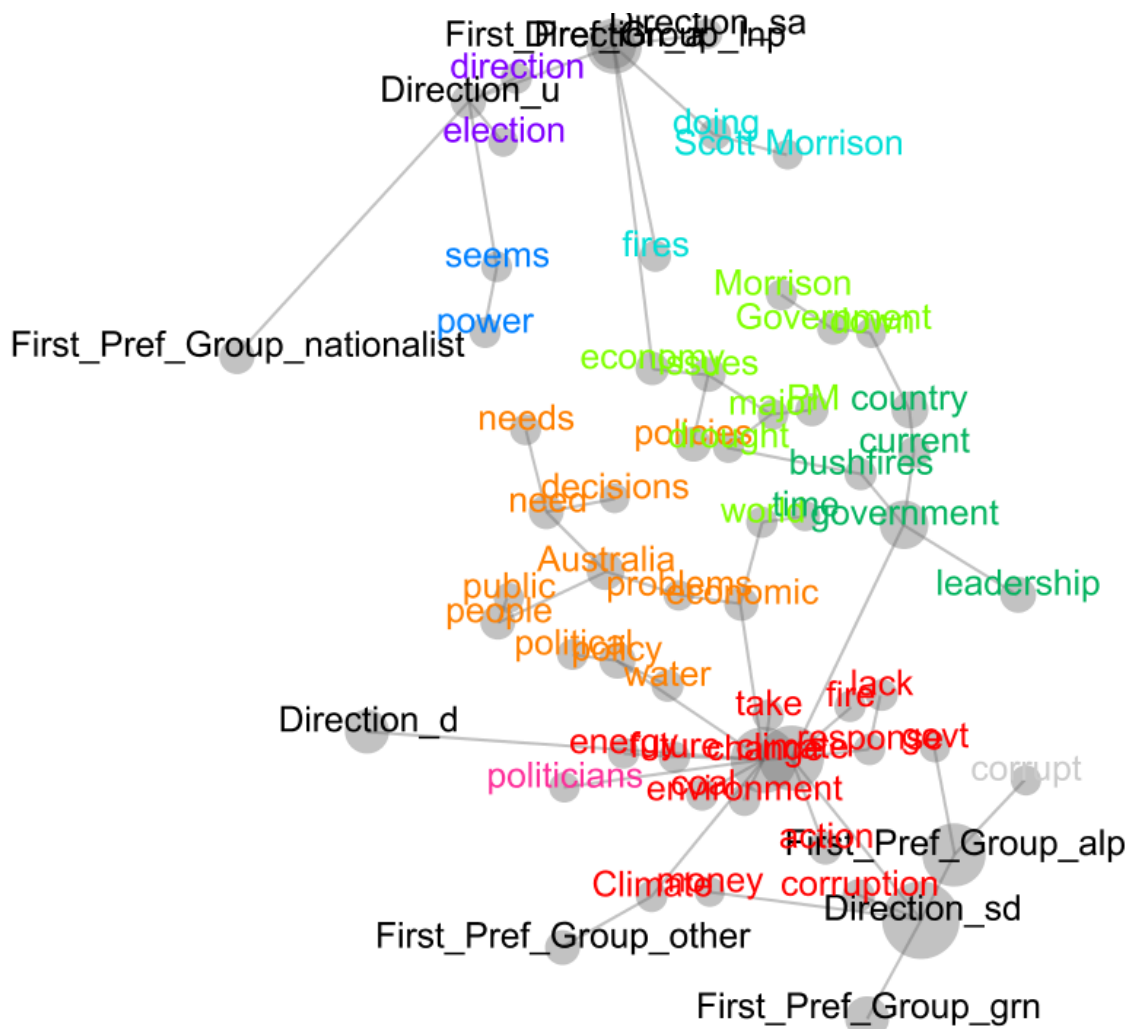
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> ***Govt*** *inaction on climate change; related power of coal lobby (even while coal is losing economic viability); failure on **Indigenous Voice**; `PM` fails re bushfires; critical water shortages (currently 55 towns run dry or about to); massive lack of transparency in govt decisions and sometimes legislation; appalling record on refugee policy; cutbacks in health, education and public services; fail on `NDIS`., corporate taxes, wage justice.*

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__Federal__ budget is close to being balanced __Tax__ policy is/will provide some relief to taxpayers `GDP` growth though is weak and not across all sectors Some effort is being made to reform/constrain union influence and improve industrial relation regulation The __Coalition__, at least in theory is committed to smaller goverment and is more supportive of small to meddium enterprises The __Coalition__ approach to the economy, .climate change, energy and water is not perfect but far superior to __Labor's__ populist, unconsidered, uncosted and unproven response to these issues

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The government response to the recent catastrophic buishfires is just a the latest in a n already long line of poor, or non-existent leadership on major issues, with responses to climate change perhaps the strongest example over time. In broiader terms, the failure of this government to listen to and take heed of sound science more generally is taking us backwards onso many fronts.

I think __ScoMo__ and `LNP` are doing the right thing - it is the activists, `PC` brigade, indigenous with more non-indigenous heritage making unreasonable demands, sensationalists and climate alarmists who are dragging down __Australia__ - not our government. __Things__ like sporting club allocations did not win the last election it was __Shorten__ and __Labor's__ policies that lost it for __Labor__.

Too little has been done to provide surety of water resources in an arid climate; we also need to change how we are using the low rainfall interior of __Australia__. High water needs crops such as cotton and rice are simply not viable and the destruction of so much of what was previously grazing woodland has led to the enormous dust storms that have hit parts of eastern __Australia__.

Thinking about Australia again, in a short paragraph please tell us what is the most important issue facing the country.
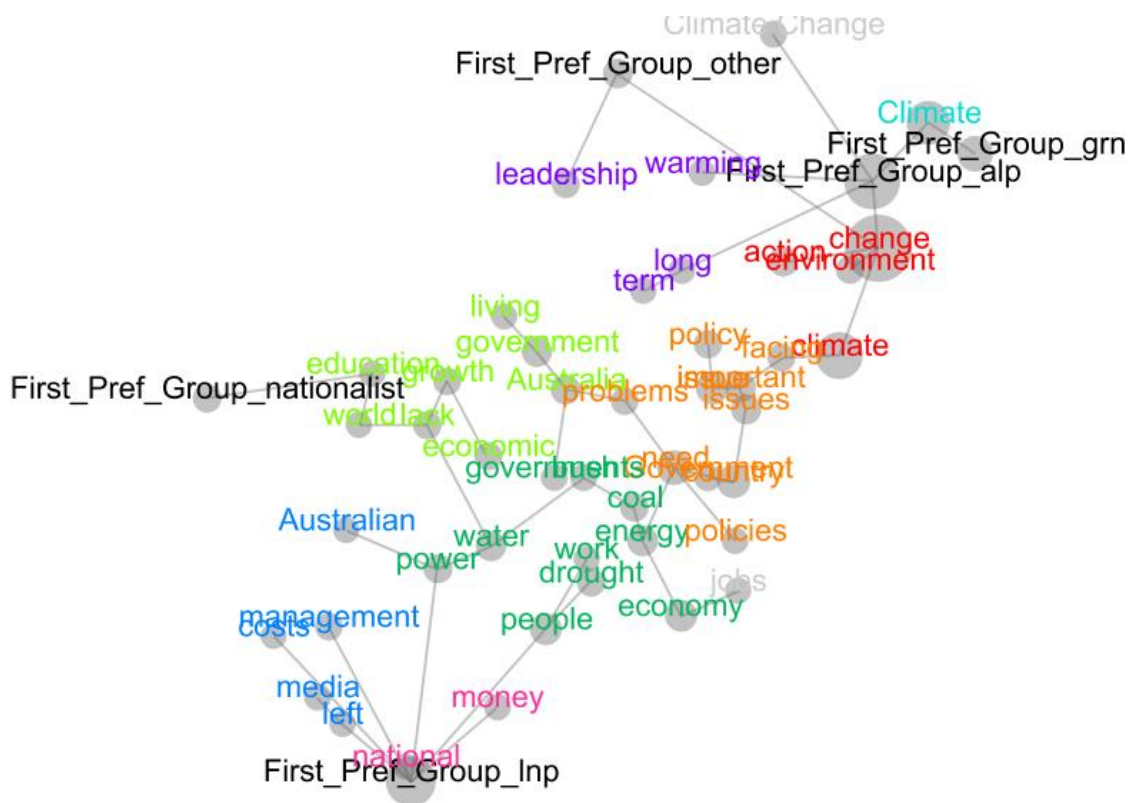
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> *There are so many issues on so many fronts, it is impossible to say which is the most important challenge to this country. In no particular order: a tanking economy, climate change denial, refugee/asylum seeker inhumane treatment, the rise of the **far-Right** & fascism, condoning endemic racism and dog-whistling, entrenched sexism and discrimination, `LGBQTI` issues of discrimination and problems with acceptance, overseas aid cuts, `ABC` cuts, `NDIS` cuts, dishonest, corrupt politicians who either shirk their work or defraud the people through.*

> *The issue is how to take the economy forward when half the nation is demanding that the **Government** "do something" about climate change, which naturally must include energy and water security/policy. There is an absurd disconnect between those advocating for urgent action, basically regardless of the cost, and those who have a practical understanding of our need for cheap, reliable power for our economy to compete in a global marketplace.*

> *`CLIMATE` is obviously the #1 issue right now, but that issue has a long history of mismanagement and very few in power seem to be brave enough to speak out against those who insist that we can't be allowed to touch anything and that includes good back-burning/oversight work throughout the appropriate seasons. I'm not advocating wholesale annihilation, (we live in a very green part of the **Sunshine Coast** and are*

*surrounded by bush and native animals) but we could do well to see how the the **First Nations** people managed the land for thousands of years.*

Just the standard climate change kerfuffle that around and the issues that are being labeled as the results (drought & bushfires). In real terms I think the biggest issue facing the country is the lack of equity in regards to welfare payments, wages and the bonuses paid out to the top end of town.

***Global Warming** has been, imho, the most important issue facing **Australia** for the last 25 or so years I have been filling in your surveys, because **Australia** is so very vulnerable to the effects, and it gives me no satisfaction at all to say to bloody **Scomo**, 'I told you so', as the stage of combustion of all the plant and animal life i hoped would be many decades ahead yet, but it seems to have started. already. Actually it was supposed to be a flag that we had runaway global warming, so it is even more worrying, because, of course, when all the plants and animals are dead and burnt, the **Humans** will be in dire straits.*

*The threat from the left to deal with so called climate change. **Seasonal** changes in some ways but we are a country of drought floods and fires, education of the reality of our **Continents** condition may help*

*deception, the farce which is NBN, denial of a living wage to those on **Newstart**, exclusion of full dental and other services in **Medicare**, disastrous defence materiel decisions (subs & jets inter alia), media oligarchy & the power of some ultra-conservative media moguls to dictate to governments of all persuasions, the hypocrisy which is **Australian** foreign aid, the craven foreign policy kowtowing to US, **Brit** & **Japanese**. interests, the blight which is government policy of 'bridging the gap' with our **First Nation** people, the lack of commitment to eradicating domestic violence, ignoring the principle of the **Separation of Powers**, the lack of infrastructure vision and nation-building, continued and gross under-funding of the **Arts** and science R & D, ongoing war against workers and **Unions**.*

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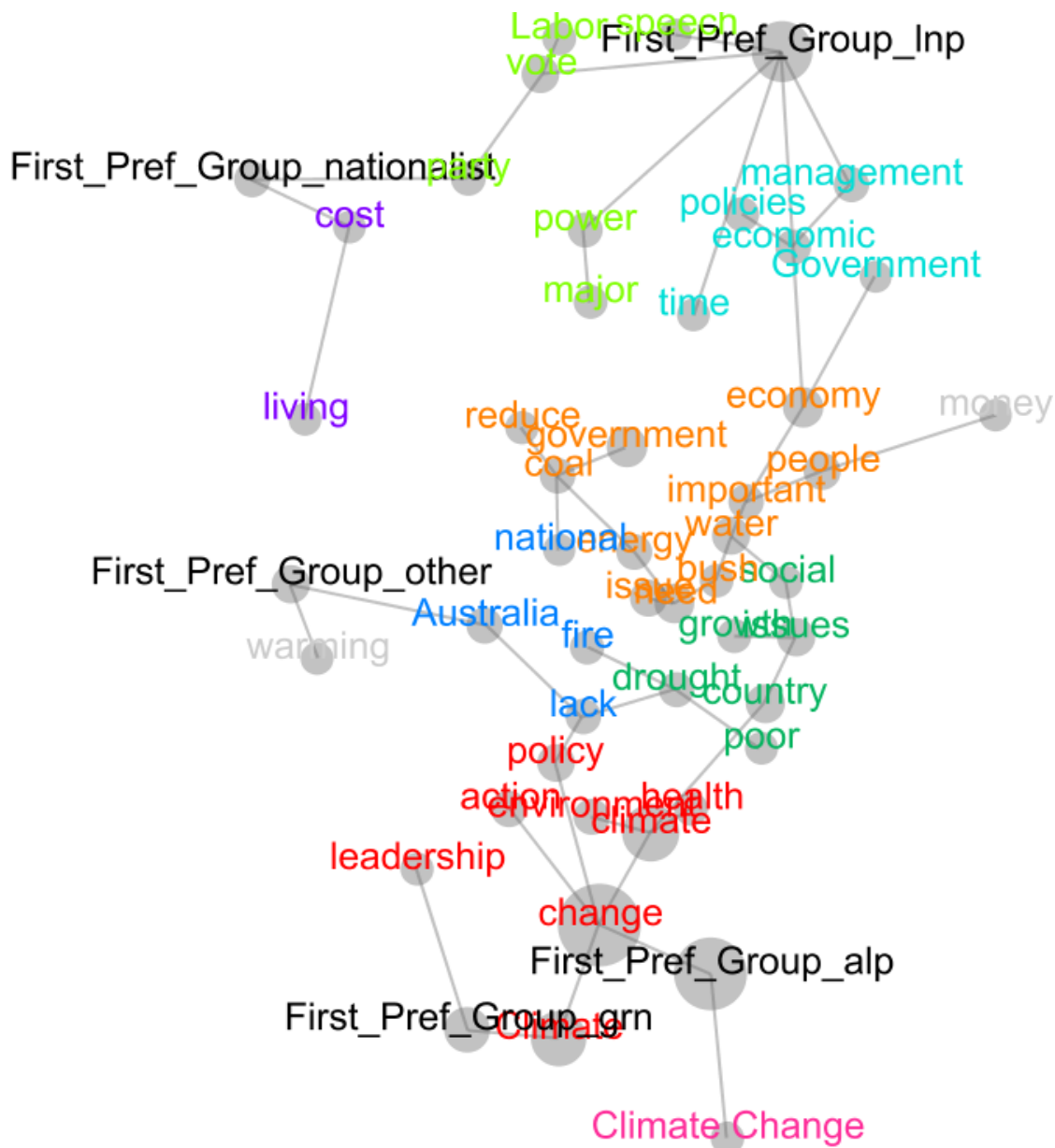
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We need to build more dams to harness water for the dry seasons, and coal fired powet stations to give cheap power. We also need to implement controlled burning after the wet season to reduce trash on the forest floor to reduce the danger of bush fires.

*The most important issue is the excessive size and scope of governent and the extent to which government is getting involved in every aspect of life. **Too-large** government is impeding economic growth with one of the symtoms being **Unemployment** / **Underemployment** due to slow growth rates.*

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In this year's federal election, which of the following parties will receive your first preference in the House of Representatives?
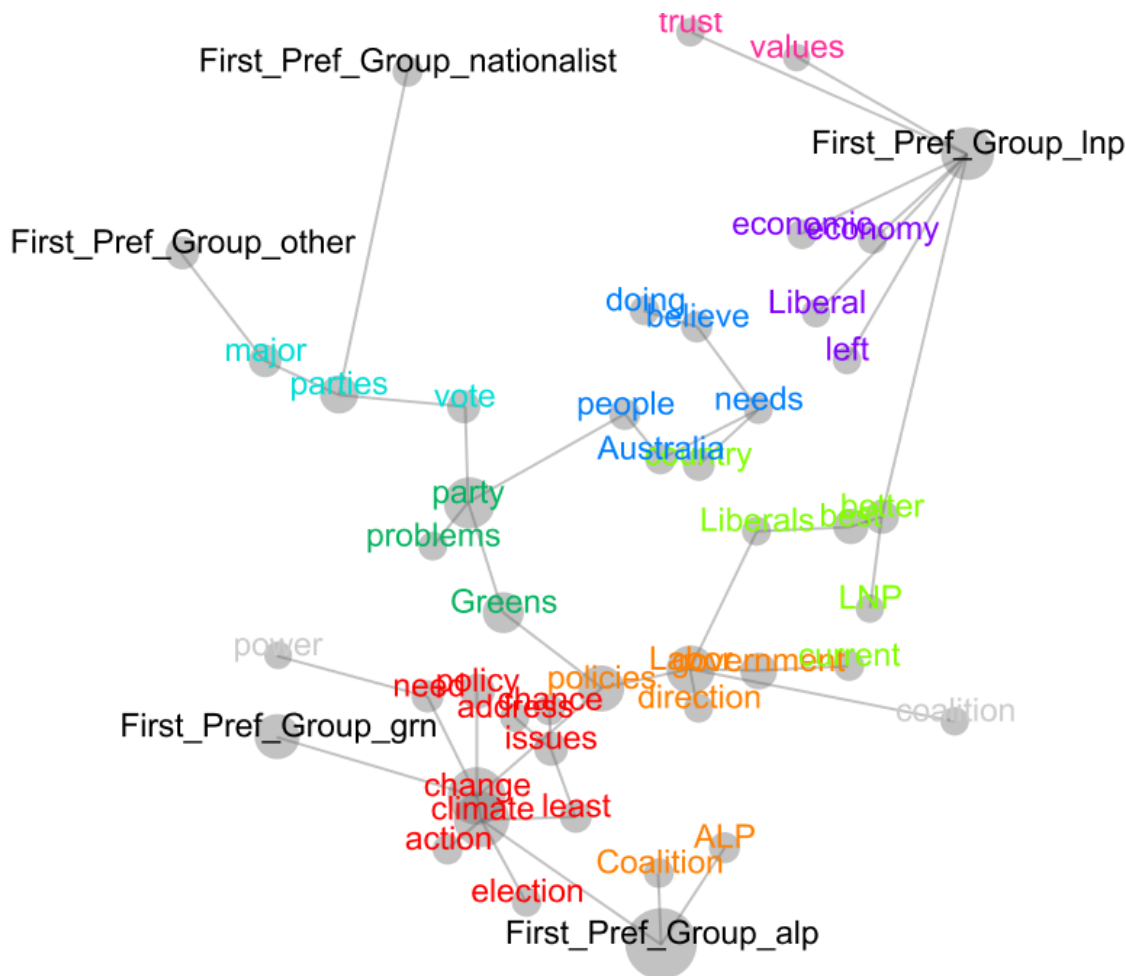
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> ***Labor*** *has real problems with climate change but it is the only other party of government than the gang of fraudsters and lunatics that make up the* `LNP`*. It is likely that* ***Labor*** *will take climate change seriously with some pressure from its members and other progressive parties, so it is the least worse solution.*

> *There are 3 issues that I would want a party to stand for: the right to life of the unborn, the right to humane treatment for refugees seeking asylum in* ***Australia****, and immediate, strong action against climate change. The* ***Greens*** *fail at only one of those points, whereas every other party fails at 2 or 3.*

> ***Australia*** *is going reasonably compared to* ***China****, which has some economic problems,* `USA` *that is in recovery mode, despite being fairly strong strategically, and* ***Europe*** *which is at a crossroads of seeing the potential end of* `BREXIT`*.* `ALP` *needs to regroup and reassess its policy platform.*

*The **Liberal** government best understands what is required to keep the economy growing, people in jobs and fostering the culture of self reliance. Also it best understands what is required to favourably position **Australia** in the world and in the **Asian** region in particular.*

*I am a liberal voter normally but voted labor at the last election and will do so again unless there is more action by the **Coalitions** on policies/implementation on energy and climate change. I strongly disagree with the far right of the government parties.*

***Labor** are sometimes not much better than the **Coalition**, but they are the only party that could credibly lead us in the right direction over time. We need the radical voice of the **Greens**, but we need to move together on the issues that matter to me.*

Neither political party can manage the complex economic challenges presented by the climate crisis. There is an urgent need for a new force in politics inspired by the climate challenge.

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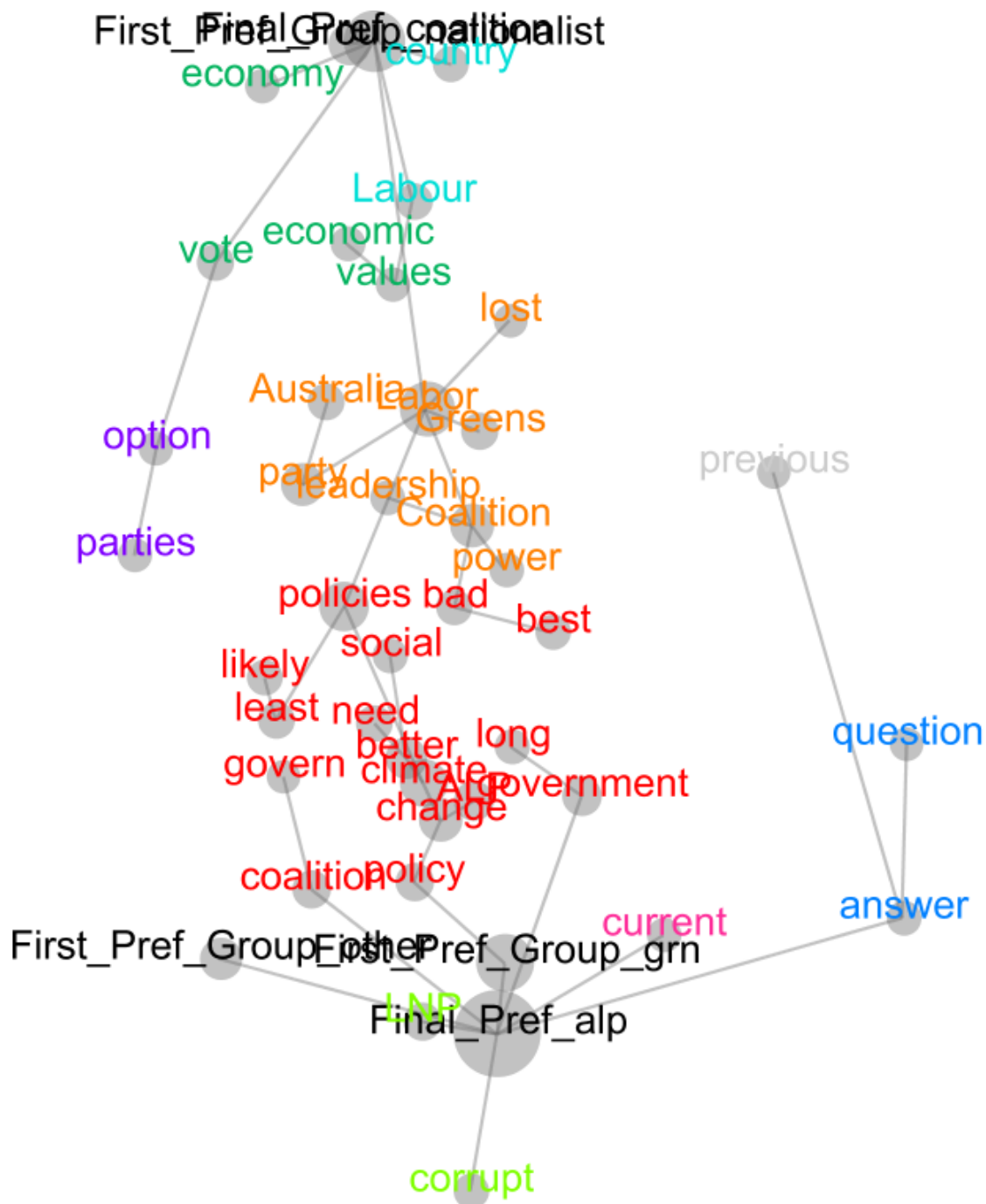
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*We need a real socialist or social democratic party to start addressing the problems **Australia** faces. We cannot let the neoliberal establishment continue to fuck things up, and given the rise of minority party vote, it's quite likely that a populist progressive party will eventually show up and start to gain traction.*

***Labor** has policies that will help ALL **Australians**, in climate change, a minimum fair wage, better aged care outcomes,better health and education, and infrastruture spending to kick start the economy.*

***Labor's** policies are socialist in desgn, and divisive and punitive in their application. The **ALP** is simply the political arm of the union movement whose sole purpose is the preservation of its power and income base for the betterment of its officials under the guise of promotiong the interests of its heavily welfare-dependent constituency I would never vote for the socialists*

*Both the **ALP** and **LNP** represent the neoliberal establishment and are equally unfit to solve the problems facing **Australia**. That being said, I would much rather having the **ALP** (in minority government with **Australian Greens** preferably) than I would have the **LNP** in power.*

***Change** is required and so shifting between the government and opposition should focus the attention of both parties on what is required to be presented as a policy platform. We need to move from personality politics and mis-information to a serious commitment to address structural issues.*

*As we have seen, both the **ALP** and **LNP** have embraced more and more authoritarian policies, with the **LNP** leading the charge on the federal level. **Honestly**, both parties are awful and having the **ALP** in charge would not do anything.*

Thinking about the last Australian House of Representatives election, to which party did you give your first preference?
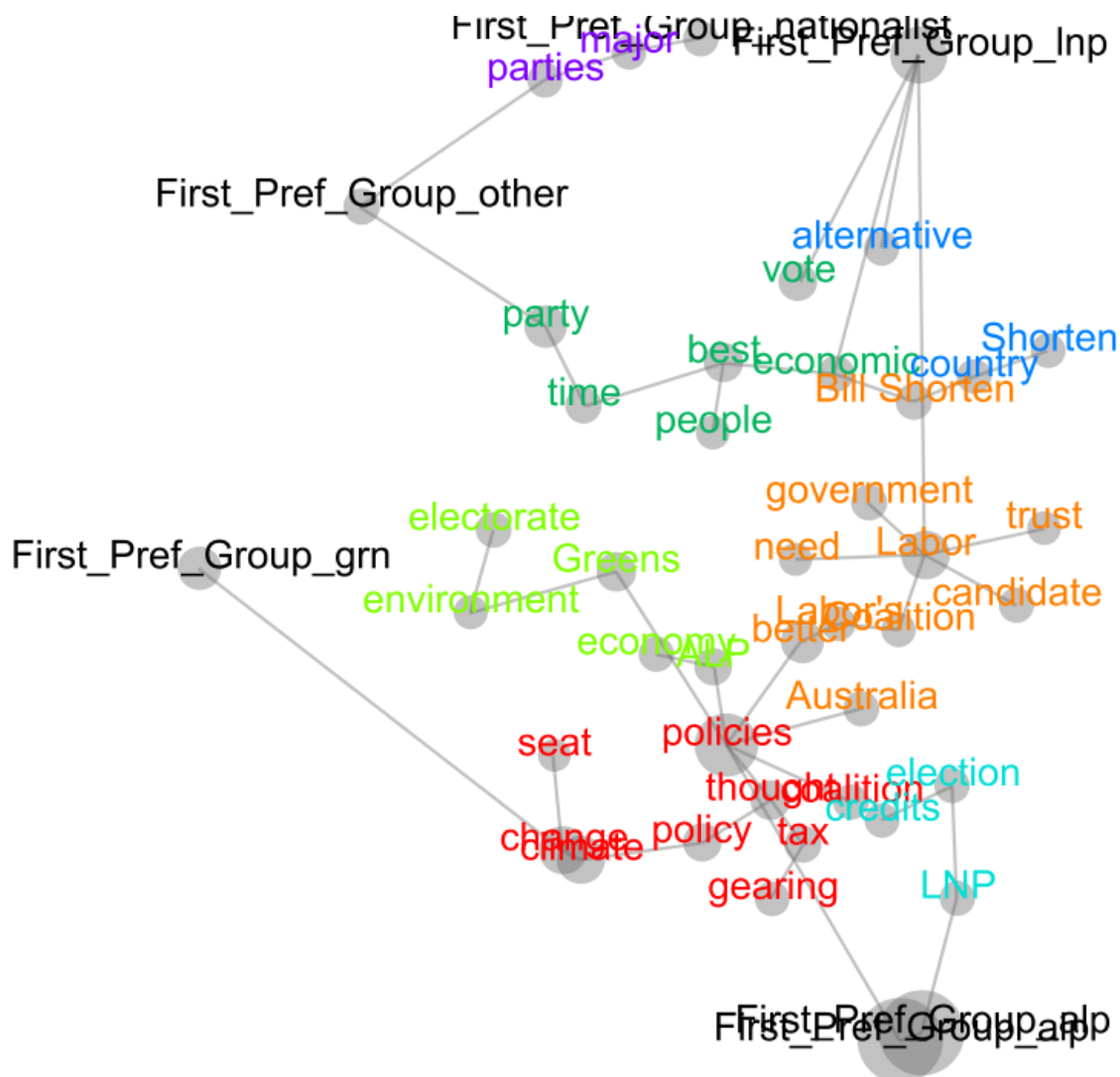
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> *They offered the best policies on climate change(not the policies we should be having but the best that we had on offer from a party that could form government if it were elected)they also offered sensible to reforms economically … imputation dividend credits, neg gearing,*

> *I believed that **Labor** had a suite of policies that would be beneficial to the national as a whole as well as being more clear-sighted than the **Coalition** with regard to tricky problems such as climate change, indigenous reconciliation, job security, political corruption, fiscal fairness and changing **Australian** demographics.*

> ***Lower** taxes, conservative values and better economic outcomes. The coalition is not captured by dewy eyed causes like shutting down coal to supposedly prevent climate change.*

*NONE of the major parties (they are so alike the so-called two party system could be called "**Pick** a **Loser**") deserve to have a single vote cast for them. They exist for the sake of the **Party**, and not the electorate.*

*The **Labor** party policies would have ruined **Australia**. **Bill Shorten** is the most false person in **Australian** politics and I could never vote for a party that has him in it.*

***Living** in a safe **Nationals** seat where it is our misfortune to be ignored & have had rather incompetent **MPs** foisted upon us, it was time to try & change the future of our electorate. **Sadly** it didn't happen & we have another **National Party** dunce*

I wanted to support the party whose policies I regard as the best, namely, economic policies, welfare policies based on needs of the majority and which provide a safety net for those who need it

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Prime Minister Scott Morrison, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?
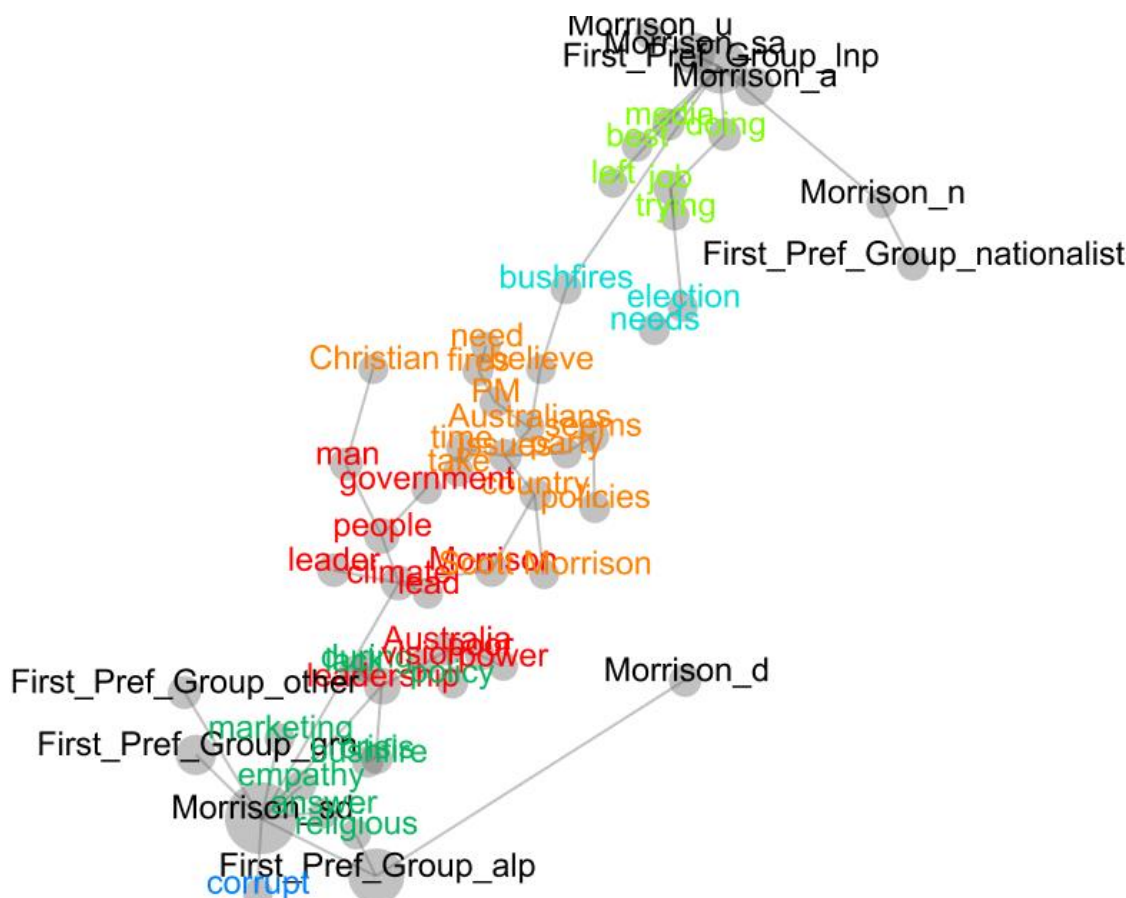
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> ***Morrison*** simply hasn't seized the leadership mantle with a positive agenda for economic reform, stimulating the economy or providing leadership on climate change and energy policy. ***Whilst Australia*** is quite advance on renewable energy - largely led by consumer uptake of alternative energy (for instance our household has solar and battery storage) meanwhile the government continues to build exports of fossil fuels to ***China*** and ***India*** massively contributing to global warming, climate change and yes - increased risk of bush fires, and other extreme weather events.

> He's totally USELESS on issues that matter ***Ignores*** questions & just talks over,over, over people & very rapidly to stop further questioning ***Talks*** in crappy "grabs" Has no substance Is totally uncaring when it comes to the ordinary ***Australians*** he professes to understand so much I loathe the way he "managed" to gain pre-selection for his seat I fear what will happen to ***Australia*** under his leadership Far too beholden .to a rather weird religious sect, mining interests, ***Twiggy*** & ***Gina***, the ***Institute of Public Affairs***

> ***Lost*** confidence in his ability to deal with serious issues facing ***Australia***. He does a good job reassuring people there are no big

*changes happening but **Australia** needs leadership, debate and honesty about the future changes that will be required and how to achieve these changes and goals without widespread economic and social upheaval.*

***Despite** unwarranted attacks from the left, I believe he is doing an excellent job. It took strong leadership to take the reins of the coalition in the months before the election & lead them to an unexpected win.*

***Corrupt**, **Follower** of "**Prosperity Gospel**" ideology, cruel, lacking intellect, empathy, understanding of the role of **PM** and need for leadership on so many fronts e.g. **Climate Change**, growing chasm between rich and poor, failure in every position in governing for the most vulnerable **Australians** etc*

*This pathetic excuse for a **PM** is an international embarrassment and an **Australia** wide advertisement for how constant lying and obstruction to good policy wins power via a cheer leading **Murdoch** press and right wing nut job shock jocks.*

*He has demonstrated his commitment to **Australia** and is working hard to deliver the policies that won him government. The rubbish about his **Hawaii** trip was just a social media scam whipped up by **Labor** because they are so desperate to get some coverage and because they are so pissed about losing teh 'unlosable' election*

*I believe that he is intelligent, has vision, cares about **Australians** (note **Qld** floods, western droughts and eastern bushfires) keeps on top of his brief and has been treated appallingly by the media and in particular the social media. Some parts of the media should be held in contempt.*

*He has been a disaster in hius failure to confront serious issues such as the bushfires and climate change. His is supine in relation to the lunacy of **Trump** and has left the coountry in a policy partalysis.*

***Morrison** is not a leader,if he was his policies would include huge investments in more dams,investment in **Coal** fired power stations and also **Nuclear** power as well.Any state who wont participate can stay with their renewables,but cannot draw power from states who build **Coal** and **Nuclear** power plants.*

*I believe he is heading **Australia** into a disastrous direction. From his efforts to take a lump of coal into **Parliament**, to his behaviour on the international scene, to his willingness to support **Trump**, to his complete inability to grasp the significance of the changing climate's effects especially on **Australia**, even to his unwillingness to meet with the heads of the **Fire Department** and heed their warnings on this years bushfires, he is a disaster.*

*His lack of empathy during the bush fire crisis has been appalling. I also dislike his conservative politics, such as the **Religious Discrimination***

__Bill__ that would allow doctors to refuse to prescribe the pill to women if their religion opposed it.

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?
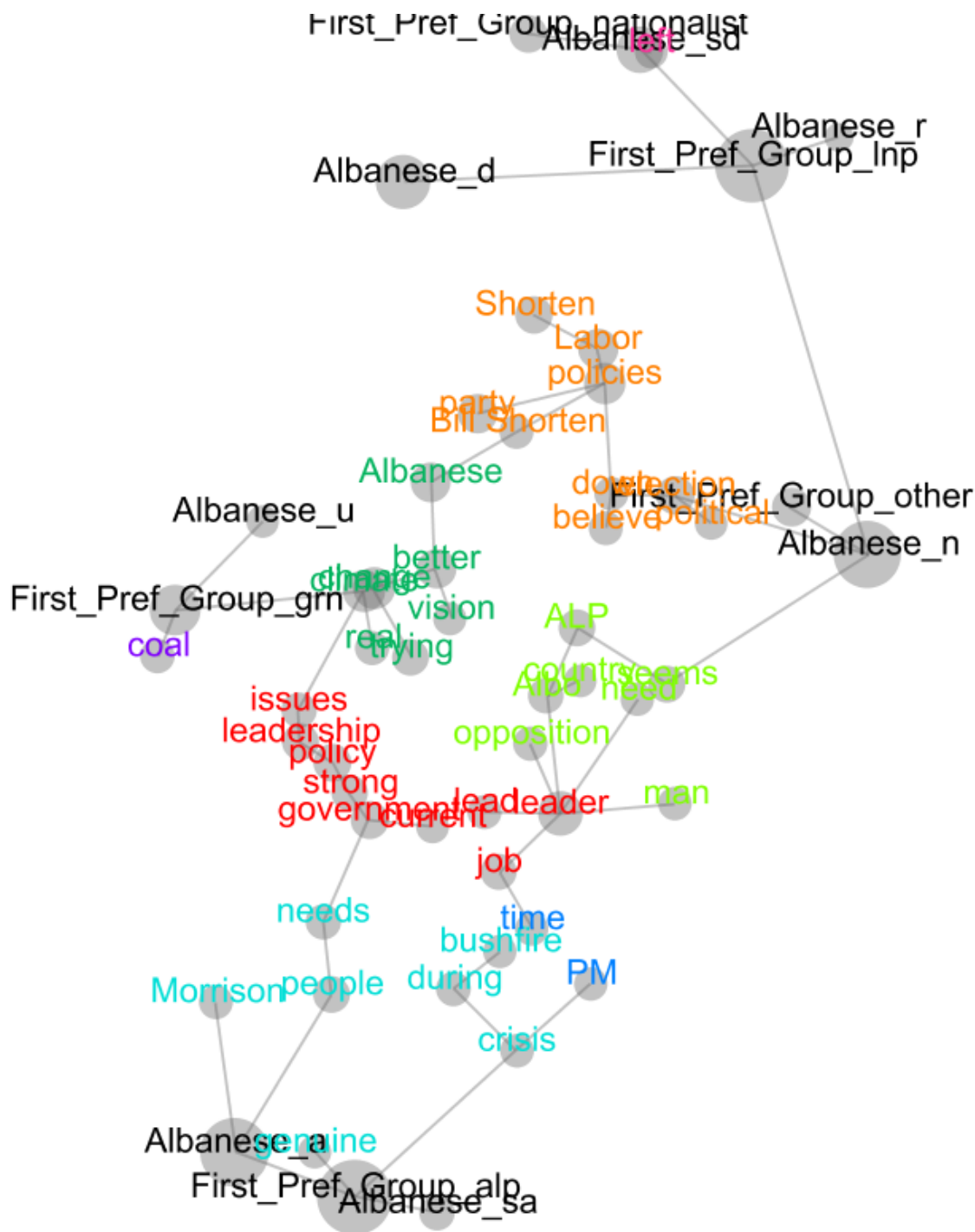
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> *Not a **Labor** voter, ever, but during this current crisis (the fires not all the others plaguing this country) I think that **Mr Albanese** has shown a much better understanding of the feelings and **FEARS** of the population. I believe that he has not sought to make too much political mileage out of the crisis and I think that **Scottie** from **Marketing** could learn some lessons from him (humility and a more down to earth approach perhaps)*

*How can a party that so strongly supported a range of policies prior to the last election suddenly scuttle them to the bottom of the sea? What does the party believe in and that makes **Albo** seem to flip about and try to score political points from the bushfire disasters.*

Has been out and about and seems to be listening to the bushfire victims but hasn't done anything in the parliament to stake his leadership and where he wants his party to be in opposition. Have had issues with the party policy of disagreeing with the government, proposing amendments and then rolling over and voting for the government policy after they don't get their way.

***Albanese** and the **Australian Labor Party** have demonstrated their love for neoliberalism and the current world-order. After losing the last election, they've responded by moving further right-wing and abandoning any real progressive vision; any remaining social democratic vestiges have been long-since crushed.*

***Albanese** had the potential to be a more palatable (to the general electorate) replacement for **Bill Shorten**, and his response to the bushfire crisis has been impressive, but he and his shadow cabinet continue to cede ground to the **Coalition** rather than 'having the argument' and thus standing a chance of convincing the electorate that **Labor's** platform is superior. The **Coalition** continues to get away with things that should have doomed them years ago - not least the profound inconsistency at the heart of their ideology: offering hand-outs to picked industries, corporations and institutions (e.*

***Albanese** was a small improvement on the prior leader but his focus and retoric has been hollow and demonstrated a continued lack of understanding of what is occurring and what is needed. I'm sure **Labor** can do much better and need to be a more competant oppposition to convince me they can govern.*

*He will get stronger, but already is showing good judgement. **Given** the opportunity to lead, I think he will provide strong, bipartisan vision and balance that will see real policy implemented, positive national investments and greater acceptance and confidence from the all- so- important punters.*

***Albo** is not the leader we need, either. He has no deeply held convction on the environment and puts business ahead of people - probably because he believes he needs to to get elected.*

*I chose approve as I think **Mr Albanese** has done a great job during this bushfire crisis, when visiting communities and helping where he can. I liked the way that he usually made sure the people in the affected areas were those who were heard, not him However until parliament resumes I'll reserve my judgement any further*

*I don't believe **AA** will ever be **PM** I gave up my **ALP** membership
after **Beazley** departed. 'We' need a new person to lead the **ALP**, a new,
old person (not **Marles**, please not spin doctor **Marles**)*

*__Shown__ some leadership but seems intent on moving to the centre rather
than differentiating **Labor**. **Voted** for him in the **ALP** plebiscite seven years
ago but that might have been his time.*

Who is your preferred prime minister?
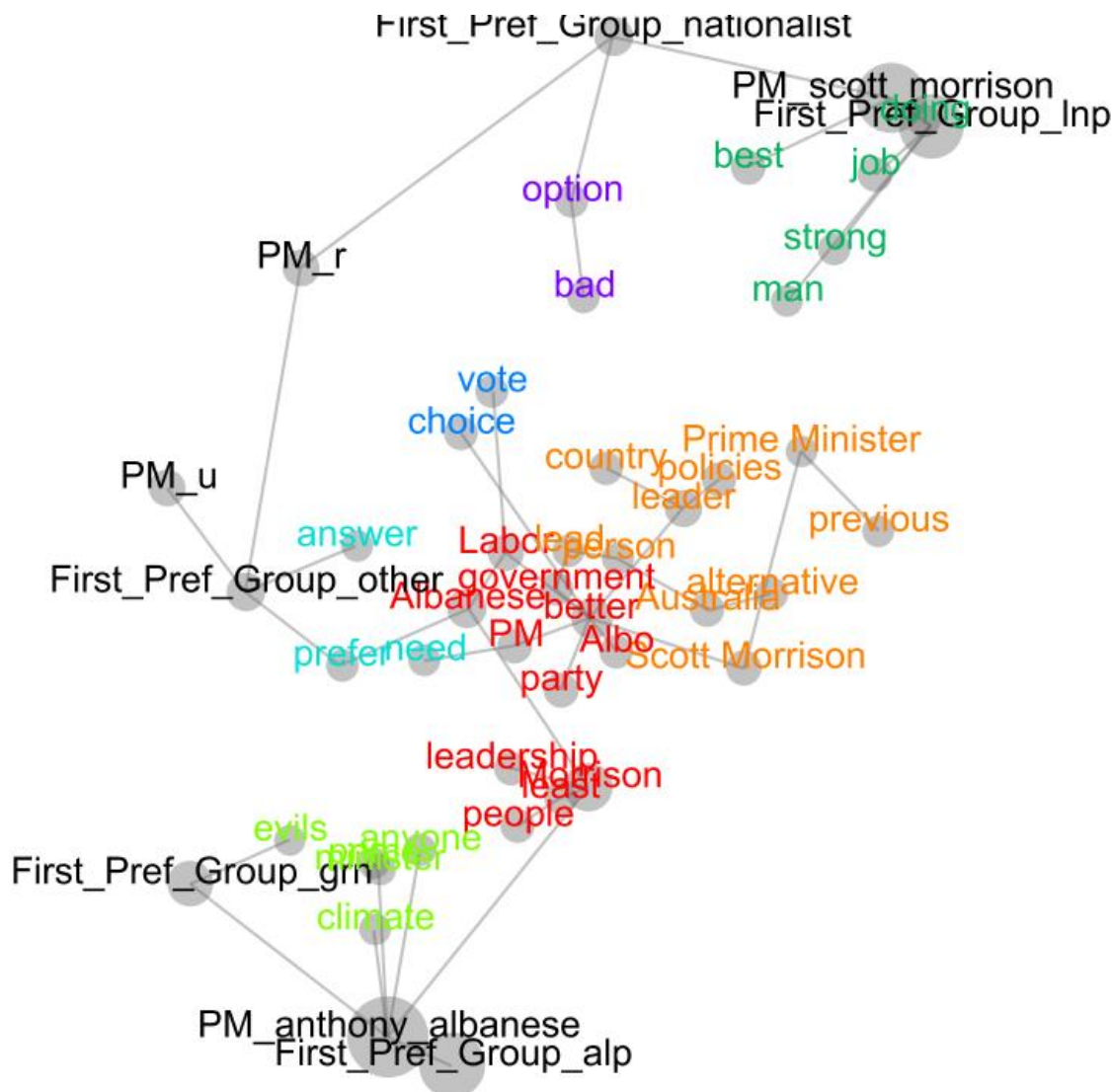
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> *He at least has policies. He is more honest, more in touch with ordinary people, understands the need to be more active on global warming and less likely to lie about these issues (as **Morrison** does with his fake accounting and total inability to even read the emissions from his own government department).*

> *I think **Morrison** has a lot of difficult issues to deal with - backlog of fires, irrational climate activists, making clear to **China** that **Australia** isn't a pushover - and have some doubts as to whether he is the person to do it. The alternative - **Albanese** - is unthinkable.*

> *I want a prime minister and governing party that has the numbers to rule and that protects religious freedoms and manages the country well. I do not want a government that only ever spends its way out of obstacles.*

Anthony Albanese is not ideal but better than *Scott Morrison*. I would have preferred to opt for someone else but as the *Labor* party hasn't got anyone else looking promising I am not sure there is a mechanism to depose *Anthony Albanese* with another better candidate.

A vague hope that the *Greens* would be able to influence government decisions if he were prime minister, but also that he is fundamentally a decent person while *Morrison* is fundamentally evil.

I am concerned about the *Greens'* hold over *Labour*, and until *Albanese* commits to publicizing real policies, I would prefer to be conservative. *Given* that I believe a strong economy is important, I can't see anything that indicates that *Labour* and its leadership would deliver.

I think *Labor* seemed to have the economy in a stronger position when they've been in power and if he was the *PM* rather than opposition leader I think he would step up better than *Morrison*

IF his party can get away from the corruption of money in politics and return to their traditional platform of equity, fairness, and positivity, they offer the best possibility for making the country better. But he's not showing the right signs atm .

Both men present as concerned, assured and competent when representing their party and policies. If the *Leader* of the *Opposition* were to refrain from repudiation of former *Labor Party* policies and previous leaders and were to focus on what he and his party would do in government he might be more credible.

If Labor had a far more assertive and outspoken leader I would be even more enthusiastic about voting *Labor*, but until then *Albanese* will get my vote.

Australia needs a govt that is rational, objective, with policies based on fact rather than preference, with the welfare of ordinary people in mind, instead of the demands of the powerful.

Scott Morrison is insincere, and potentially dictatorial, so less likely keep the country from going into recession, and more likely to take us to war, than *Albanese*.

I believe he cares for *Australia* and its people. I feel he reads us better than any other leader after *Hawke* and *Howard*.