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Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on a sample which has been selected for voting intention based on the results of the last Newspoll.

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

In these tables we have amalgamated the Christian Democrats, Democratic Labor Party, , Informed Medical Options Party, Katter Australian Party, Liberal Democrats, One Nation, and the United Australia Party 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. We have amalgamated the Australian Democrats, Animal Justice Party, Centre Alliance, Sustainable Australia Party and the Western Australian Party as "Others" for similar reasons.

The poll was conducted from March 28, 2022 through to April 3, 2022 using our online panel of over 6,000 Australian voters.

Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer.

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Executive Summary

This is another sullen election, even though both sides exhibit high support for their respective candidates. 60% disagree (versus 30% who agree) that the federal government has done enough to be elected, while 40% disagree (versus 41% who agree) that Labor has done enough to be elected.

There are really only two major issues – cost of living; and health and aged care – with the other key issues generally defining the tribes. So those worried about climate change and corruption are Labor and Greens voters, and those worried about the economy and Chinese aggression, Liberal, National and Nationalist voters.

As a result, climate change is not really part of the election debate (although it obviously is in some inner-city seats), and neither is China. Surprisingly, because of its dominance of the last few years, COVID is not much of an issue, except with Coalition voters who either think Morrison did quite well in managing it or forgive him for perceived shortcomings because of it. It is also an issue under the surface with the nationalist parties, which for this election could be labelled the "freedom" parties, as the other thing they have in common apart from believing in the nation state is opposition to vaccine mandates and strict lockdowns.

Labor isn't winning this election, so much as the Liberals are losing it. Only Liberal voters are happy with the direction of the country. Those unhappy include not just Labor and Greens, but the nationalist minor parties that the LNP need to win preferences from.

The Nationalists have picked-up a lot of voters who voted Liberal last election with 53% of their voters in that position. In the lower house that will probably mostly come back to the coalition. However a number of voters have moved directly from Liberal to Labor with 6% of the Labor vote made up of those, and only 2% of the Liberal vote was Labor last election. This net movement is essentially enough to explain the current two-party preferred vote of around 54% to 44% given last election was virtually 50/50.

Voter unease is likely to manifest itself strongly in the senate with 21% of Labor voters voting for a different party in the senate, and 14% of Liberal voters intending to do the same.

With a policy-lite election a lot of voter decision-making is based on personalities. Here Albanese is ahead of Morrison, but the result is much closer on preferred prime minister. Morrison was particularly weak with the Nationalists, whose preferences he needs, with 32% of them unsure whether he or Albanese would be the better PM.

Liberal voters are quite pessimistic with only 19% thinking they could win, while 76% of Labor voters thought Labor would win.

Major points are:

- Only group that thinks the country is heading in the right direction are Liberal and National Party voters. Their 68% headed in the right direction is more than over-ridden by the other voting blocs, including, dangerously for them, 74% of the nationalist minor party voters whose preferences they will need.
- Confidence in the robustness of the virtual focus group because the two-party preferred vote is 56% to 44% Labor versus Coalition, which is similar to the quantitative polling publicly available.

- 21% of Labor voters will vote for a different party first in the Senate, as will 14% of Coalition voters, suggesting neither side will have a majority in the senate, and a low level of confidence that their party of first choice can be trusted to honour its promises. This is a worse problem for the ALP, with their upper house defectors being more numerous than the Coalition's.
- 78% of those voting Labor this time report voting Labor last time, with another 13% of Labor voters reporting voting Green last election and 6% voting Liberal. 91% of those voting Liberal this time report voting Liberal last time with 2% picked-up from Labor and 4% from Nationalist Parties. Nationalists are taking a lot of their improved vote this time from the Liberals, with 53% having voted Liberal last time.
- Our committed voters are very negative on both leaders. Scott Morrison has a 64% disapproval figure to a 28% approval. He gets reasonable support from Liberals at 75%, but the Nationalists, whose preferences he will rely on disapprove of him 70% to 14%. His government is judged less harshly with 33% believing it deserves re-election versus 33% who disagree.
- Anthony Albanese had much better approval figures with 42% approving to 41% disapproving. However, he received negative net ratings from Nationalists as well as Liberals. Respondents were only mildly negative on the proposition the opposition had done enough to deserve to be elected 41% agree, 46% disagree. One weakness was the support for the opposition deserving to be elected by Labor voters. This was soft on a net 66% (79% in favour but 14% against). The support for the proposition the Liberals deserved to win from Liberals was a net 84% 86% in favour and only 3% against.
- Albanese is preferred PM 54% to 40%. With the election heading towards a battle of preferences, and with leadership being promoted by both sides as a plus, it is significant that 32% of Nationalists were unsure which one would be the better PM, and only 62% picked Morrison. Some of their preferences could be up for grabs. In contrast the Greens voters solidly backed Albanese as preferred PM 98% to nil.
- There is a moderate expectation that Labor will win this election, but also a strong expectation it will be hung. This could make speculation as to what independents and minor parties would be required by either side to form a government. The predilection for a hung parliament might reflect wishful thinking amongst Liberal voters who cannot bring themselves to see Labor winning but are hard-headed enough to think their side cannot win outright.

Quantitative Analysis

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

	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Ind	Other	Total
Strongly Agree	0%	22%	0%	2%	0%	0%	8%
Agree	1%	46%	2%	12%	3%	9%	19%
Neither agree nor	9%	13%	0%	9%	9%	9%	10%
disagree							
Disagree	25%	15%	24%	16%	24%	45%	21%
Strongly disagree	63%	2%	74%	58%	64%	36%	41%
Unsure	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	2%	68%	2%	14%	3%	9%	27%
Total disagree	88%	17%	98%	74%	88%	82%	62%
Net agree	-86%	51%	-96%	-60%	-85%	-73%	-36%

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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	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Grand Total
Australian Labor Party	100%	2%	100%	7%	90%	83%	56%
Coalition	0%	98%	0%	93%	10%	17%	44%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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In this year's federal election, which of the following parties will receive your first preference in the Senate?

	Senate vo	ote					
First preference vote	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
ALP	79%	0%	12%	2%	2%	4%	100%
LP	1%	86%	0%	12%	1%	1%	100%
Grns	2%	0%	88%	0%	4%	6%	100%
Nationalist	0%	5%	0%	90%	0%	5%	100%
Other	9%	0%	0%	9%	64%	18%	100%
Ind	13%	3%	13%	7%	10%	53%	100%
Total	32%	32%	14%	13%	3%	6%	100%
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Thinking about the last Australian House of Representatives election, to which party did you give your first preference?

	House of	Represen	tatives vo	te last electio	on		
	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
ALP	78%	6%	13%	0%	1%	3%	100%
LP	2%	91%	0%	4%	0%	3%	100%
Grns	25%	0%	69%	2%	4%	0%	100%
Nationalist	3%	53%	3%	38%	0%	5%	100%
Other	0%	30%	20%	0%	40%	10%	100%
Ind	21%	14%	18%	0%	0%	46%	100%
Grand Total	35%	40%	14%	4%	1%	5%	100%
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Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Prime Minister Scott Morrison, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
Strongly approve	0%	29%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%
Approve	0%	46%	0%	14%	0%	3%	18%
Neither approve nor	0%	16%	0%	14%	0%	3%	7%
disapprove							
Disapprove	4%	5%	4%	26%	18%	9%	7%
Strongly disapprove	96%	3%	96%	44%	82%	85%	57%
Unsure	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	0%	75%	0%	14%	0%	3%	28%
Total disagree	100%	8%	100%	70%	100%	94%	64%
Net agree	-100%	67%	-100%	-56%	-100%	-91%	-36%

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Thinking about the performance of the Federal Government how strongly would you agree or disagree that it has done enough to deserve to be re-elected as the government?

	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Oth er	Ind	Total
Strongly agree	0%	40%	0%	7%	0%	0%	15%
Agree	0%	46%	0%	14%	0%	9%	18%
Neither agree nor	1%	10%	0%	16%	0%	6%	6%
disagree							
Disagree	9%	2%	7%	28%	27%	0%	8%
Strongly disagree	89%	1%	93%	35%	73%	85%	52%
Unsure	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	0%	86%	0%	21%	0%	9%	33%
Total disagree	98%	3%	100%	63%	100%	85%	60%
Net agree	-98%	84%	-100%	-42%	-100%	-76%	-27%
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Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
Strongly approve	24%	1%	0%	0%	9%	3%	10%
Approve	61%	4%	46%	2%	27%	30%	32%
Neither approve nor	11%	12%	37%	7%	36%	33%	16%
disapprove							
Disapprove	1%	25%	12%	21%	9%	6%	13%
Strongly disapprove	0%	56%	2%	69%	9%	24%	28%
Unsure	1%	2%	4%	0%	9%	3%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	86%	5%	46%	2%	36%	33%	42%
Total disagree	1%	81%	13%	90%	18%	30%	41%
Net agree	84%	-76%	33%	-88%	18%	3%	1%
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Thinking about the performance of the Federal Opposition how strongly would you agree or disagree that it has done enough to deserve to be elected as the government?

	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
Strongly agree	39%	3%	4%	0%	0%	9%	17%
Agree	40%	4%	56%	5%	36%	24%	25%
Neither agree nor	7%	7%	22%	7%	27%	39%	11%
disagree							
Disagree	3%	22%	4%	9%	9%	6%	11%
Strongly disagree	10%	65%	7%	79%	18%	18%	36%
Unsure	0%	0%	7%	0%	9%	3%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	79%	6%	59%	5%	36%	33%	41%
Total disagree	14%	87%	11%	88%	27%	24%	46%
Net agree	66%	-81%	48%	-84%	9%	9%	-5%

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ALP LP Grns Nationalist Other Ind Total Anthony 98% 1% 98% 6% 88% 81% 54% Albanese Scott Morrison 93% 0% 40% 0% 62% 13% 12% Unsure 2% 6% 2% 32% 0% 8% 6% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% Total 100%

Who is your preferred prime minister?

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Irrespective of how you intend to vote who would you expect to win this federal election?

	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
ALP	76%	19%	56%	37%	44%	34%	47%
Liberal National Coalition	5%	47%	4%	20%	11%	17%	22%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	20%	34%	40%	44%	44%	48%	31%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Irrespective of how you intend to vote who would you like to win this federal election?

	ALP	LP	Grns	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
ALP	97%	1%	67%	2%	67%	43%	48%
Liberal National Coalition	0%	97%	0%	48%	0%	7%	40%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	3%	2%	33%	50%	33%	50%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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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.

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



Verbatims

The media landscape in this country has manufactured the consent of the politically ignorant middling 'aspirational' class to the point where they will consistently vote against their own interests out of fear, repeatedly electing a feckless, self serving government with the promise that they too will one day be rich. As a result this country, it's economy, and it's people are being sold down the river as public services are consistently cut in favour of spending public money like party election funds and giving out back scratch deals to friends and donors of ministers.

It seems to me that there is a certain lack of real leadership by the current Prime Minister who is in strife now to recover his own seat. After showing desperation (in my personal view) by inviting the President of the war torn country to address the joint sitting of the house, when, in fact, he must have known, and well knew, that in proper fairness, this special occasion would detract from the opportunity by the Leader of the Opposition to Reply to the cash splashes by the Government.

Inadequate response to climate change, deliberate suppression of wage growth, bungling of numerous activities including procurement of COVID vaccines, destruction of TAFE system, disgraceful treatment of asylum seekers, financial support of fossil fuel companies, granting of large contracts to supporters without tenders. Australia has dropped fro 4th to 11th place on Gov corruption index.

I can't take my family out to dinner at a hospitality venue in my own State, in my own country because I don't want to take an experimental vaccine for a virus which might give me a cough and a runny nose. Spiraling debt (national and state debt); handouts given to people to stay home and not work; the whole Covid response has lacked common sense; lies being told about vaccine injuries; payments to businesses who didn't suffer losses during the lockdowns and they don't have to pay them back but battling families who have incurred a centrelink debt don't get their yearly tax refund because they have to pay centrelink.

Unemployment is low. Economy is strong.

The Federal Government has now got the budget under control after the pandemic. The Government is right in supporting industry to grow our sovereign manufacturing and with increased infrastructure investment.

The economy is growing well and unemployment is down. We look to be on top of covid at the moment and things are starting to get back to normal.

Furthermore, the world is looking most dangerous and our Defence Minister is proving himself to be a man to be reckoned with. I hate to think about the alternative.

Good execution on Covid vaccinations, strengthening of defence spending and well managed interest rate situation

Thinking about Australia again, in a short paragraph please tell us what is the most important issue facing the country.



Verbatims

We need to LEAD on climate change - the science has been clear for decades now, but our internal and external commitments are just unbelievable. I am not a member of any political party, but have been simply appalled at the current government' commitment to social change, a Federal ICAC (mostly dealing with corruption in Morrison's govt unfortunately, planning for a future, engaging appropriately with the fossil fuel industry etc.

Following on from 2, Equality in Education and Free universal Childcare are the most important . However, since your last surveys, Climate change and the threat of extinction of the planet are become more urgent eg last week with another tipping point when both Arctic and Antarctic poles had warmest temperatures in recorded history , 3 and 5 times normal- an unusual compound event, with melting sea ice , rain, running water, avalanches wrecking penguin life and lichen and moss growth.

Liberal /National Party losing its Conservative values and brand (2) Energy costs (3) Woke ideology e.g. climate change and PC now accepted by Coalition with plan for net zero plus taking over education and teaching children untruths (4) PM's weak leadership during COVID (4) Coalition spending - during COVID supported jobkeeper and jobseeker but the latest budget (2022/2023) announcement government is still bailing people out and no surplus in sight for decades.

Cost of living including cost of housing is placing pressure on families and on young people, who are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. The liberal government has caused this problem by reducing wages through penalty rate reductions and by holding down the public sector wages.

The economy remains the most important issue facing this country. Second our defence must be given higher priority and an invasion by China has to be one matter to occupy the minds of the Australian people.

National Security - This is becoming the most important issue for our country and I don't think we are prepared. The latest arrangement between China and the Solomons is disturbing and my PNG friends tell me the situation in PNG is dire with corruption so rife, it's only a matter of time before the infiltration of the Chinese control is too great to contain. If a federal election were to be held next weekend, in a short paragraph please tell us what issue will affect your voting intention the most.



Verbatims

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Irresponsible spending and sending the deficit in the wrong direction. I will not vote for any party advocating high cost climate change policies, as Australia only account for ~1,8% of global emissions and no matter what we do, it will NOT impact on global climate unless the big polluters like India, China, Russia and the US take action.

Corrupt and incompetent politicians The introduction of a National Integrity Commission / (ICAC) with BIG teeth Climate change and all that goes with it. The destructive dominance of the Murdoch media in Australia Gross unemployment and underemployment Stagnant wages Housing shortages - Capital gain tax Domestic violence Health - All aspects, but particularly Aged care Education - a disproportionate amount of money going to private schools

Climate change is the most obvious, but cost of living issues such as the cost of childcare, the cost of housing, the cost of petrol are significant and the quality of aged care is an area where we need to focus our attention.

Loss of a government who has , despite overblown incidents called by Labor and many in the media as " disasters " from 2019 to now, has Australia's residents in a better situation than most countries in the world. Consistently consistent with good management of most emergency situations governments are hit with, but

are not frantically reactive, and have been guided by the laws of the Federation, so are called slow to act.

Honest and accountable leadership. The Labor party has shown such dishonesty, disrespect, mismanagement of people and money, and divided loyalties over a long period of time, I believe they cannot be trusted; especially given their links with China and the union movement.

Lack of action on mitigating the impact of climate change, for example allowing fracking on indigenous land in the Northern Territory when the funds should be going to finding no emission methods of heating, lighting and vehicle movement.

Absence of parties, policies, candidates worth voting for. Decision becomes 'who will do least damage?'

Too much net zero rubbish instead of building power stations we are closing them. No dams, too worried about a rock with stick paintings on it than building a dam.

Our defence dept. is run down, too busy worrying about LGBTQI or whatever instead of having strong men running the place. Letting China get a foothold in The Solomons.

Despite my concerns at a Federal level described above, the situation in our State is even worse with a virtual dictator. As such, I do not see a change of government helping - rather, I fear things could get worse.

In this year's federal election, which of the following parties will receive your first preference in the House of Representatives?



Verbatims

I believe the greens have the most ambitious policies to address climate change and wealth inequality in address and if they were to secure the balance of power in a labor minority to government that would be the best chance of meaningful action. Also both major parties will be legislating the stage 3 tax cuts to which I am strongly opposed.

While I am not under any allusion that the ALP will not manage to disappoint, given our political system is dominated by 2 major parties, the ALP is the only major party that is likely to deliver on issues to do with social justice and climate change. It is our only chance to get any real change and progress.

While I am not particularly impressed with the ALP's recent performance, they at least have a historical commitment to the country's honest toilers and wage slaves. The party seems to me to be between a rock and a hard place with regard to climate change/global warming, given the understandable anxiety of workers who see a loss of employment likely to arise from measures taken to contain the threat.

They seem far more professional than the other Green Labor coalition, I fear the influence the crazy greens will have on Labor and I used to vote greens once. This

may seem selfish but my power bill has halved since Morrison took over, I fear the greens and Labor will see power prices rise again.

They are more conservative, in the tradiitonal sense via their policies than the left leaning LNP. The ALP on the other hand are too busy in bed with the greens to offer any assurance of decent government alternative.

Morrison has made some poor calls and he will need a good majority to govern strongly, but Labor's factions, Green influence and concentration on "climate change" issues when our security may be under threat are very poor priorities.

One Nation, is strong on defence, against Islam changing our country to suit them, and does not believe that CO2 is causing climate change.

Liberal Democrat Party is focussed on main stream conservative values not woke ideology, do not support net zero emission which will cripple Australia and make people poorer. Australia exports our clean coal but doesn't want to use it here.

Just to stick it up the major parties and their powertripping.

I have no respect for either Morrison or Albanese. Labor have so many failed people that I'd not vote for them at this time but if Morrison was gone I'd vote Liberal in a flash Thinking about your vote in the House of Representatives, which group, Labor or Coalition, would you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government?



Verbatims

The Coalition are a bunch of climate change denying, victim blaming, bullying puppets of developers, miners and other big-money. Labor is not a lot better in practice, but at least they go through the motions of caring so there's always a chance of getting progressive policy through.

Labor have plans for the future of the country not just plans for themselves. They also care more about people & the issues that effect us all, climate change, education, aged care, disabled, cost of living, living conditions etc

Labor in its current form I would consider the lesser of two evils, but I would also hold out hope that upon securing government they would become more ambitious in their policy response to key issues.

I will put all the freedom parties, tightly cross-preferenced, first onwards, above LNP third last, ALP second last (and this includes ultra lefties like Animal justice and "Reason"), and excremental Greens absolutely last.

Right now - I don't see any difference in policies between the Liberal and Labor ... both major parties don't have strong leadership material i.e. neither Morrison or Albanese have a backbone.

I don't trust Labor to govern our country competently, and I trust the United Party a whole lot less. A number of potential candidates are planning on standing as an Independent but in doing so I believe they will be making the government's task of managing, near impossible.

The Coalition has been in power for long enough. Whilst I do not believe the Labor party will be much of an improvement overall, it will be extremely satisfying to boot the other lot out!

Traditionally Libs & Nats have worked well together. The need to build more dams, care for our primary industries and maintain security has been better managed by the coalition.

Thinking about the last Australian House of Representatives election, to which party did you give your first preference?



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Verbatims

Because at that time the Labor party had even more policies to fix the economic inequities in this country. Since 2019 the LNP have only reconfirmed what a total set of bots they are - appalling lack of leadership, contempt for more sections of our society - refugees, the poor, pensioners, women, indigenous communities - the list is almost endless.

Because same as I have explained Bill Shorten was going to attack Pensioners especially self funded pensioners, tax them more, and attack franking credits. The climate policy has not changed and the ridiculous nonsense that Albanese keeps on going on about climate change will hurt us all financially big time.

I like the Greens (because they actually care about climate change and equity issues) but am happy to give them my first preference at times and then put Labor after that. But in 2019 and again this year, I am so keen for Labor to replace the Coalition, that I put Labor first

The 2019 election was a very tight contest between Shorten and Morrison. I had nothing then against my new local federal MP - though I think NOW that he's a time server who would never take a principled stand away from the party line of the day.

I believe that Labor historically seem to govern more successfully, were always ranked more highly in the world economic rankings under Labor despite some believing the liberals are better economic managers, the current situation with them running up 5 times the debt under the last Labor government proves that in my opinion

Shorton had the better policies we lost a full terms response to climate change, renewal energy sadly when he narowwly lost

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



Verbatims

He botched the pandemic in everyway .. didn't secure vaccinations; told people 'it wasn't a race'; didn't respond to the terrible management in Aged care .. a federal responsibility; didn't secure testing kits early enough ... didn't take it seriously. Didn't support the firefighters and SES teams except for photo-ops; didn't support requests form local councils for funding, planning, mitigation for floods; didn't bring in the defence support early enough; seems to not give a damn about minimum wages; under-employed workers; contracted and casual staff inequalities; not interested in listening to community support groups; to children ... or anyone who doesn't agree with him.

Oh my, so many reasons - doesn't hold a hose, won't meet flood victims, has no idea how to talk to or about women, he "stopped the boats" (not something to be proud of), refused to allow refugees to go to NZ for years, refuses to allow refugees to be released into the community, is a climate change denier, has presided over unprecedented "pork barrelling" (also known as corruption), is a pretend christian (his. behaviour is not that of a christian, in my view, thinks if rent is too expensive, people should just buy a house ... is that enough?

He has led a corrupt government which is more concerned with keeping themselves in power and has done very little to bring us safely through the pandemic or prepare us for an ageing population and climate change. I find it hard to think of very much that this government has done which has improved the welfare of Australians.

In my opinion, I'm disappointed in Scott Morrison's performance as PM ... he's wants to please everyone including those who would never vote for Liberals and especially the lefties, weak leadership when Labor States Premiers abused their power and treated people appallingly. I know we're a federation but as the Prime Minister of Australia, Morrison should have voiced disapproval but he stayed silent and what was agreed in his National Cabinet .. the premiers ignored.

Mainly his abysmal mishandling of the 'pandemic,' but also his arrogance, his lack of leadership, and his rolling over to the 'climate change' lobby. (Climate change is another issue where dissenting experts have been ignored and silenced).

He and his team have done a greta job leading us through the pandemic despite a hostile parliament and media. We need them to stay in power to lead us through to the future and keep the country from being sold out to china

Morrison has worked very hard to keep Australia operating. I'm not in favour of the climate change policies but then given the stupidity around the world that says that CO2 causes climate change I suppose politicians have to follow the mob.

While I have some criticisms of all politicians and of Scott Morrison, I think that he dealt with the global pandemic (something I think no politician would voluntarily sign up for) in the best way he could. While there were things I wish could have been done better, I don't hold confidence that any other person could have done a better job either.

I believe that Mr Morrison has performed very well given that he has has to face unprecedented bushfires, pandemic disease, flooding and now the effects of a senseless war on the Ukrainian people. He has also been, in my opinion, victim of vilification by the media and protesters.

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



Verbatims

Given the result of the last election, and the current state of political debate and reporting in this country, I do understand why the ALP is seeking to be a small target. I only hope that, if elected, Albanese will prove to be a good and decent leader capable and determined to rectify the inequality and social injustice that has come to dominate Australian society.

I believe Albanese has gone too far to the right to try to appeal to a broader sector of the electorate. Politically I understand why Labor has done this following the last election defeat, however this now means their policy agenda is not ambitious enough for me.

He is obviously not wanting to trust the electorate with detailed policy pronouncements, after the debacle of the last election, where good policies were too easily attacked and misrepresented by the opponents of Labour, including the big spending Clive Palmer. I think he is an honest politician, in that he tells a relatively consistent story.

Given the failure of the bold, positive agenda run by ALP in 2019, Albanese-led ALP had title choice but the small target strategy, particularly given the axiom it is for governments to lose elections, and Morrison s seems to be hell-bent on a loss.

I just don t think he stands for the core values that he espouses now, he has always been far left of centre and a whinger not a leader and it s just doesn t generate confidence that he can run the country or even a labour party that would be strong economically. Too beholden to pressure groups within the party.

I think that Mr Albanese seems to be a decent bloke but I don't believe that he would make a good prime minister and I believe that his party will take Australia into the depths of despair.

I like Albanese but I am concerned that Labor has not realised the great harm done by its infatuation with neoliberalism, including privatising services, tertiary education fees, 'free' rather than fair trade, and favouring capital over labour. They say they want to redress rising inequality and hardship but don't seem to understand the systemic drivers of regression that they helped to put in place.

A hard left wing trying to deceive the people into thinking that he is a political and economic centralist. He has not an idea of how to keep the country economically strong.

Who is your preferred prime minister?



Verbatims

We desperately need Albanese who acts with dignity, calmness and respect and who listens at every turn to experts. The mess in the Solomon islands turning to China can be put firmly at the door of the LNP and their arrogant smart arse behaviour towards many in the Pacific and their utter contempt and arrogance in the totally inadequate climate change policies and inaction they have pursued and continue to do to this moment.

I don't believe the Opposition has been able to effectively offer any real opposition because the Government has been doing a good job governing in what has been an horrendous few years dealing with the virus (and its variants) which has been the result of either Chinese wet markets or careless work in a laboratory. Australia has done extremely well in caring for its citizens.

I don t think I know Morrison is an inveterate liar & incompetent Until he demonstrates otherwise I believe Albanese is honest, fair & dedicated to the best interests of Australians

Scott Morrison is clearly Prime Ministerr material and has such an incredible grasp of all the policies of Government and it is critical he continues as our PM for another term to secure Australia's economic futurer and national security.

Scott Morrison may not be the most popular, but he is the best leader for us at this point in time. He did a great job leading us through the pandemic, and know a lot about the economy, foreign affairs, etc.

I have found increasing confidence in Scott Morrison even though being somewhat sceptical when he was first made leader of his party. He handles a huge job fairly well.

I hope he can implement better environmental policies, increase funding to health care and education and increased focus on preventative actions. I think labor are more likely to implement this compared to liberal. The Labor party appears to be run currently by 3 sitting senators Also appears to be a convenor of the Labor group Also lacks enthusiasm Vision Leadership qualities He has indicated that a number of import areas he will DO A REVIEW

Albanese is not the greatest orator, but he seems sincere and a conciliatory leader. Morrison is a liar, bully and utterly without compassion or conscience.

One (Scott Morrison) is a measured but with flaws, overall a good leader Whereas I believe the other (Albaneze) is a mouth who will twist the truth to be heard

Morrison is a Liberal is the only reason he gets my vote I think. This is a time for strong leadership and neither of the candidates gives me a warm feeling.