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Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on a sample of 742 respondents which has been weighted for voting intentions. We adjust the responses by normalising them against the most recent NewsPoll published in *The Australian* newspaper.

Results should be taken as indicative in that the sample is not properly randomised, but it is unlikely the group is completely unrepresentative. Even normalising the first preference data there is a slight lean to the left with the two-party preferred vote being 53% ALP to 47% Coalition. Newspoll gives this as 52% to 48%. This makes only a marginal difference to the value of the qualitative, as well as the quantitative, stats we take from the data.

In these tables we have amalgamated the Australian Citizens Party, Family First, Jacky Lambie Network, Libertarian Party, One Nation and Trumpet of Patriots 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 a core belief being that Australia is not just a country but has a particular ethos which needs to be valued and protected. We have amalgamated the Australian Democrats, Independents, Legalise Cannabis Party, Teal, Socialist Alliance, and Sustainable Australia as "Cosmopolitan" because they take more an internationalist than a nationalist perspective. We have separated "Independents" out from "Cosmopolitans" in our quantitative analysis, and as the remaining Cosmopolitans are only 8 in total removed them from the dissection, although not the totals.

The poll was conducted from March 29 to April 3 2025, using our online panel of over 6,000 Australian voters.

Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer and artificial intelligence.

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Executive Summary

In January I said I'd rather to be in Peter Dutton's position than Anthony Albanese's. How much difference three months can make.

Our polling reflects what is being seen in the quantitative polls run by Newspoll and others. While we don't try to predict election results, there is markedly less willingness to participate by Coalition voters, and no change in the willingness of Labor supporters while there has been a surge in participation by the smaller parties – Greens, and Nationalists – and independents. If Labor's two-party preferred position has improved it is because of flows from third parties, not from direct support.

Most voters think the country is heading in the wrong direction. All party supporters have hardened their positions, apart from Independents, who while still believing the country is heading in the wrong direction are less likely to believe that than they were. So the campaigns, or events, have made a difference.

While cost of living is the dominant theme there are many other subthemes. Core issues for conservatives are immigration, cost of living, the energy transition, values and social cohesion, spending, and national identity and values. For Labor and Cosmopolitans core issues are climate change, followed by falls in rates and inflation, Trump, cost of living, including health, and aged care in particular.

Labor and Cosmopolitans also mention "future", "working" and "doing" which indicates they are generally satisfied with the performance of the Labor government, which is working towards the future. Climate change is of course the key issue as it has been every election since 2007.

The major difference between the issues that people raise when talking about the direction of the country and what they regard as the most important issues facing the country is that "housing" takes a central position. It is equally important to Labor, Liberal, Nationalist, and Greens voters, but less so to Cosmopolitans, who are the group the Teals tend to draw their support from. It is unusual to find an issue with this much resonance with virtually all voters.

While one of the most spectacular backflips of the election has been Peter Dutton's backdown on bringing Public Servants back into the office, there is no evidence of it being a major issue in our data. It is mentioned by a total of three respondents, all rusted-on Greens or Labor. One was a public servant and two were teachers.

Anthony Albanese's approval has improved, albeit from -27 to -20, but this has had virtually no effect on his party's vote. Peter Dutton is still ahead at -19, but this is a deterioration from -14, however he has taken his party's approval with him with Coalition support going down from -16% to -20%.

Perceptions of Albanese have improved, but he is still perceived as ineffectual, if not weak. The word "strong" is now associated with him, but with a negative bias suggesting he is not strong. When it is used positively it is more likely to be associated with his team. "Competent" also makes an appearance in a "damning with faint praise" way sort of way – "not strong, but competent". "Trump" is also associated strongly with him, but this is because voters think he could be stronger with Trump, so it is not a positive assessment.

While previously Dutton's defining characteristic was "strong" and the policy he was associated with "nuclear", his policy appeal has broadened. Words like "future" are more likely to be associated with him, and "immigration", however "cost of living" has disappeared, suggesting he's lost focus on the central issue of this election. The word "Trump" also makes an appearance but is closely associated with Labor or Greens voting intention. While respondents think Albanese is not doing enough to counter Trump, they think Dutton is "Trump-lite".

Along with the improvement in his personal approval, Anthony Albanese has enjoyed an increase in his standing as preferred prime minister jumping from 45% to 47%. However, this should not be taken so much as an endorsement of him than a rejection of his opponent. With respect to this question the name "Peter Dutton" is closely associated with Albanese, because many Labor, Greens and Cosmopolitan voters think the best reason to vote for him is he is not Peter Dutton.

Other words most closely associated with supporting Albanese are "choice" – most often in the sense of little choice – and "Morrison" – an overhang of the last government. Then a bit further out fall words like "alternative" – as often as not as in "no alternative" – and "decent" – "decent enough" or has "decent policies".

Most closely associated with Dutton is "worse" as in, we couldn't do "worse than what we have". His supporters have a more positive view of him compared to how Albanese's supporters view Albanese. "Needs" is coupled with a list of policies they think he would execute. "Strong" has a positive bias. It is coupled with "country" and "values" and positioned close to "better leader". Dutton's support basis is more strongly attached to him than Albanese's is to Albanese, but Dutton has more problems in the wider community.

Expectations of an LNP win, high in January at 36% have crashed to 22%. Expectations of Labor winning have increased 3 points to 28%, but expectations of a hung parliament are now at 50%.

When it comes to who voters hope to win the LNP does surprisingly well at 45% with Labor at 38%. But unfortunately for the LNP, the 17% who favour a hung parliament are also more likely to be Greens, or Independents, who will be hoping that hung parliament has a minority Labor government.

Details

1. The composition of our original unadjusted sample is not in line with the polling in the general population, but it does give insights into the enthusiasm of the supporters of the various parties. Since January there has been a change in the voluntary participation of Coalition supporters by -4.55 percentage points, while Independents (+1.28 percentage points) Greens (+1.68 percentage points) and Nationalists (+1.82 percentage points) have all increased. This suggests that Coalition supporters have less enthusiasm for their cause while there has been an increase amongst the minor parties. Labor is essentially the same as in January with a +0.07 percentage point change.
2. After adjusting our sample to represent first preference voting intentions as predicted by the most recent Newspoll, our two-party result was 53% Labor versus 47% Coalition, while Newspoll predicts 52% Labor to 48% Coalition. Despite our best efforts the adjusted sample most likely has a slight left-leaning bias. This is not fatal to qualitative research.
3. Only 32 per cent of voters thinks the country is heading in the right direction while 58% disagrees. ALP voters are 80% likely to agree in this sample, which is a 10% improvement, while all other groups have more disagreeing than agreeing. There has been a hardening in

negativity for Coalition, Greens and Nationalists, while there has been a softening amongst Independents – Coalition is now 98% to 1%; Nationalist 96% to 0%; Greens 50% to 29%; and Independents 39% to 29%.

4. There are big changes in what issues respondents say are important. Core issues now for conservatives are immigration, cost of living (or sometimes the energy transition), values and social cohesion, spending, and national identity and values. For Labor core issues are rates and inflation going "down", Trump, health and aged care. They also mention "future", "working" and "doing" which generally indicate they are happy with the current record of the Labor government. And of course, climate change.

5. Israel has now disappeared from responses on the direction of the country as well as what issues are important to it.

6. Anthony Albanese has approval of a net -20% an improvement of 7 percentage points. Amongst voting blocs he has improved to net -1% with Greens and +4% with Independents. Net -96% of Coalition voters disapprove of him while the figure is -92% for Nationalists.

7. Net -11% of voters think Labor has done enough to deserve to be re-elected, so statistically the same as the January result. ALP (+91%) and Coalition (-96%) are similarly partisan on the issue, at similar levels to January. Nationalists at -90% are also heavily against the government. Greens are in favour (+30%) while Independents have shifted strong from -1% in January to +25% now.

8. Peter Dutton fares better than Anthony Albanese on approval but is still net negative at -19% which is 5 percentage points wortse than last poll. ALP voters are a net -96% and Coalition voters a net +80. Nationalists are mildly positive at 5% while Greens (-98%) and Independents (-88%) are heavily opposed.

9. On the question of whether the Opposition deserves to be elected the Government is now significantly ahead of the Opposition's -21%. Both are in negative territory, but Dutton has shown slippage while the PM has maintained his position.

10. Preferred Prime Minister now shows Albanese ahead by 50% to 45% rather than tied on 47% each.

11. Expectations are highest that there will be a hung parliament (50%). This is a 10 percentage point move which probably has a lot to do with the ALP now being favoured to win (28%) against the Coalition on 22%. This is a drop of 14 percentage points for the Coalition.

12. Independents have now joined Greens in being in favour of a hung parliament. This change in Independent support has marginally changed the totals with 38% wanting a Labor government (down 1%), 45% wanting a Coalition one (down 2%) and 17% wanting a hung parliament (up 3%). Part of the change has occurred as the number of unsure respondents has decreased.

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Quantitative Analysis

Excitement

Party	First preference
Australian Democrat	0%
ALP	29%
Family First	2%
Greens	19%
Independent	17%
Jacqui Lambie Network	0%
Legalise Cannabis	0%
Libertarian Party	3%
Liberal Party	21%
National Party	1%
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	4%
Socialist Alliance	0%
Sustainable Australia	0%
Trumpet of Patriots	1%
Victorian Socialists	1%
Grand Total	**100%**

n=753

Our surveys are opt-in surveys from which we excerpt a politically representative sample for our qualitative analysis. This table shows you the raw data. The ALP vote is slightly lower than it is in reliable quantitative polling, like that of Newspoll, and the Greens are significantly higher. The Liberal Party is only about 50% the size it is in the general population, while Independents are higher. One Nation and Clive Palmer's Trumpet of Patriots are about where they should be.

How these percentages shift over time is an indicator of how enthusiastic the supporters of each party are. When supporters of a particular party are more confident of victory, or working harder towards it, they seem to be more likely to support our surveys.

The table below tracks the main groupings and the change in participation between the our surveys conducted during the 2022 election, January this year, and now in April.

Comparison between April 2025, January 2025 and election 2022 by tribal identification.

	Election 2022	Jan-25	Variation	Apr-25	Variation
ALP	38.80%	29.15%	-9.65%	29.22%	0.07%
Coalition	19.86%	27.26%	7.40%	22.71%	-4.55%
Greens	18.02%	16.91%	-1.11%	18.59%	1.68%
Nationalist	11.41%	9.47%	-1.94%	11.29%	1.82%
Independent	10.59%	15.45%	4.86%	16.73%	1.28%
Cosmopolitan	0.51%	1.76%	1.25%	1.46%	-0.30%

The tendency of people to participate in our surveys, and the fluctuation over these three, suggests that while Liberals were more enthusiastic at the beginning of the year, they are still a little more enthusiastic that three years ago. The ALP component has dropped markedly, suggesting a lack of engagement with Anthony Albanese, and the Independents have grown significantly, suggesting the "anyone but" vote could be quite significant. The nationalists are about where they were three years ago.

Australian elections use the compulsory preferential system. How will you allocate your preferences?

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
ALP	100%	2%	99%	9%	93%	53%
Coalition	0%	98%	1%	91%	7%	47%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=694

This table helps us to understand whether we have successfully weighted our sample for voting intention. Most published polls have the distance between Liberal and Labor smaller than this, but for the purposes of qualitative polling, this is still pretty good, albeit with a likely slight leftward lean.

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

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
Strongly agree	25%	0%	4%	0%	3%	9%
Agree	55%	1%	26%	0%	26%	23%
Neutral	11%	2%	16%	4%	27%	9%
Disagree	6%	19%	31%	13%	24%	16%
Strongly disagree	1%	78%	19%	83%	15%	42%
Unsure	1%	0%	4%	0%	5%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	80%	1%	29%	0%	29%	32%
Total disagree	7%	98%	50%	96%	39%	58%
Net agree	73%	-97%	-21%	-96%	-10%	-26%

n=742

Only ALP voters believe the country is heading in the right direction. Coalition and Nationalist voters are almost unanimous in saying they are wrong, while just on 50% of Greens voters and 39% of Independent voters also think the country is heading in the wrong direction. Less than a third of these last two think the country is heading in the right direction.

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

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
Strongly approve	25%	0%	4%	1%	4%	9%
Approve	58%	1%	32%	1%	33%	26%
Neutral	12%	3%	24%	5%	28%	10%
Disapprove	4%	12%	28%	9%	24%	12%
Strongly disapprove	0%	84%	9%	84%	10%	43%
Unsure	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	84%	1%	36%	2%	37%	35%
Total disapprove	4%	96%	37%	93%	33%	54%
Net approve	80%	-96%	-1%	-92%	4%	-20%

n=742

Net approval over the whole sample is -20% with Labor voters and Independents the only ones giving Albanese a net favourable position. Even amongst Labor voters his position is not as good as it looks with only 25% strongly approving. However, this is a statistically significant change from our January poll where his net favourability was -27%. This reflects a greater enthusiasm amongst ALP voters, who were going to vote for him anyway, and Greens voters, which might improve the flow of preferences.

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	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
Strongly agree	47%	1%	9%	0%	7%	17%
Agree	45%	1%	44%	2%	40%	23%
Neutral	6%	1%	19%	6%	29%	7%
Disagree	1%	11%	19%	3%	11%	8%
Strongly disagree	0%	87%	5%	88%	10%	44%
Unsure	0%	0%	4%	1%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	92%	1%	54%	2%	47%	41%
Total disagree	1%	98%	24%	91%	22%	51%
Net agree	91%	-96%	30%	-90%	25%	-11%

n=739

Voters disagreed the government deserved to be re-elected 51% to 41% leading to a -11% net figure (sometimes because of rounding figures do not sum to the exactly correct figure). Coalition and Nationalist voters emphatically disagree, while Labor voters emphatically agree. Greens agree on balance, as well as Independents, although not as strongly.

There has been no statistically significant change in these figures since January.

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

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
Strongly agree	1%	31%	0%	10%	1%	13%
Agree	0%	53%	1%	31%	0%	23%
Neutral	2%	12%	0%	21%	9%	8%
Disagree	20%	3%	12%	20%	13%	12%
Strongly disagree	78%	1%	87%	16%	75%	43%
Unsure	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	1%	84%	1%	41%	1%	36%
Total disagree	97%	4%	99%	36%	89%	55%
Net agree	-96%	80%	-98%	5%	-88%	-19%

n=740

Peter Dutton is level-pegging with Anthony Albanese in terms of approval. Labor and Greens vehemently disapprove, Independents are strongly disapproving, and he finds strong support from Coalition voters, and marginal support from Nationalist voters.

Since January this represents a small, but statistically significant deterioration in his personal approval when it was more favourable at -14%. This is mainly driven by marginally higher levels of disapproval amongst ALP voters and a more significant turn against him from Independent voters.

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	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
Strongly agree	1%	27%	0%	2%	1%	11%
Agree	2%	51%	1%	40%	4%	24%
Neutral	2%	11%	2%	19%	8%	8%
Disagree	13%	3%	9%	21%	13%	10%
Strongly disagree	82%	6%	85%	17%	74%	46%
Unsure	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	3%	78%	1%	42%	5%	35%
Total disagree	95%	9%	94%	39%	87%	56%
Net agree	-92%	69%	-93%	3%	-82%	-21%

n=740

This net figure is lower than the previous figure of -16%, which is mainly driven by a jump in Labor voters who think the Opposition doesn't deserve to be the government.

Who is your preferred prime minister?

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
Anthony Albanese	99%	1%	97%	6%	84%	50%
Peter Dutton	0%	96%	0%	82%	8%	45%
Unsure	1%	3%	3%	22%	7%	4%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	110%	100%	100%

n=688

This is an improvement in Anthony Albanese's position from 47% to 50%. It is partly due to fewer voters being unsure, particularly amongst Labor, the Greens and the independent voters and these voters preferring Albanese.

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

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
ALP	58%	6%	26%	16%	21%	28%
Liberal National Coalition	5%	44%	5%	35%	5%	22%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	37%	50%	69%	58%	74%	50%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	108%	100%	100%

n=718

This is a 14% drop since our January poll in expectations of an LNP win from 36% to 22%, and a 10 percentage point increase in expectations of a hung parliament. A Labor win is marginally higher at 28% versus 25%.

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

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Independent	Total
ALP	91%	0%	45%	1%	32%	38%
Liberal National Coalition	1%	99%	0%	72%	5%	45%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	8%	1%	55%	35%	63%	17%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	108%	100%	100%

n=735

This could be our most intriguing table. More people want the Coalition to win than any other alternative. This is probably due to a tendency for the minor party voters to skew towards favouring a hung parliament, as well as 8% of ALP voters. Minor party voters have more to gain from a hung parliament than other voters, so this makes sense. There is little change since January with the desire for a Labor victory down one percentage point, that for a Coalition win down 2 percentage points, an a three percent increase in those favouring a hung parliament.

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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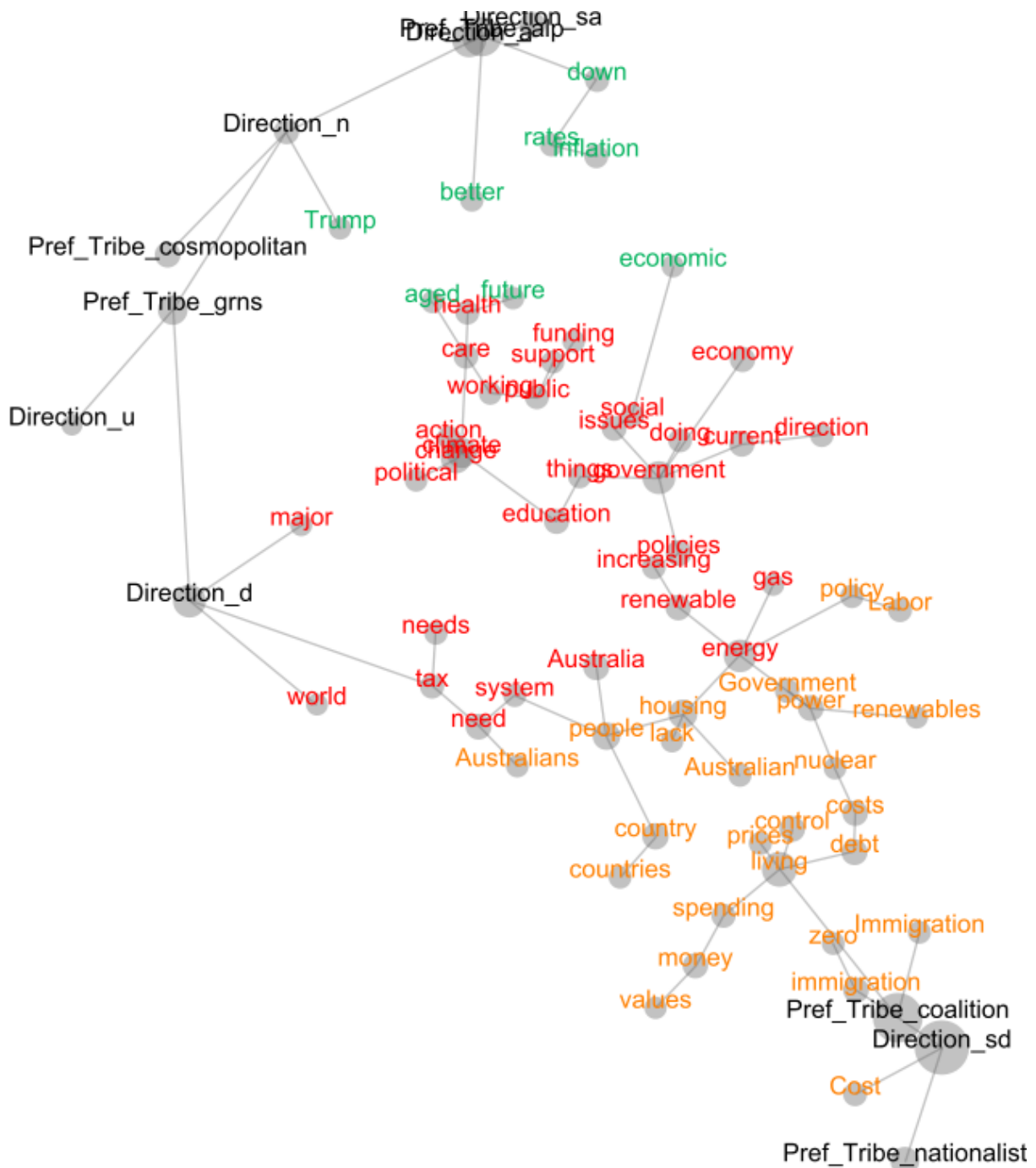
Verbatims

Social breakdown through selective racism against Jews, politicisation of universities and the collapse of high-quality education that actually educates, TOO MUCH IMMIGRATION OVER TOO SHORT A PERIOD, lack of adequate housing, the utter failure of multiculturalism, government overspending on middle-class sweeteners leading to ridiculous national debt and inflation without doing any good about the overriding problem - increasing unaffordability and the rampant cost of living., failed and

utopian (ie unattainable) energy policies costing far too much, despoiling the landscape and destabilising the grid, too much grovelling to indigenous activists without a significant indigenous heritage who are simply making ambit claims and being kowtowed to without question.

is taking time for the ALP government to turn things around carefully but its happening inflation began during the LNP govt immigration numbers and overseas student number were allowed to oncreas beyong our hopusing capacity housing was seen as a comodity when it is a necessity the consumer price survailance agencies were asleep at the wheel we fel behinmd during the LNP time in transfer to renewable energy gas was sold overseas without retaining .suficient for domestis demand and domestic prices too high the LNP set up the inflationary bidding process by the regulator when there shouls have been fixed price contracts the LNP relied on obsolte coal power stations requiring massive repairs

Falling rates of literacy and numeracy in schools Disgraceful levels of consumer debt - Australians love buying things they don't need and then complaining about it having any money. Disconnect between haves and have nots - the average Australian has a very limited understanding of true suffering and/or how our country is functioning under the current government Terrible living conditions and abuse levels in aboriginal communities left unaddressed because "culture" is given priority over human, especially children's, rights Poorly integrated or apathetic migrant communities have failed to assimilate with our way of life (standard of behaviour.

In no particular order: the country is indebted to its eyeballs; government spending is out of control; the "nanny state" and regulated speech and action needs to be wound back; the country is basically defenceless; immigration simply has to be slowed to a trickle - it's driving prices for anything and everything through the roof, the "education" system is more akin to an indoctrination program, the nett zero climate lunacy is killing industry and forcing. households into poverty...

I agree with initiatives taken by the current Government in such things as keeping unemployment low, increasing take home pay for working people, the new funding agreement with every state and territory to *fully fund* every public school in the country to meet best practice standards; the massive increase in health funding; achieving gender parity in federal government; Free TAFE; aged care has been reformed; our relationships with Pacific nations. have been rebuilt - to name a few.

Our government is righting many of the wrongs of the previous government (incompetence, robodebt, diminished public service and over use of consultants, lack of action on climate change, shocking state of childcare and aged care) but it is not ambitious enough. We need greater courage to tackle the big issues - climate change, international relations since Trump, housing, REAL change in management of aged care, child care, fairer pension and dole systems..... for a few!

The economy is not being well managed Social policies are failing society badly - housing, violence, poverty homelessness, child care, incarceration rates,crime rates, drugs, online fraud,. Health - mental health Climate, energy, environment China too dominant USA out of control Education is not keeping pace with international standards, too driven by wokism and political correctness Defence is lagging behind Immigration is not being managed well.

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

Verbatims

> *The most important issue facing Australia - like the rest of the world - is the challenge of dealing with runaway anthropogenic climate change in a socially just and sustainable manner, on which topic the government (and much of the media) remains willfully blind - barely even addressing the scientific demands of climate change, let alone the social necessities of doing so equitably. Other important issues remain pressing - and often intersect with this one (and should not be discounted) - but climate change is of greater and greater urgency each passing day (and Australia is still heading the wrong direction on climate action).*

Through monopolistic media and sometimes viscious social media our society is being dumbed down and driven to the vitriolic taking of sides / positions in arguments where issues are not fully understood or fully discussed. Our education system and television should equip people for critical thought, decision making-not lead by ticktok or social media or political party.

The economy and the declining standard of living are a major problem, the government needs to provide cheaper Electrical power, improve productivity by reigning in the Unions, remove regulations slowing down development, reduce personal tax and reducing wastage of Public monies on feel good projects.

It is one issue: economic security, both nationally and personally. It has two major causes: the pursuit of a net-zero target through the push to "renewable" energy and the blow out in government spending which is putting inflationary pressure on the economy and creating a debt bomb for our grandchildren.

the really important issues are cost of living, increasing energy costs, defense and housing, with the billions to be spent on renewable energy and Net Zero being the most important issue as we will end up with an intermittent electricity system that is too expensive and too unreliable for industry to be able to live with.

The most urgent is climate change with the greater and ever-increasing risk of catastrophic events. We need to stop supporting fossil fuel projects and spend more time and money preparing for weather emergencies, and dealing with them once they occur - including rebuilding houses and communities quickly.

Regional security and climate change. We need to insulate our nation from the breakdown of democracy in the US and we need Australia to build strong regional ties to counter the threat of Chinese influence over Australian trade.

It appears that our greatest problems are currently external ones where we are likely to be crushed by a capricious malignant narcissist and his obsession with tariffs. This will then distract the government from dealing with internal problems like cost of living and the slow move to fix climate problems and the general problem of the widening distance between the rich and the poor.

Thinking about your vote in this election, in a short paragraph please tell us what issue will affect your vote the most.
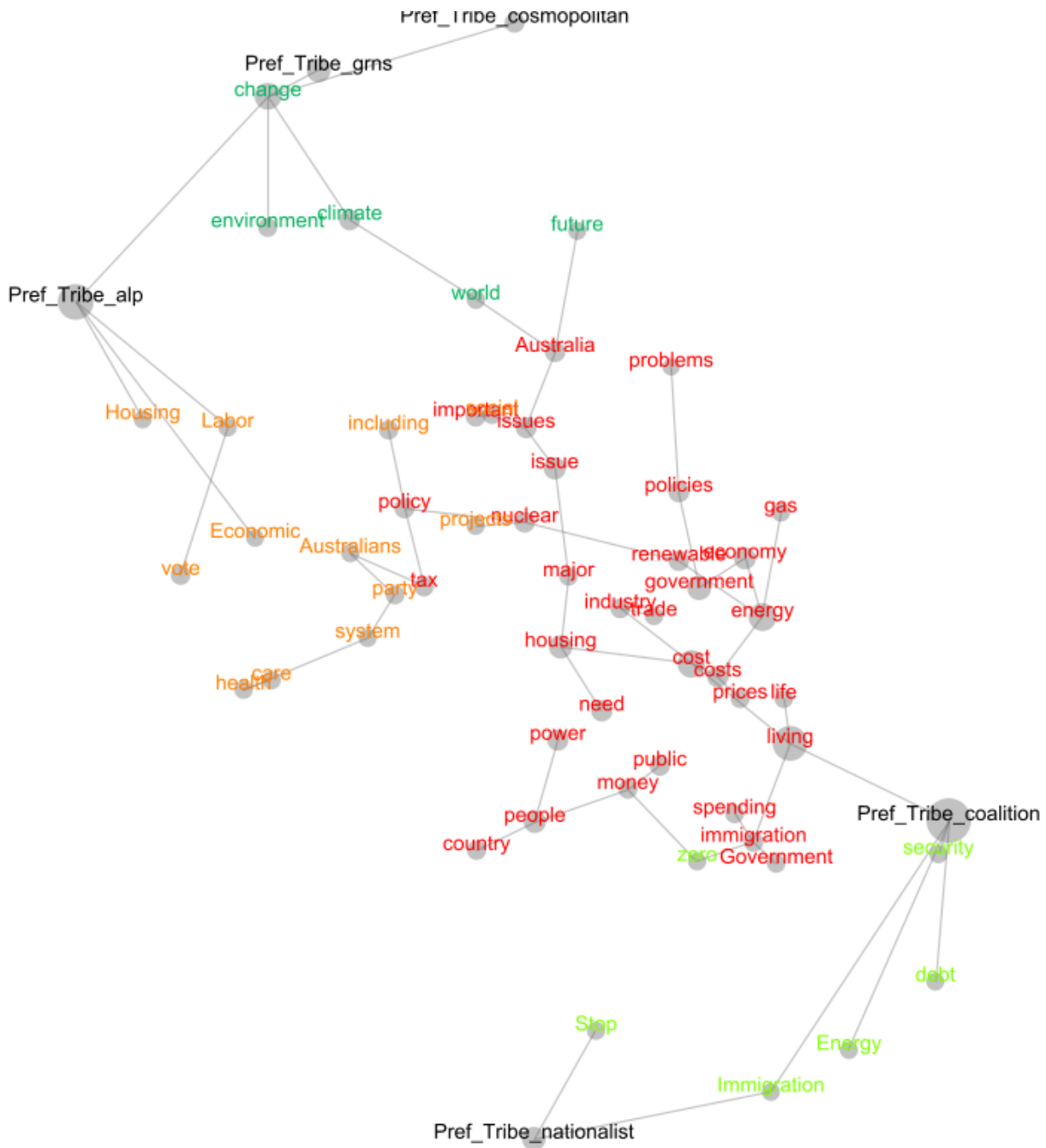
Verbatims

> *All of the crucial factors that determine quality of life: stagnant economy, over regulaton of industry, decrease in productivity, undue influence of trade unions on government policies and decisions, increase of energy prices which have direct impact on cost of living, excesssive increase in public servants, predominantly in Canberra, uncontrolled handouts of subsidies and grants.*

> *The most important issue facing Australia - like the rest of the world - is the challenge of dealing with runaway anthropogenic climate change in a socially just*

and sustainable manner, on which topic the government (and much of the media) remains willfully blind - barely even addressing the scientific demands of climate change, let alone the social necessities of doing so equitably. Other important issues remain pressing - and often intersect with this one (and should not be discounted) - but climate change is of greater and greater urgency each passing day (and Australia is still heading the wrong direction on climate action).

Dutton's plan for nuclear should have guaranteed my vote for Labor (via preferences, of course). But Albo's Stage 3 tax cuts for the affluent, his promise of 2 further tax cuts for all Australians – including the richest – plus his gutting of federal laws protecting the environment and his appalling multi-million-dollar bailout for the toxic salmon farming industry, amount to the greatest betrayal by any Labor leader ever.

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The short term ie 3 year concern is probably energy policy. The Liberal's nuclear policy is an egregious waste of time and treasure coupled with their actual promise to curb the provision of the connections to new renewable supply given the latter is several fold cheaper in the engineered supply as well as being reliable and without suffering the glaring problems of enormous delay and lack of the nuclear engineers and workforce to build and operate them.

I will vote for more clean, safe, non-radioactive renewable energy projects and large scale energy storage such as BESS batteries, community batteries and pumped hydro. And I will put last any party that pushes nuclear reactors.

Climate change is the most important issue and one that practical steps can be taken to address at a local, State and national level. I am fearful that if a Coalition Government is formed then there will be no future for my grandchildren as the natural environment will be destroyed by increasing pollution, warming oceans and extinction of flora and fauna.

Housing policies and cost of living measures, but overall any group who sincerely wish to do something about corruption, corporate influence and whistleblower protectsion will be my preference. A candidate who is willing to call out the cronyism and measures to cease the imbalance of power.

Thinking about your vote this election in the House of Representatives, which of the following parties will receive your first preference?

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> *If Australia had a coherent and relevant left-wing democratic socialist party to support, I would vote for them, but no such party exists (Labor has long since vacated even the space of "centre-left", and the tiny far-left parties have proven themselves incapable of achieving sufficient relevance or weight). The Greens are a pot-luck dinner full of doctor's wives, basket weavers, utopian socialists, tree-huggers, degrowthers, and what not, but their platform is the best of a bad bunch - by some stretch.*

I prefer to vote for a competent independent as both the major parties need a huge shake-up, (I can't abide many Liberal policies, and the ALP have demonstrated they are a bunch of gormless ditherers), and most of the Greens are sanctimonious idiots.

I odn't think legalise cannibis party will run in my seat, otherwise I would vote them and preference Labor. Because the Liberal party are just mean, have bad policies and don't care about poor people

The Liberals/Nationals are too right wing and too out of touch - across the board ALP is too weak on the economy and social policy The Greens are a mess with wokism and political corectness I wish there were more TEAL candidates - they seam more measured and balanced

Labor are terrific at playing politics and getting elected, but once in, don't know how to govern other than generating internal revenue sources through bureaucratic pocket lining. I care less about tax cuts, more about government wastage on lazy bureaucratic time wasters that only get jobs due to the inefficienty of management from the tier above them.

Least likely to civilised aspects of the economy, and least likely to promote identity political causes. Democracy is our most fundamental political concept, and giving special groups of people special privileges, or forbidding airing of negative opinions, is undemocrstic.

I have become aware that an ALP minority government is likely. Normally I vote minor party, but given the likely outcome in 2025, I have decided to hold my nose and vote Coalition instead.

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?
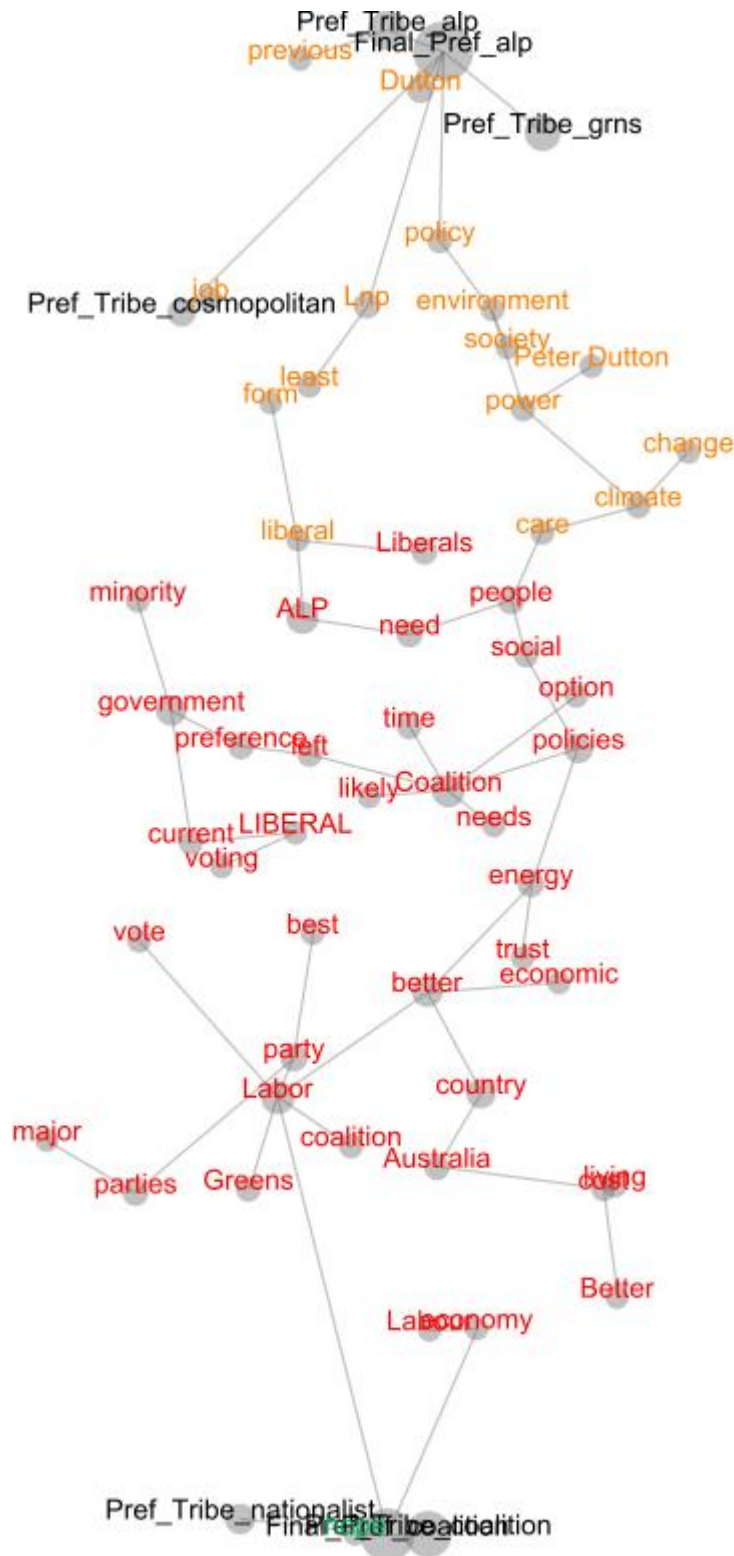
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I don't like Labour either but I think they are a better option than the Coalition - the Coalition ran the country for a long time and they have shown that they don't care about the climate, about regular people, about people who need help and spend a lot of their energy coming up with ways to turn people against each other so we don't notice how they're helping their mates

The ALP's policies with respect to education, the environment, health care and social harmony are better than those of the Coalition. A former power systems engineer, I'm not in principle opposed to the use of nuclear energy (as the Coalition proposes) but the costs and timescales favour renewables with appropriate storage.

Labor - for all their shortcomings (which are multitude) have one redeeming quality: they are not the Coalition, nor are they led by Dutton. This alone is all the justification any thinking person to the left of Genghis Khan would need to preference the ALP first.

I will be voting LNP and would prefer not to give preferences but, as I'm forced to, I will be preferencing ALP last and the Greens second last. I think the liberals are wrong to preference the Greens last as this allows the ALP to portrait themselves as Liberal lite to the electorate, better to force the ALP further to the left.

Stable majority government is important to secure Australia's economic and social well-being and prosperity. Voting for 'other' parties is dangerous because it will allow minor parties not representing mainstream Australia to blackmail whichever party is elected to govern.

The coalition is a collection of very stupid individuals- Dutton is still a cop, Taylor completely out of his depth. No policies that have been extensively thought through, no belief in what the country could achieve, no vision, an ideological opposition to renewables [when renewables are already pricing coal and gas out of energy markets]

The Coalition have the better policies that the country needs right now. Cheaper and more reliable energy, reducing the size of the Federal Government bureaucracy.

I have faith and trust in Peter Dutton (and the Liberals) to run a strong economy, put Australia and Australians first, reduce energy and cost of living, immigration and focus on law and order.

Thinking about your opinion in general of *the* performance of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?
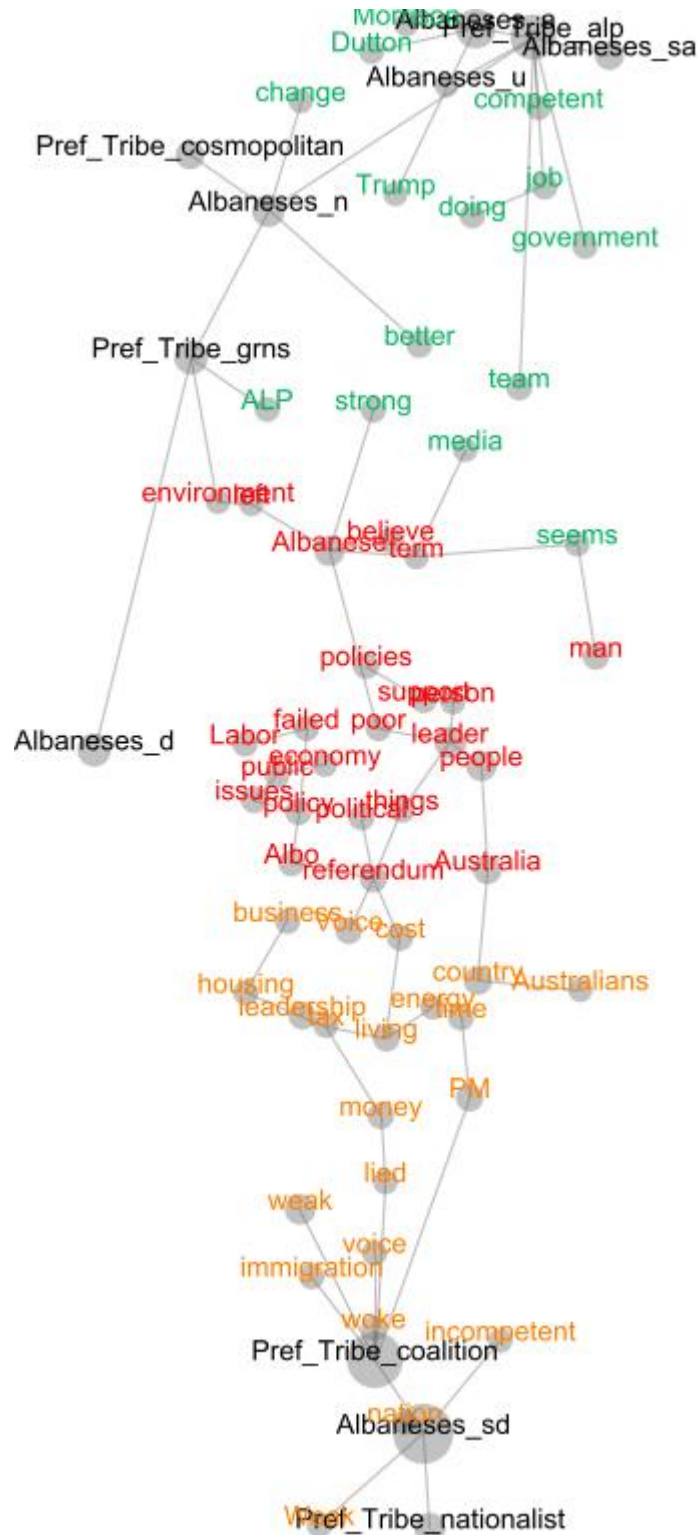
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He has caused division of the people, pandered to woke policy/activists/UN/WEF/Lies/etc, he has lied to the people, called people names and is totally unprofessional in all aspects of leadership. He has allowed the cost of living to go up, too much immigration, housing issues, homeless numbers have grown, 30,000 small business have gone to the wall and he has done NOTHING to try and stop it, instead, wasting $35,000 on sit-stand desks in parliament house, adding people to the public service,as just examples how he WASTED tax payer money

Having had quite a lot of hope when Albanese was elected that he would bring Labor left sensibilities and his parliamentary scrappiness to the role, I have been consistently disappointed by his political ineptitude (e.g., the Voice referendum) and half- or retrograde measures (amendments to the EPA in the week of 24 March 2025; intervention against his Environment Minister on behalf of polluting industries, etc.)

I believe Albanese is a decent leader, however he has failed to implement progressive policies due to the Labor party being scared of rocking the boat and alienating voters. Also Labor Right has had lots of influence despite Albo being Labor left.

I do not need a charismatic leader of the country. I expect the person elected as Prime Minister will treat the position with respect, fulfil the duties required, initiate and support legislation and actions that improve the lot of the people, which includes action on climate change and taking care of the environment, creating good relations with our Pacific neighbours and helping them with action on climate change.

Albanese is a weak PM. He's first priority when becoming PM was to hold a Yes/No referendum to divide us and when he lost, he's continued to ignore the results of that referendum, anti-sematic protestors overtook our streets and attacked Jewish Australians and Albo did nothing!

He gave high-income households a big Stage 3 tax cut when he had the political opportunity to choose more socially progressive options: weak leadership & a betrayal of Labor principles. He gave toxic salmon farmers a massive handout.

Too interested in being liked and giving away tax payer money (encouraging people to enjoy being looked after by Govt) instead of thinking and planning smarter to making the economy stronger and better for people and businesses. A.A. doesn't live in the real world.

I would have liked the PM to have been stronger in his response to USA re AUKUS, certainly don't even contemplate inviting Trump to visit, though I daresay he thinks we are in Europe somewhere. He's allowed his Ministers to run their portfolios, very competent people in most cases, and generally attempted to raise the tone.

Albo has been a steady, if uninspiring, leader. Many good things have occurred through his delegation to ministers- relations have been improved with the Pacific (a lot more to do here though, esp. on health) and China; for the first time in many years there has been one Minister for Defence [a department in disarray]; the economy is in good hands with Chalmers/Gallagher.

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

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Peter Dutton is showing himself to be a strong leader and has promised to stand in front of ONE flag - our national flag not 3, he supports nuclear energy, voiced he will reduce government spending, cut immigration, and focus of cost of living, energy costs and law and order. Peter Dutton, during this election campaign now needs to focus on true conservative values and not make the same mistake of Scott Morrison by trying to appease the left who will never vote Liberal.

Because Dutton has no positive policies. His nuclear policy is a climatic disaster, his immigration policy is Trump like, His cutting of Public Servants, is Musk-like DOGE, and will lead to a reinstitution of private for profit consultants, to keep the government working in Health, Education, and Social Services.

He has zero leadership and just relies on divisive populism and recycling Trumpian elements where he thinks it will get him enough traction with his legion of Sky News followers. When he does float an original policy it only confirms that he's an absolute fool, such as with the nuclear power stations or letting people dip into their super in lieu of actually improving housing affordability.

As a person, Dutton is a racist, heartless tyrant and a bully. As a political leader, he has no vision, and has proposed the most idiotic policies, such as nuclear power.

Whilst I vote for policies and not people, I find Peter Dutton and many of his senators extremely negative. He and they seem unwilling to solve matters concerning Australians with a bipartisan approach.

He has strong values that I share, and has taken in Thai role but because he enjoys power or public recognition, but because he wants a better future for the country.

Anything is better than another Labor term, and (if the press give him enough oxygen) he has some longer term policies that address some of the cost of living issues + needs of following generations

He uses simplistic cliches posing as policies. For example he lies to the Australian public about his plans for nuclear energy telling us it is at present cheap, viable and can be delivered soon.

Dutton behaves like a mini Trump and takes the lead from Gina Rhinehart with her wacky views on nuclear power and IR matters (sacking civil servants; deregulation etc)

Dutton has adopted the centre left policies of the ALP/Unions and not provided a clear statement on what his Government's policies will be in regard to Woke, DEI

and Freedom of Speech, perhaps he will announce them after the election but perhaps not.

Who is your preferred prime minister?
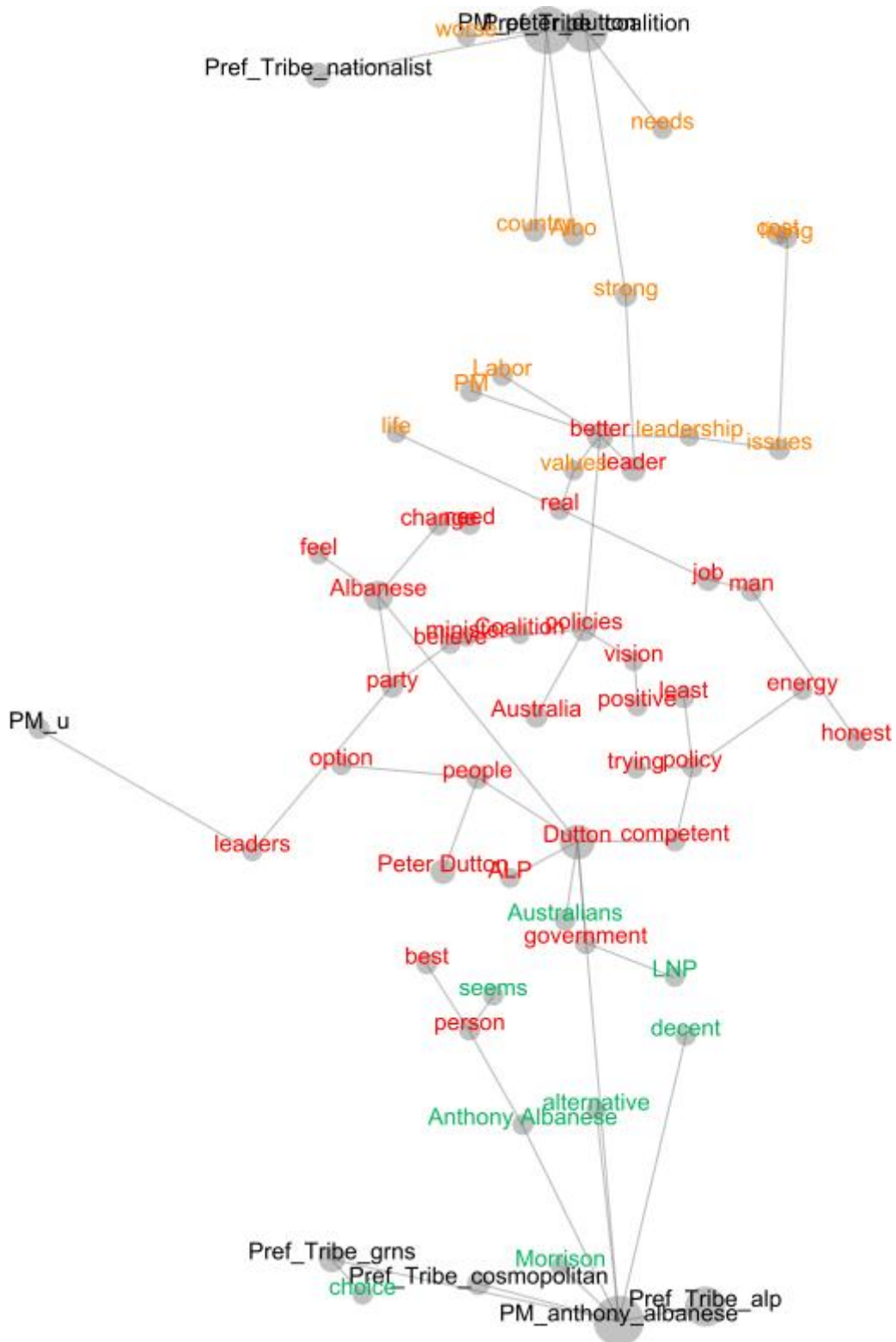
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> *"Also" has a strong grip on Australia's place in the world and a clear appreciation of the goodness and strength of Australians generally, as well as a full range of clear and positive policies that will keep us pointed in the right direction. His*

vision gives hope - and over the past 3 years he has steered Australia though many storm clouds - evidenced by his success in producing one of the Western/developed nations' best performeing economies.

Albo is a disaster. Dutton and the Coalition should have done more on policy, but I am hopeful they have held off till the election to avoid allowing Labor to use the power of incumbency to destroy their policies before people get to hear them.

The ALP is far from the government the people, economy, and environment of Australia need, but the alternative would be simply disastrous, on all fronts. Unfortunately, in the final analysis, it is a matter of picking the least-worst option.

A labour government dealing with the independents would be a good mix and produce a better result. Dutton is a stumbling buffoon, lying about nuclear and a policy built more around trying to wedge labor rather than producing a coherent alternative

We badly need a change, Independents cannot Govern alone, therefore I feel he needs a chance to show some forceful intelligence and try to get this country under some sort of control. I don't envy his job at all.

Labor and Albanese do not deserve to be re-elected, but Dutton deserves to be elected even less. The horror of the prospect of a Dutton Coalition government has allowed the Labor Party to resile from its duties to working class people and operate as a kind of 'Liberal Lite'.

The current prime minister is a long standing idealist with aspirations beyond the good of the nation and expects Australians to pay the high costs associated with his aspirations and policies Peter Dutton is experiences, he listens to people and is well aware of the costs of this aims and aspirations.

A Dutton Government will provide the basis for Australia to have better policies in a range of areas : energy, defence, immigration, foreign policy etc.

Once again because Albanese has led a government free of scandal, free of infighting, they've got on with the job and addressed many of the issues the LNP had ignored or neglected.

What a choice!? Peter Dutton or Anthony Albanese… Somehow in future there must be great upheaval in the uniparty, it is not currently there to serve the best interests of the Australian people.

We know Albanese will at least pursue some action on climate change, and he also has policies and does aspire to a greater Australia.

just because I think the electorate needs to send a message to reset the left to focus on material inequality - house prices, cost of living, health etc - not issues based posturing.

In contrast, Dutton sounds like hopelessness and negativity and I personally think he would wreck all of Labor's good works - like Medicare, Climate Change,

renewable energy, NDIS, family support/ maternity and paternity leave, public housing programs, etc etc. And, to suggest Nuclear power and gas expansion is crazy and would sends is back to a "Banana Republic" standard of living.

He also goes to very strange sources for his so-called 'facts' - eg on nuclear energy, on gas prices, on the amount of petrol the average Australian uses, on various issues relating to the performance of factors involved in 'cost of living' (eg the Telegraph for prices of groceries)

I wish he would grasp the nettle more often on certain issues such as housing, but overall he is doing a better job than I've seen from an LNP leader in decades.