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Federal Election 2022

Exit Poll

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 federal election.

Results should be taken as indicative in that the sample is not properly randomised, but it is unlikely the 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 Animal Justice, Australian Democrats, Centre Alliance, Derryn Hinch's Justice, Jacqui Lambie Network, New Liberal, Reason, Secular, Socialist Alliance and Victorian Socialist Parties as "Others" for similar reasons.

The poll was conducted from May 20. 2022 May 22, 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 election was a Seinfeld election – it was more about personalities than plot, and not a lot happened. Before the election cost of living had been a major issue, but it disappears out of our qualitative research, apart from that, the issues remain much the same apart from perceptions of Anthony Albanese and Scott Morrison, and respondents optimism about the direction of the country.

On our quantitative analysis Albanese went into the election with a -5% net favourability rating and came out with +4%. Coalition voters didn't change their view of him, but his own Labor voters did by 20 percentage points, Greens 15, Nationalists 12, Others 16 and Independents 38.

In our first poll most respondents didn't express a very detailed impression of Albanese, but by the second poll a number of descriptive words were present including "decent", "genuine", "caring" and "honest". By contrast Morrison's approval fell from a net -27% to net -36%. This was driven by a significant drop of net support from Liberals of 19 percentage points, and Nationalists 22 percentage points.

There was a general positive move in sentiment on the question of whether the country is heading in the right direction between our two polls, but it went from -36% to -24%, so it was still quite negative. Sentiment became more positive amongst all groups apart from Other and Liberal where it went in the other direction. The election of a left of centre government can explain the improved sentiment amongst the left, but the change in the Nationalist vote is either a statistical flute, or it can be inferred they wanted the Liberals to lose.

Nevertheless, preferred prime minister ratings remained quite stable, indicating that voters didn't determine their vote on the basis of their approval of the two leaders.

What appears to have happened is that the Coalition ran a protest vote campaign. The essence of such a campaign is that you tacitly admit that the other side is likely to win. "It won't be easy under Albanese" fills that role. You also don't run hard on your own policies, but on the other sides. At the same time Albanese ran a small target strategy, trying to avoid Bill Shorten's fate which was largely due to his wide and radical policy promises. So we had two parties not promising very much, and trying to leverage their vote off the shortcomings of their opponents.

This resulted in the extremely low first preference votes for the major parties, and a swing to minor parties. Electors protested, but they didn't protest by going to the coalition, they went to minor parties who offered something in the way of positive policies. Most of those parties were ones who supported radical change in climate policy, but our qualitative results suggests that climate as an issue was no more important this election than previous ones, and was a concern mostly of voters on the extreme left. The corollary of this is that the Teals and the Greens won a lot of votes for reasons unconnected to the substance of their policies, and that these voters can easily defect to another party in the future.

Election issues were pretty similar to the first poll with Coalition and Nationalist voters clustered around economic and national security issues, while Labor, Greens and Independents were worried about climate change, integrity and corruption, and health (including Medicare). Morrison was also an issue for the left, while Albanese was not particularly an issue for the right (indicating a failure of the protest vote campaign and suggesting Labor's negative campaign against Morrison was more successful than the Coalition campaign against Albanese).

Specific findings from the research were:

- Improvement in those thinking the country was heading in the right direction from -36% go -24% net. This was mainly a result of a decrease of 9% in those thinking it was going in the wrong direction and an increase of 7% in those who were neutral. This may be a result of voters having some idea of the result by the time they completed the questionnaire. Coalition became less optimistic as did Others, but the other categories, including Nationalists, all became more optimistic.
- Our poll saw a narrowing in the preference for which major party to form government with the first poll being 56% to 44% in Labor's favour, and the second poll 54% to 46%. This is not statistically significant, given the size of the sample and the method of selection, but interesting. There were no statistically significant movements in the preferences of minor party voters.
- Significant numbers of those who voted Labor last election voted Green this year, with 7 percent deserting, while 1% deserted to the Nationalists, and 6% to Independents. 3% also changed to Liberal. For the Liberals the major desertions were 6% to Labor and 9% to the Nationalists. However Nationalists also had a high level of desertions to Labor (7%) and 41% to the Liberals.
- Similar, though different flows occurred by those who see themselves as normally voting for one party or another. The most interesting one was the distribution of Nationalists which diverged significantly compared to those who voted Nationalist last election (but may not see themselves as regular Nationalist voters). This suggests this vote is more plastic than the Greens, pointing to a greater difficulty for the Coalition in gaining minor party votes from their side than Labor does from the Greens.
- Many voters diversified their vote away from their House of Representatives choice in the Senate. This ranged between 20% for both Labor and Liberal to 30% for the Greens, and 17% for Nationalists. Liberals were more likely to vote for a minor party in the senate in the second sample than the first. Intriguingly the Greens also became more likely to vote for another candidate in the second sample, as were the Nationalists. This may say something about the general concern about all political parties that as the election neared, adherents were more inclined to take out insurance in the upper house.
- Scott Morrison's net approval rating fell between our two surveys from -27% to -36% with approval decreasing by 5 percentage points and disapproval increasing by 4. Most surprisingly his net approval with Liberals dropped 19 points, and with Nationalists 22 points. Independents' approval dropped by 18 points. Disapproval amongst ALP and Greens was so close to 100% that there was no room for deterioration.

- Anthony Albanese's net approval rating improved by 9 points from -5% to +4%. This was a result of significant improvements in his ratings amongst Labor voters – 20 points; Greens – 15 points; Nationalists – 12 points, Others - 16 points and Independents 38 points. Even Liberals softened towards him by 6 points.
- The personalities made little difference to preferred PM status with Albanese preferred by 54% in each survey and Morrison at 40% and 41%. These are at significant variance with the actual result, demonstrating that party brand and policies still overwhelm the personality ratings of the leaders.
- Perceptions of Albanese seem to have shifted during the campaign with characteristics like decent, genuine, caring and honest being added compared to the first poll.

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Quantitative Analysis

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

	ALP		LP		Greens		Nationalist		Ind		Other		Total	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Strongly Agree	0%	4%	22%	14%	0%	5%	2%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	8%	7%
Agree	1%	8%	46%	46%	2%	8%	12%	8%	3%	6%	9%	0%	19%	21%
Disagree	9%	23%	13%	10%	0%	13%	9%	30%	9%	12%	9%	0%	10%	17%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	9%	15%	20%	24%	8%	16%	11%	24%	12%	45%	0%	21%	13%
Strongly disagree	63%	55%	2%	6%	74%	66%	58%	51%	64%	65%	36%	100%	41%	40%
Unsure	1%	1%	2%	5%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total Agree	2%	12%	68%	59%	2%	13%	14%	8%	3%	12%	9%	0%	27%	28%
Total Disagree	88%	64%	17%	26%	98%	74%	74%	62%	88%	76%	82%	100%	62%	53%
Net Agree	-86%	-52%	51%	33%	-96%	-61%	-60%	-54%	-85%	-65%	-73%	-100%	-36%	-24%

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

Row Labels	ALP		LP		Greens		Nationalist		Independent		Other		Total	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Australian Labor Party	100%	100%	2%	3%	100%	100%	7%	5%	83%	81%	90%	100%	56%	54%
Coalition	0%	0%	98%	97%	0%	0%	93%	95%	17%	19%	10%	0%	44%	46%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Thinking about the last Australian House of Representatives election, to which party did you give your first preference? (If you can't remember, just select that option).

Last election	This election						
	ALP	LP	Greens	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
ALP	80%	3%	7%	2%	1%	6%	100%
Grns	31%	0%	51%	2%	6%	10%	100%
LP	6%	83%	0%	9%	0%	2%	100%
Nationalist	7%	41%	0%	52%	0%	0%	100%

Thinking about Australian House of Representatives elections in general, for which party do you normally vote. Please note that a number of parties are not options here because they have only been active for one election or less.

Usual vote	This election						
	ALP	LP	Greens	Nationalist	Other	Ind	Total
ALP	82%	3%	7%	1%	2%	4%	100%
Greens	15%	0%	74%	3%	3%	6%	100%
Ind	29%	0%	14%	14%	0%	43%	100%
LP	4%	79%	0%	15%	0%	2%	100%
Nationalist	10%	20%	0%	60%	0%	10%	100%
Other	0%	0%	67%	0%	33%	0%	100%
Swinger	32%	29%	9%	21%	0%	9%	100%

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

Senate first preference														
	ALP		LP		Greens		Nationalist		Other		Ind		Total	
First preference Reps	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
ALP	79%	80%	0%	0%	12%	10%	2%	0%	2%	5%	4%	6%	100%	100%
LP	1%	1%	86%	80%	0%	1%	12%	15%	1%	2%	1%	1%	100%	100%
Greens	2%	8%	0%	0%	88%	71%	0%	0%	4%	13%	6%	8%	100%	100%
Nationalist	0%	0%	5%	8%	0%	0%	90%	83%	0%	0%	5%	8%	100%	100%
Other	9%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	25%	64%	50%	18%	0%	100%	100%
Ind	13%	13%	3%	13%	13%	38%	7%	6%	10%	13%	53%	19%	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		LP		Greens		Nationalist		Other		Ind		Total	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Strongly approve	0%	0%	40%	28%	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	10%
Approve	0%	0%	46%	47%	0%	0%	14%	11%	0%	0%	9%	0%	18%	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	1%	0%	10%	14%	0%	0%	16%	14%	0%	0%	6%	6%	6%	7%
Disapprove	9%	1%	2%	6%	7%	13%	28%	28%	27%	0%	0%	18%	8%	8%
Strongly disapprove	89%	99%	1%	4%	93%	87%	35%	47%	73%	100%	85%	76%	52%	56%
Unsure	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	0%	0%	86%	75%	0%	0%	21%	11%	0%	0%	9%	0%	33%	28%
Total disapprove	98%	100%	3%	10%	100%	100%	63%	75%	100%	100%	85%	94%	60%	64%
Net approve	-98%	-100%	84%	65%	-100%	-100%	-42%	-64%	-100%	-100%	-76%	-94%	-27%	-36%

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		Greens		Nationalist		Other		Ind		Total	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Strongly approve	39%	32%	3%	1%	4%	13%	0%	3%	0%	0%	9%	12%	17%	14%
Approve	40%	55%	4%	4%	56%	55%	5%	0%	36%	25%	24%	47%	25%	30%
Neither approve nor disapprove	7%	11%	7%	13%	22%	24%	7%	19%	27%	75%	39%	29%	11%	16%
Disapprove	3%	0%	22%	27%	4%	5%	9%	11%	9%	0%	6%	0%	11%	12%
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Unsure	0%	1%	0%	2%	7%	3%	0%	3%	9%	0%	3%	0%	1%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	79%	87%	6%	5%	59%	68%	5%	3%	36%	25%	33%	59%	41%	43%
Total disapprove	14%	1%	87%	80%	11%	5%	88%	75%	27%	0%	24%	12%	46%	39%
Net approve	66%	86%	-81%	-75%	48%	63%	-84%	-72%	9%	25%	9%	47%	-5%	4%

Who was your preferred prime minister?

	ALP		LP		Greens		Nationalist		Other		Ind		Total	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Anthony Albanese	98%	98%	1%	3%	98%	97%	6%	16%	88%	100%	81%	81%	54%	54%
Scott Morrison	0%	2%	93%	94%	0%	0%	62%	64%	13%	0%	12%	0%	40%	41%
Unsure	2%	0%	6%	4%	2%	3%	32%	20%	0%	0%	8%	19%	6%	4%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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?
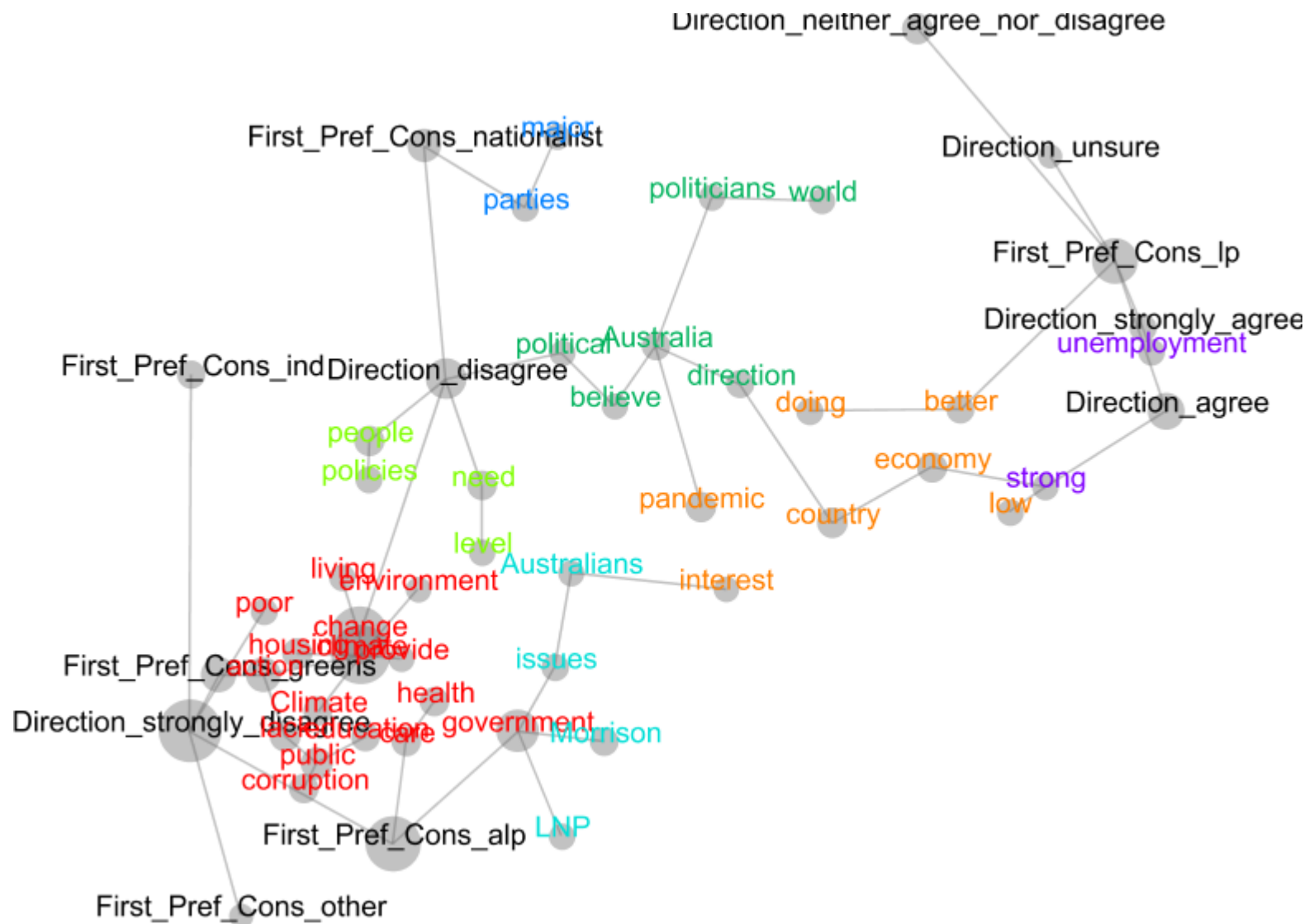
Verbatims

Politics of selfishness and greed, lack of action on climate crisis, disrespect for women, lack of action on protecting our precious environment, failure to act on closing the gap with indigenous Australians, failure to act to entrenched the Uluru statement from the heart into our constitution, Making poverty worse, and giving away our Commonwealth to corporate mates, instead of investing back into. the most vulnerable in our communities such as boosting health services and housing through this terrible pandemic that continues to this day

Under the Morrison government, none of the most serious issues that face the country have been effectively addressed, particularly climate change, aged care, political integrity, public corruption, financial security, and lany other issues for which the government has shown little interest and sometimes disdain, such as the right of Australians living in the territories to legislate for themselves.

Our education system has been corrupted for 30 years or so, giving a false and harmful perspective to students while failing to provide them the skills needed for life's journey and employment. Climate change has been seriously over-promoted as an existential threat - which it is not - leading to a huge distortion in our priorities and economy.

I believe we should be grateful for the fact that we've survived covid (to date) better than almost every other country. I believe Morrison and Frydenberg are justified in saying they have lead the country through the worst challenge of our lifetime.

I feel positive about our future, the government and see no reason for change, low unemployment figures are excellent

Thinking about Australia again, in a short paragraph please tell us what is the most important issue facing the country. (If you do not wish to answer, just write N/A in the space).
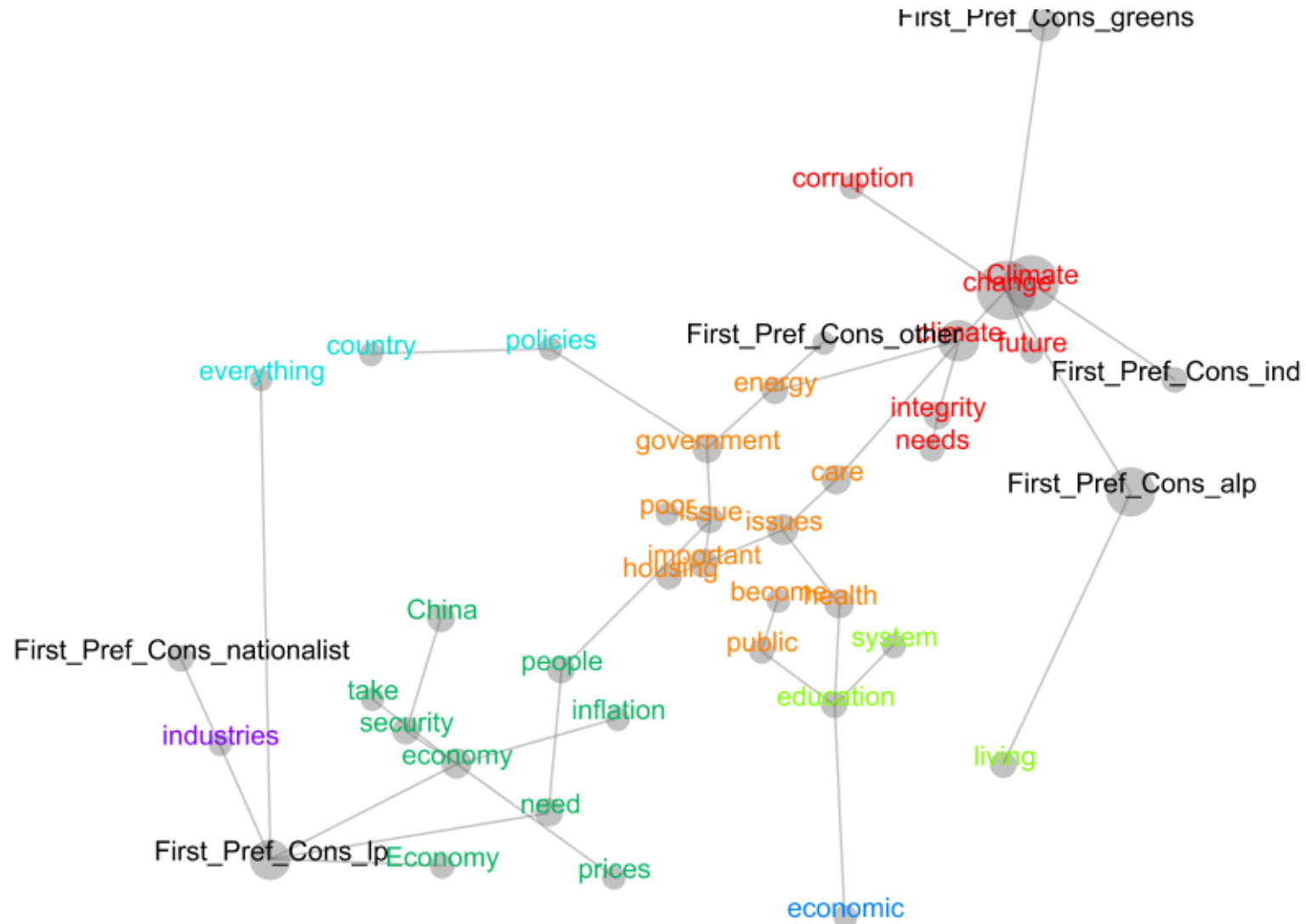
Verbatims

There are several important issues and I cannot just pick one. My major concerns include the economy, housing affordability, health and aged care, pork barreling, and a sensible response to climate change.

There are so many issues but in short order to name but a few the key issues are taking action on climate and renewable energy, housing affordability for all (not just the rich), establishing an integrity commission, cheaper child care and taking proper care of older people.

The most important issue is FAMILY! The government is allowing fringe groups to change our basic values Families are breaking down People not allowed to work puts pressure on the family unit If people were allowed choice -they would work Economy would flourish etc

There isn't just one most important issue. Ones important to me: ending abortion, tackling climate change, improving aged care, avoiding being under the shadow of China, supporting refugees.

The combination of climate change and the inability of this government to genuinely gear up the economy to take advantage of the opportunities from the need to combat it.

Desperately needs to improve in climate change, health, wages for frontline workers (and others), aged care and pensioners, treatment of women, unemployed..in other words… the community in general.

Social cohesion. Climate science.

In a short paragraph please tell us what issue affected your vote the most in this election. If your answer is the same as for 3 above, please just write in "same". (If you do not wish to answer, just write N/A in the space).
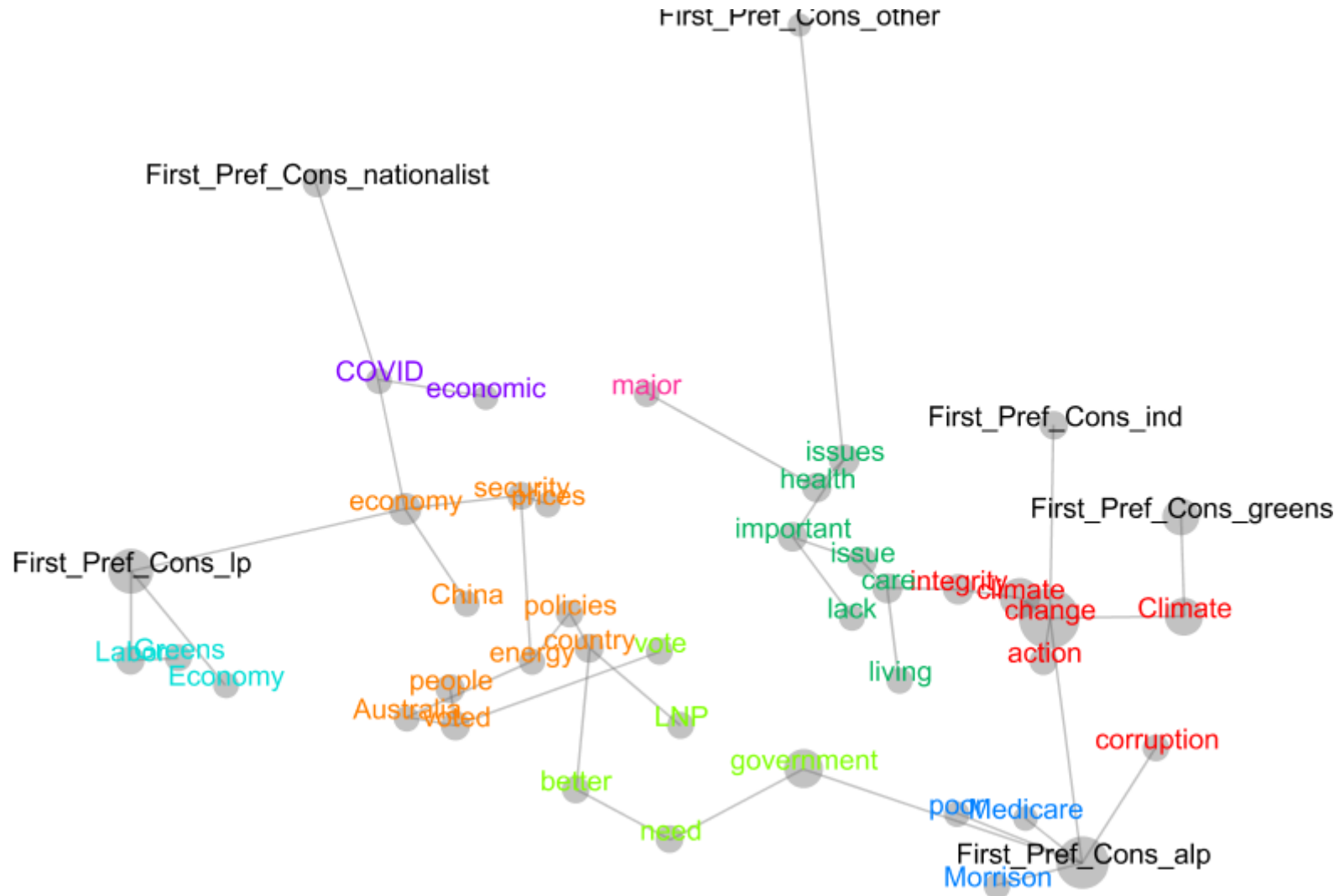
Verbatims

Answer to 2, plus corruption and complete absence of even an appearance of understanding the construct of "integrity" in the Coalition, plus an absence of any action to improve aged care and to change the totally inadequate oversight of and accountability of private aged care businesses (not to mention the extent to which inequity accelerates downwards in the country, with consequent clear negative. impact on the health of our economy, etc)

So many things. The environment, senior care institutions, poverty, housing prices, integrity in government, security, pork barrelling, asylum seekers, protest rights, women's safety, lies, damn lies and misleading statistics, health support (hospitals, nurses, rural doctors) managing COVID, ASIO (see the material about accepting a trial result based on torture in Egypt), bias in the Federal Police, and more.

The most important issue is FAMILY! The government is allowing fringe groups to change our basic values Families are breaking down People not allowed to work puts pressure on the family unit If people were allowed choice -they would work Economy would flourish etc

What affected my vote, as otherwise I would have voted labor second, is that I had skin in the game, - Labor's renewable energy plan is what I wrote, and gave to the AEMO, who gave it to Albanese, so I wanted it to be implemented, because it will totally change Australia, - for the better.

Climate change, more equality and inclusivity in our society, health care particularly for the aged and disadvantaged, integrity, job security and cost of living. Also saw someone who resonated with me as a woman.

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Well, I voted for Greens in the Senate (meaningless lower house in my very safe ultra conservative country electorate - though still voted for ALP in the hope that there was a swing). Though VERY disturbed by the number of young people who were obviously voting UAP (hopefully they just take ON and LNP votes)

In this federal election which of the following parties received your first preference in the House of Representatives?
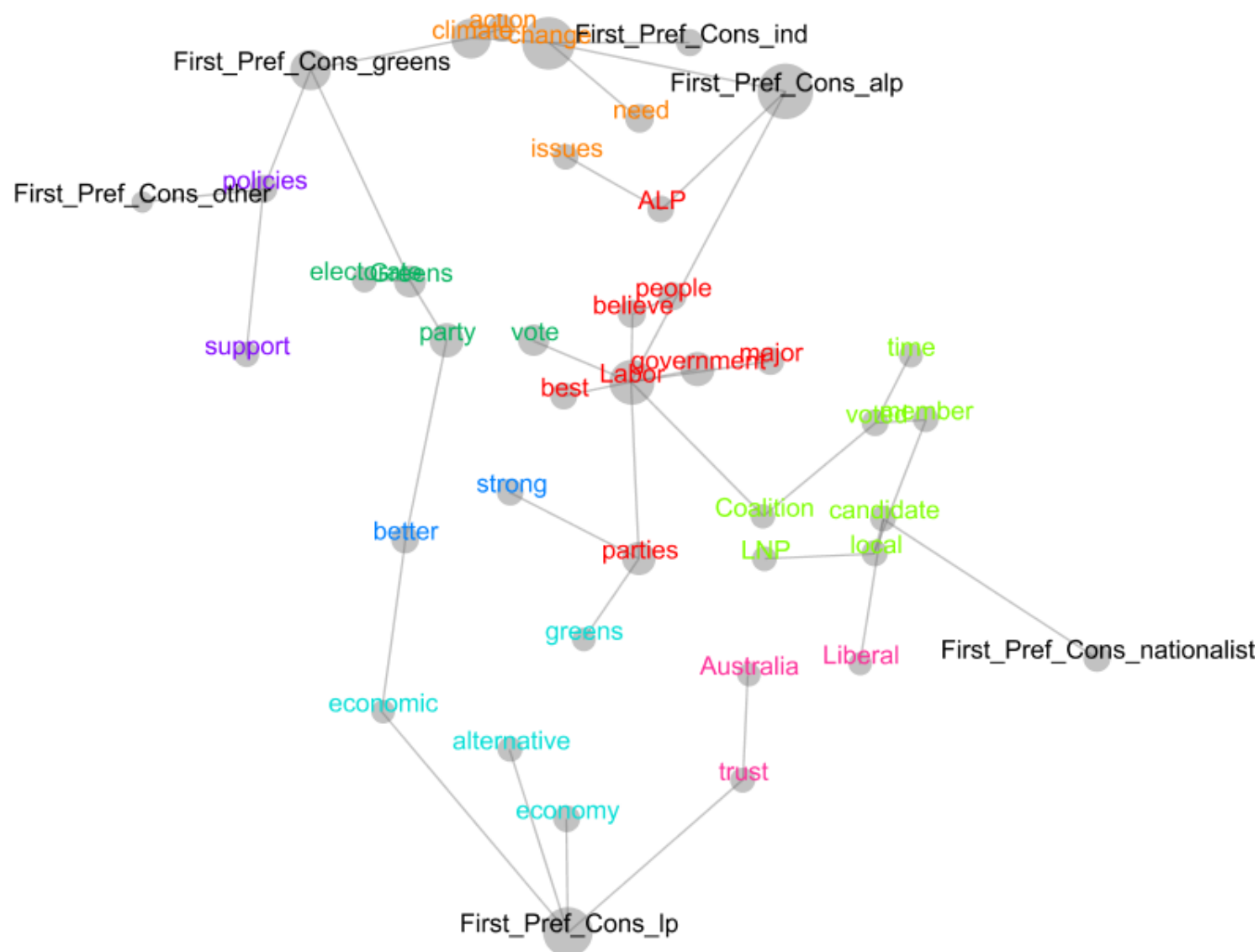
Verbatims

I think that Labor - although not perfect - is the only major political party (besides the Greens) to address the issues of climate change, and the negative impact it is having on our environment. Also, I believe that the ALP is the political party that shows more empathy and understanding to the plight of the poorest, most vulnerable people in our community.

Clearly I did not wish to vote for any parties which did not recognise that climate change was an issue but also I thought that Labor did not go far enough in its response to climate change. In my electorate the best option for action on climate change was the Australian Greens.

I just don't trust Labor to manage the economy or to be strong with China Voting for the minor parties and independents will just complicate having an effective government

The Greens have an inclusive membership policy, they have a plan to transition out of fossil fuels and into a sustainable energy future, the Greens support an indigenous voice in parliament, and the Greens have costed it out and have a clear plan to make the rich pay their fair share of the tax bill so that we can eliminate poverty. The greens are committed to protecting our land air and water – our common wealth

I believe that both parties will be to the detriment of Australia.I have put Liberals under my selections in the House of Representatives,and in the Senate I left the Libs,Labor and the greens completely off the ballot.

I have little or no confidence or trust in the Coalition which, in my opinion, undermines their ability to govern properly. I have historically voted Liberal on the majority of occasions but this time I simply don't trust Morrison or his senior leadership team.

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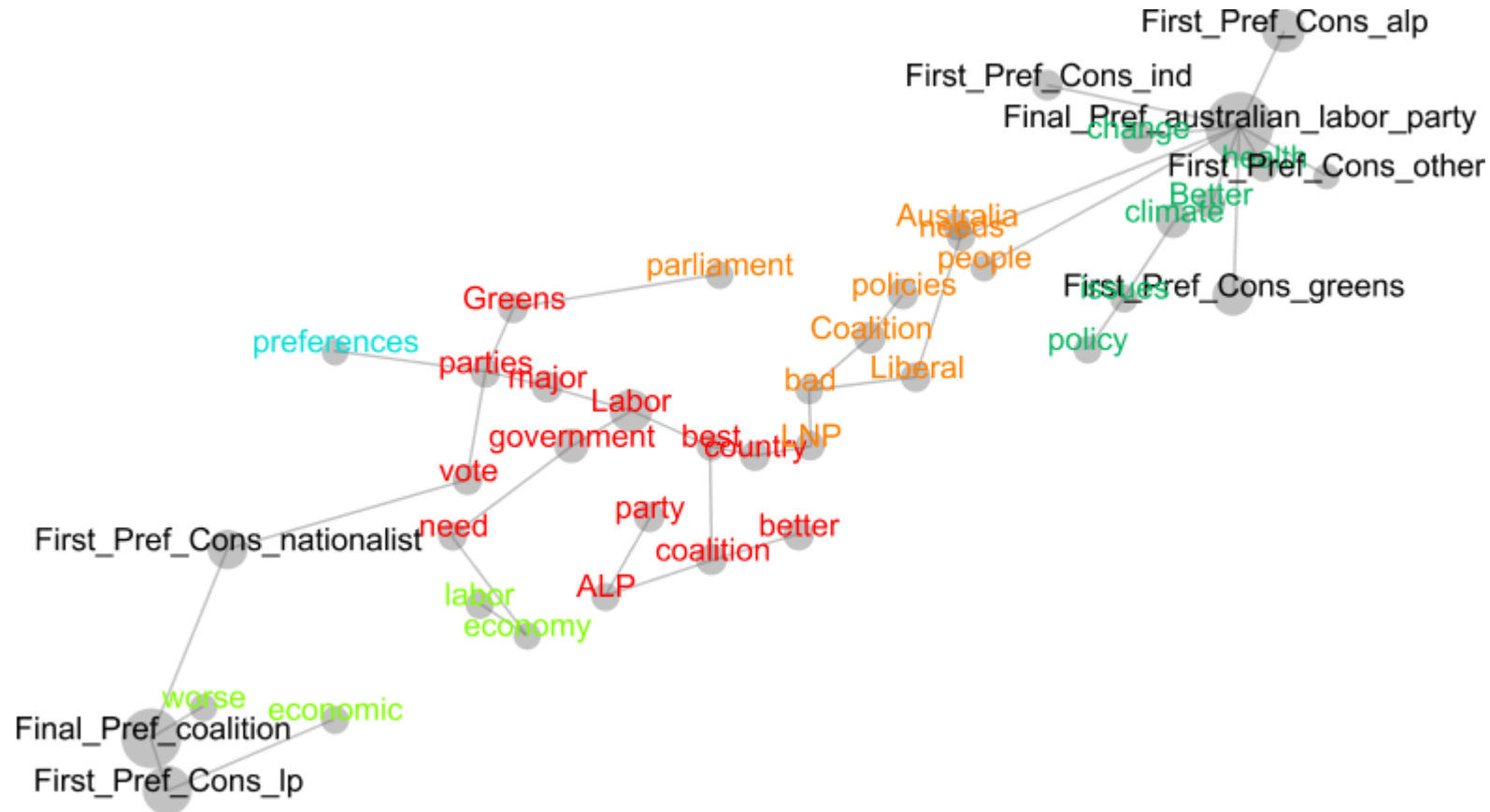
Verbatims

Because both major parties (including their secondary parties, The Greens and The Nationals) are dependent on donations from the same vested interests, they are both equally compromised. Therefore i would like the minor parties and independents to get a large enough vote (through the use of preferences) to create a "hung parliament".

The coalition have misruled for almost a decade shoveling taxpayer money into the pockets of the fossil fuel industry, Gina and her fellow plutocrats. No way would I ever preference them whereas at least the ALP is more progressive on issues that count; climate policy, a federal ICAC, social and gender inequality, etc.

Scott Morrison is an absolute sociopath, my local liberal member can't tell asians apart, the scare mongering, the apparent hatred they have of anyone under 30, putting my god damn right to marriage up to popular vote and giving a platform to hateful bigots in the process, the anti-trans sentiment that they've been pushing that actively destroys lives just for votes, the robo-debt scandal that killed multiple people, the general. complete disaster that this country has been going through under the Liberals for the last 10 years.

Last resort only. Both major parties need voter discipline to remind them that they are not "running the country" but operating the government.

The coalition in my view are the better economic managers of our nation. They are also best able to deal with the defence and external pressures we are currently facing

Labor is far more likely to achieve the objectives stated in #6, and has very competent people. Labor has also proved itself capable in major economic circumstances, as in the financial crisis in 2008.

Thinking about the last Australian House of Representatives election, to which party did you give your first preference? (If you can't remember, just select that option).
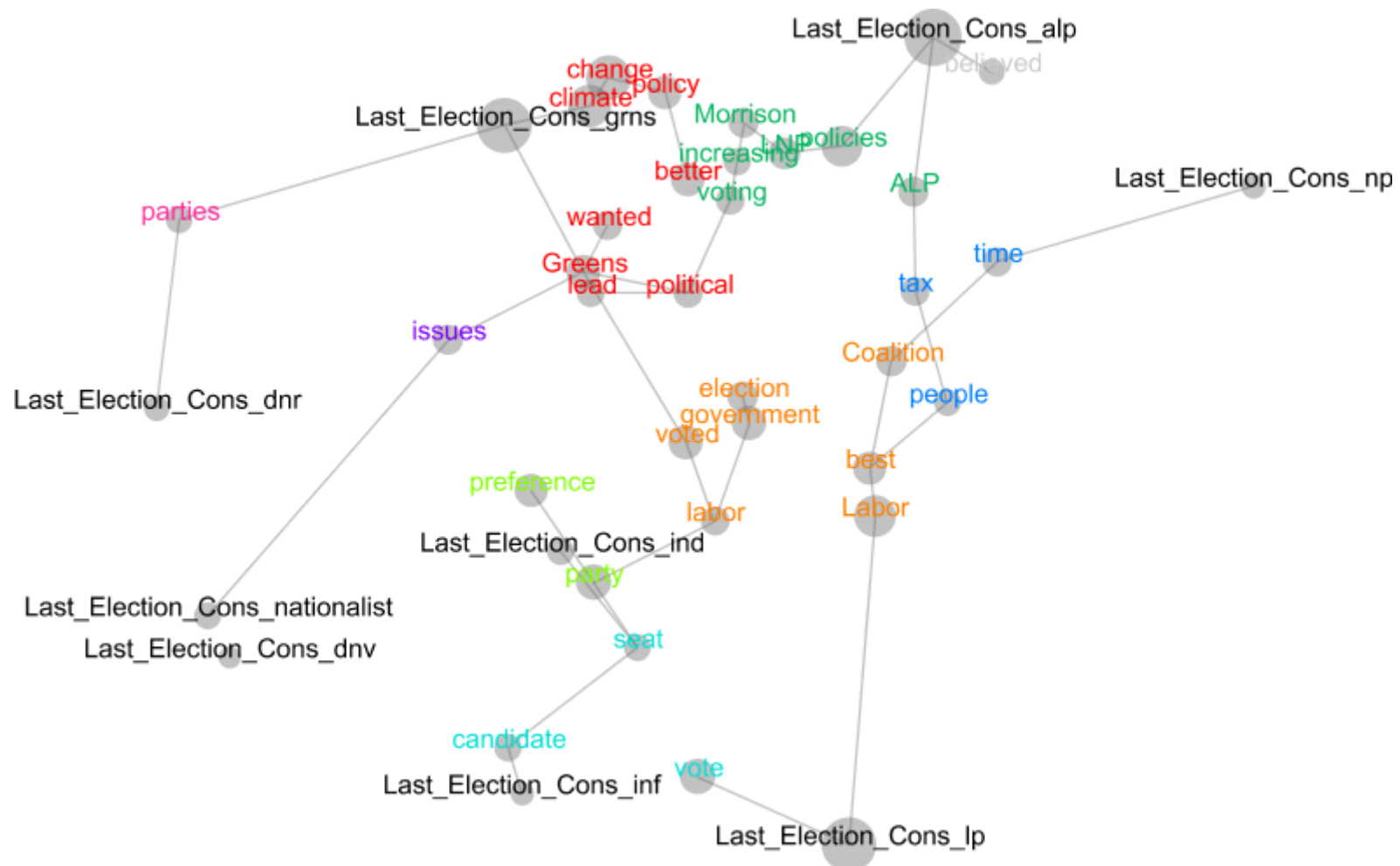
Verbatim

My concerns for the deteriorating impact of climate change, increasing level of political corruption, elitism and smug contempt for ordinary working- and middle-class Australians is a major reason why, I believe, ANYONE with an IQ >10 would NEVER EVER consider voting for the climate-change-denying, totally corrupt elitists in the LNP. I believe Morrison to be the WORST, most non-achieving PM in Australia's history - hiding away on a deck chair in Hawaii during the worst fires in NSW is just the sort of thing one can expect from Morrison …a notorious misogynistic bully who lacks even the most minuscule level of empathy, has no ability to lead, has ZERO credibility and not one iota of integrity!

I voted Greens then because of climate change but also because I was disgusted with our treatment of refugees and the Labor Party did not offer a sufficiently compassionate policy solution to the issues of refugees held on Manus and Nauru.

I prefer a hung parliament and I preference to ty and get rid of the incumbent as I would prefer to see the government rolled over at every election. I have no allegiance to any political party or person.

Labor offered much-needed policies including reducing tax breaks to the wealthy, and so increasing the country's revenue.

same reason as this election - Labor does not have a clue and I will have no truck with the socialist ideologies which drives the Labor party policies.

The ALP/Green Parties don't have Australia's best interests at heart and are more concerned about global Politically correct issues than those important to Australia.

Prior to Kevin Rudd's stuff up with the boats and our borders I had always voted Labor. I actially did vote for Kevin07.

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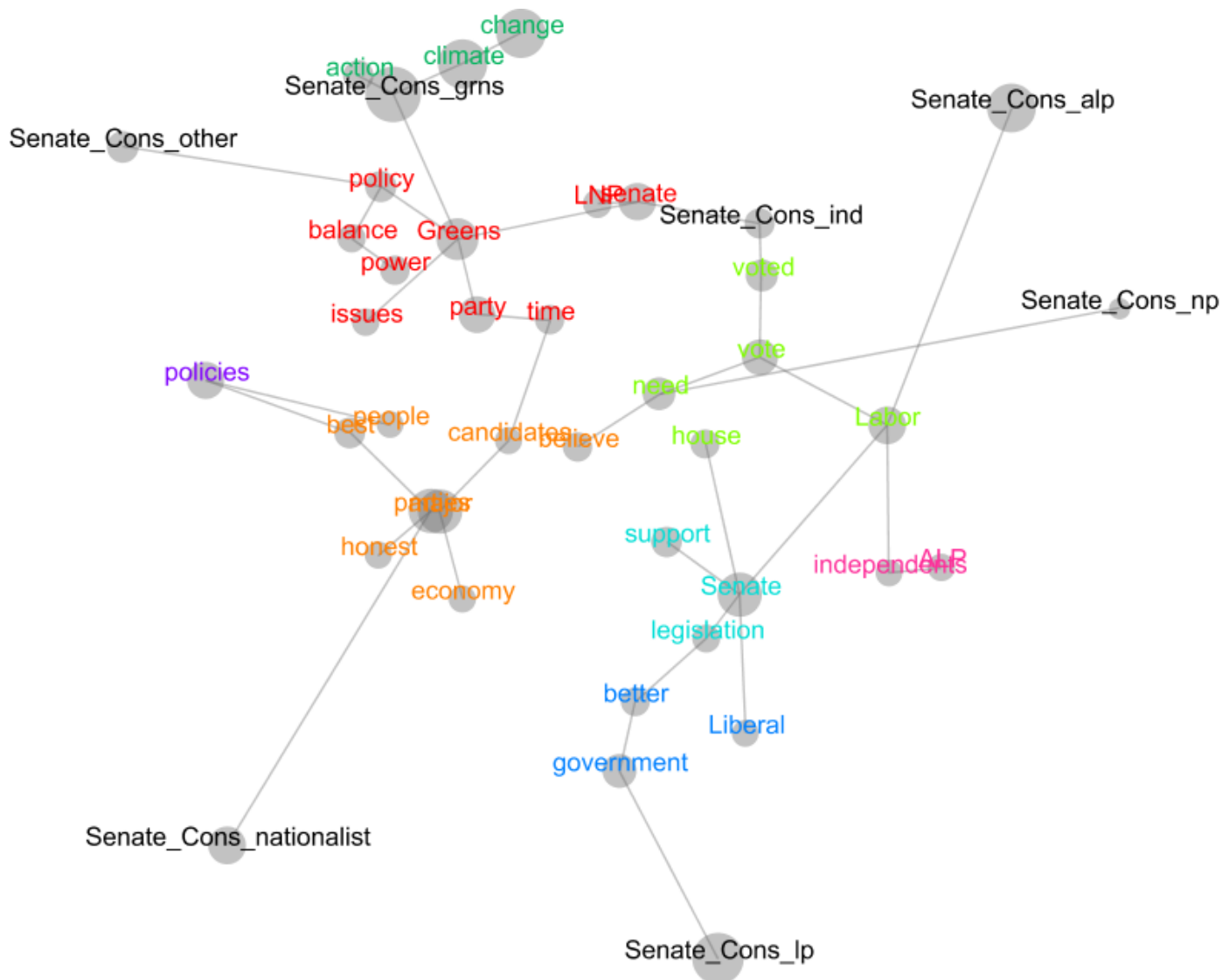
Verbatims

I believe The Greens are the only other smaller party that has credibility and, therefore, are a political group that will do their best "to keep the bastards honest". Other disreputable political parties like One Nation, UAP and some so-called Independents, I believe, will just give their preferences to the LNP If the voter failed to do so.

Their policies are closer to aligning with mine than any other party. I do not agree with Morrison's move to the left re climate change and Nett zero, but given time and most people will understand that the issue is grossly overstated.

While dealing with climate change is primarily a matter for government in the lower house, the senate's role in reviewing both legislative and executive actions requires a broader range of participants from outside the major parties.

I feel that there is strategic value in a balance of power party in the senate and I think the LNP has been awful on climate change Tony Abbott was elected and changed party policy.

The Senate was a "dog's breakfast" of candidates and parties that I would not vote for in a pink fit. The Coalition was the best of a bad choice.

I usually vote for minor progressive parties in the Senate, but this time we need both houses to be progressive and strong. I hope that there is a good mix of progressive parties, and abominations like UAP and ON are not.

A strong Greens presence in the senate is important for action on a number of issues which I think are important but particularly on climate change.

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Prime Minister Scott Morrison, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?
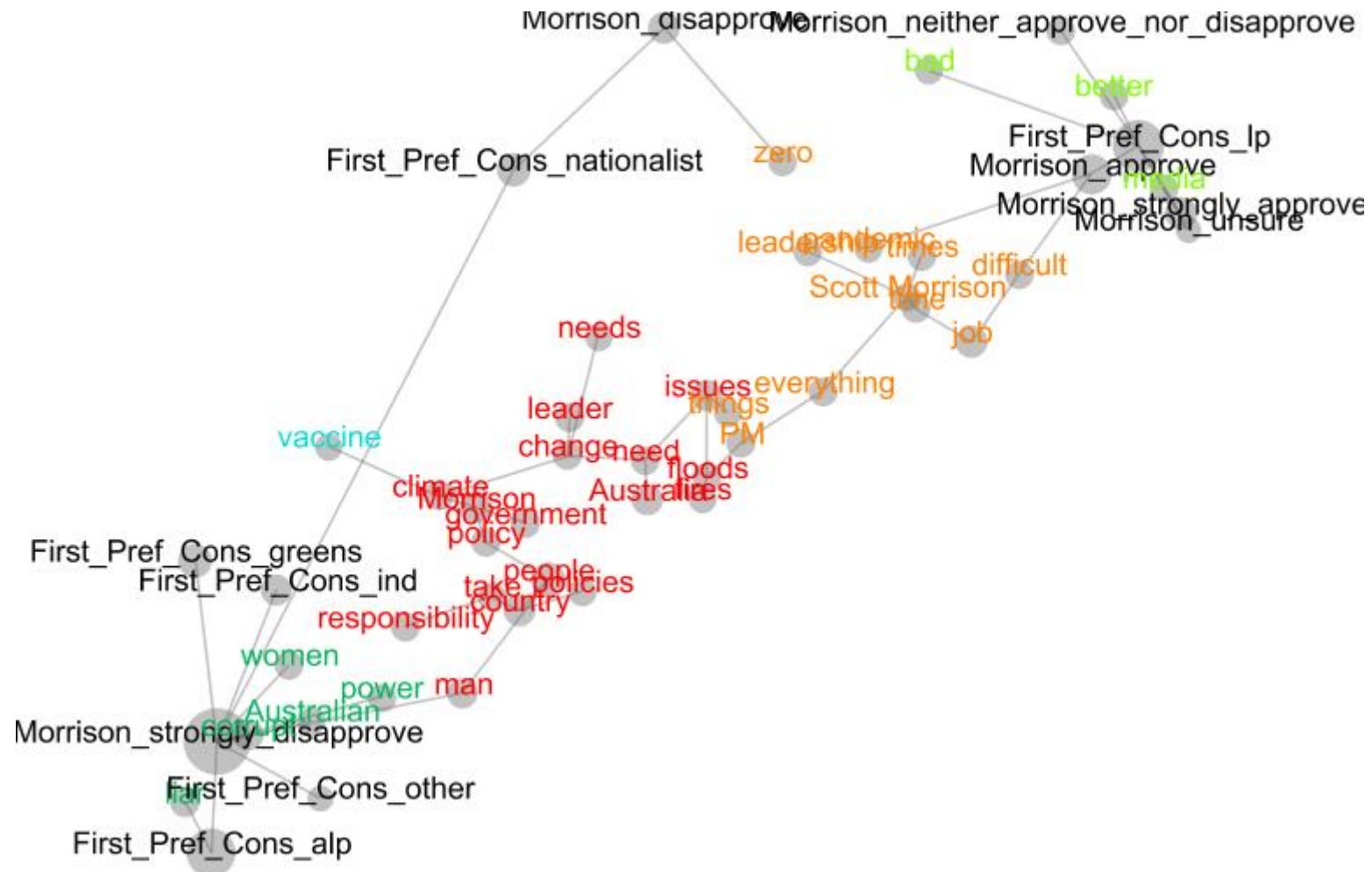
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holidays in Hawaii, so many things are 'not his job', dealing with women and women's issues badly. smirking. treating poorer people badly, depressing wages as a policy. being happy to shovel millions of dollars with covid job support to companies and entities(eg private schools) which did not need them in the end, but chasing opaquely determined bills from Centrelink with robodebt. Appalling situation in aged care, the cuts in Medicare rebates.

Morrison is a much better option than Albanese - that said Morrison has room for improvement - needs to stop the mindless politicking and focus on the issues. Also the government needs to review all expenditure to try and improve effectiveness of program expenditure - in particular defense spending.

Morrison,before the last election took a lump of coal into Parliament and stated that coal was king and climate change was down the list of priorities.Then he abrogated his responsibility to maniacal State Governments,who put us through needless suffering for nought,as the COVID is still with the SHEEPLE who lined up for the jab which is now revealed by Pfizer as having 9pages of adverse reactions.

because his policy meant continued use of coal, oil, and gas which continue to Kill many of us people we must change our use of fuel or climate change wiill kill us and take the animals with us.

He has been maligned by the opposition and media and been blamed for things the premiers are supposed to take responsibility for like bushfires and floods and other disasters COVID has been a crap time to govern

Morrison lost me when he attacked Christine Holgate in Parliament, reinforced by his support for the young lady in the parliamentary rape case - he had no right to intervene in a legal case. His adoption of net zero was appalling, he could never garner votes on this and it is very bad policy.

Handling of the bush fires…where is the donated money Same with the floods…why haven't the people affected got any of it. His handling of the womens pritest last year…which PM would say you're lucky you weren't shot… Nah…I'm glad he's gone.

He is a liar and a scurrilous rogue and uses every technique at his disposal to protect his own needs and power. And he has treated women with contempt - saying that at least we could march without the risk of being shot is just the lowest statement possible!

While he has been OK on border protection and national security (thanks to Peter Dutton), he has been hopeless on National Cabinet, vaccine mandates, capture by Big Pharma and the WHO, complete failure to fight on culture war, me-tooism on too many issues of the left such as "climate emergency" bullshit, and failure to confront the Greens as the existential threat to the Liberaqls/LNP in heartland blue-ribbon sets (of which. there are now very few indeed). His being alnmost a Turnbull clone is kiss of death for me.

Positive: very good campaigner, hard worker, perspicacious enough to block immigration from China at the very beginning of COVID-19 despite complaints from others, sensible to hold off vaccination until there was time to see actual results from elsewhere. Negative: tendency to being poll-driven, didn't put the State premiers in their boxes with predictable results, major mistake in changing from "we'll fix climate when technology is there" to "net zero by 2050".

He has failed as a leader. He has failed to address all the many issues facing our country at this time, he has been missing in action during every crisis, and he does not care about your average Australian

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?
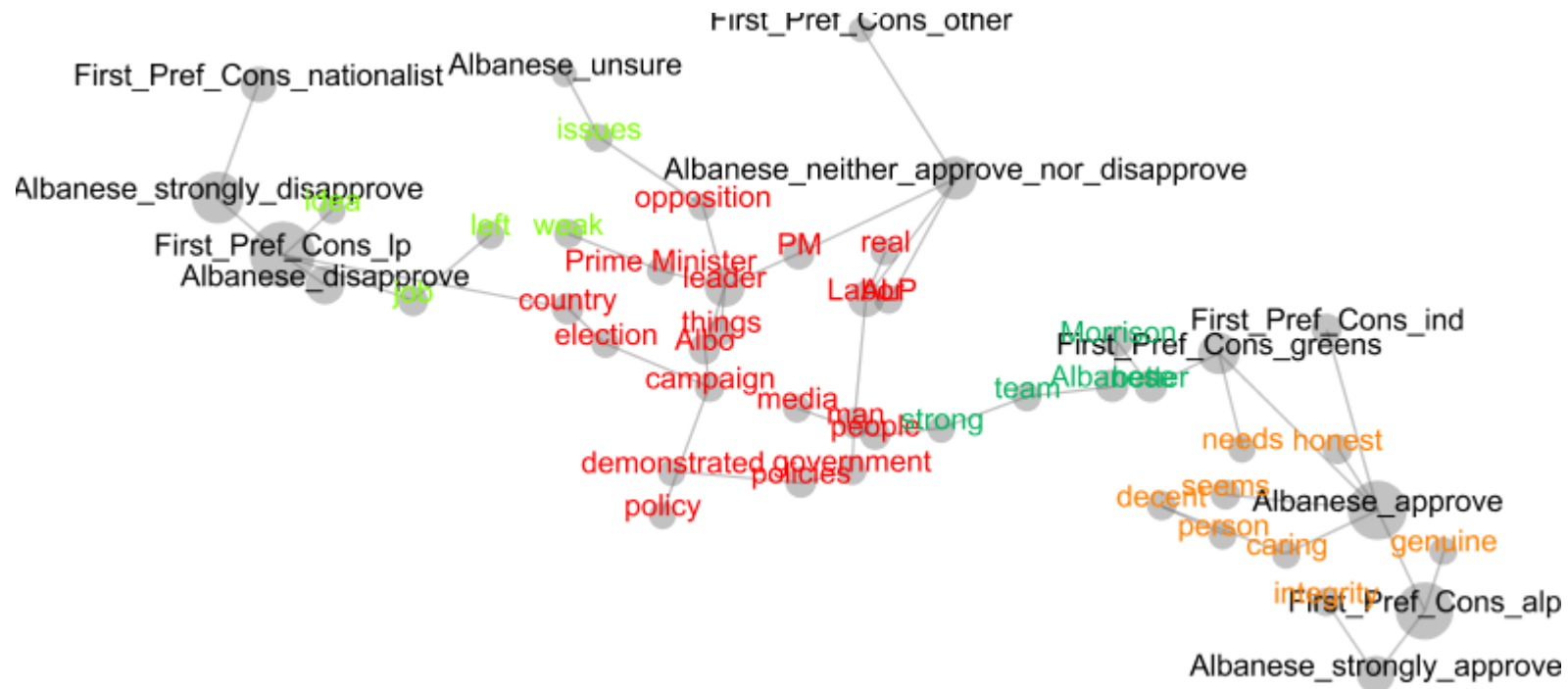
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I like Anthony Albanese but I believe there are other members of the ALP who would make a better, more articulate and charismatic leader, eg Penny Wong, Tanya Plibersek, the fabulous Terri Butler, Jim Chalmers, Chris Bowen and others. Anthony Albanese comes across as a good, caring and honest politician but he needs to be a tad more forceful against aggressive, narcissistic bullies like Scott Morrison and that appalling shrieking harridan, Michaelia Cash.

I suspect that Albanese, if he becomes PM, will be another of a reasonably long list of individuals who support my brad and too sweeping hypothesis that the attributes that make an individual a highly successful leader of the opposition in a Westminster system are rather

antithetical to being a highly successful leader of the country if they win this position. I may be wrong, I may be correct - but I cannot now know.

I think Albanese is a good man but it has been difficult to see that given the horrendous media coverage by the biased main stream media. He does not have the stage presence of someone like Penny Wong or even Jim Chalmers but he is clearly the choice of an exceptional team of policiticans in the Labor caucus and I have faith in that team so I have faith in

I think Albanese needs to improve his public image and become more adept at getting across the issues quickly. I think he has the makings of a Prime Minister but will need to lift his game quickly if Labor wins the Election

I think he is a very nice and sincere man but he doesn't seem to be up to date with his information I feel he is not very strong and there are some very strong people behind him who will control him. I don't trust Labor not to implement some of the disturbing things they tried to get in last election

He is a person of integrity, not ambition, and has demonstrated competence in government as a minister and leader of the House in the Rudd-Gillard years. He is also committed to policies of social justice and equality.

I have been told that he is a very nice man but his previous political history and his performance during the election campaign told me that he would be a disaster as Prime minister in a Labor government.

I think that Albo is a decent sort of bloke but that he hadn't got what it takes to be Prime Minister. I also think that, if he makes it to PM, his Labor colleagues will possibly overthrow him as Gillard dod to Rudd.

Elbow (rather than his Thai Name) is a typical Labor waste of Space - never held a real job in his life, and as for not knowing Policy - A Master - Joel Fitzgibbon exemplifies what Labor used to be and the famous Quote by Kim Beazley Snr stands proud today "When I joined the Labor Party, it contained the cream of the working class. But as I look about me now, all I see are the dregs of the middle class.

As has been noted, we really don't know how Albanese will perform as PM, but we can be certain he won't behave like Morrison. I do like the way Albanese talks inclusively - we will achieve things together, while with Morrison it's all me, me, me.

I find it hard to believe that the soapbox student activist will not break through. The notion in the electorate that "Morrison tells lies" came largely from his reciting this for the 3 years he was leader of the opposition: that does him npo credit.

Avoiding the travelling media at various times to escape from questioning was pathetic. Promoting Labor advertising that Medicare was to to negatively impacted, that pensioners would have payments trapped on a Cashless Debit Card, and that everything about the state of aged care was a Morrison responsibility continued the lying theme that the Labor Party has pursued for the past few elections demonstrated that there is no concrete vision for the country.

Who was your preferred prime minister?
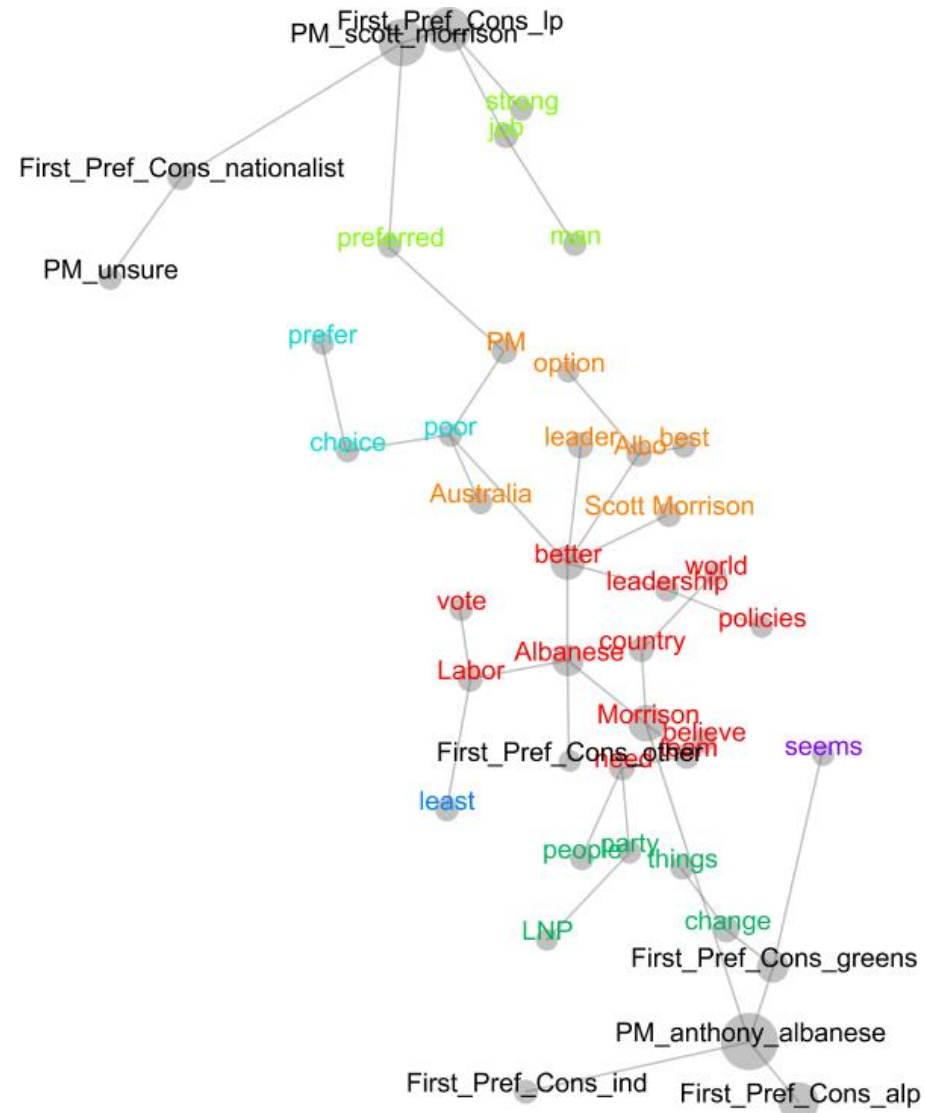
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we need a change, a new way of doing things, a more consensual way, and I believe Albanese can provide that sort of leadership. He is also a team player, and I have always believed that collective decision making leads to better outcomes than leaving it all to the 'boss'.

Would prefer Peter Dutton, but having been dumb enough to Vote for Whitlam "It's Time" - young people probably need the disaster that is Labor if Elbow gets up to find out what real misery is" - I finally learnt and fulfilled the idiom - "if you are under 30 and don't vote socialist then you have no Heart, if you are over 40 and vote Socialist, then you have No Brains"

The damage done to this country and to our international reputation will take a lot to restore - Albanese and the Labor party need to have the opportunity to set us on a better, fairer path.

Scott Morrison is a poor PM but his colleagues can and will replace him with someone better qualified when necessary. If the ALP is elected the position of PM will be decided by the Unions not the Parliament.

Trustworthy leader, honest, team player, ordinary Australian (public housing, separated from son's mother) vs rich, private school, conservative evangelical Pentecostal who is brilliant at marketing, using dishonest tactics. An easy choice for me.

A change is needed Liberals have become arrogant with promising parking stations that were not built and wastage of tax payers money in promises to sway people to vote Liberal.

Scott Morrison is not perfect, none of us are, but I am grateful to him for all the hard decisions that he had to make.We are in a far better place than almost any other country in the world and it is due in no small part to Scott Morrison.

I don't trust Morrison but I do trust Albanese to deliver at least the luke warm polices Labor has