

Exit Poll Federal Election 2025

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Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on two samples, one of 742 respondents and the other of 614, which have been weighted for voting intentions. We adjust the responses by normalising them against the most recent NewsPoll published in *The Australian* newspaper, and when it is available, an actual election.

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 in the first sample and 57% to 43% in the second. Newspoll gave the vote at the time of the first sample as 52% to 48%, and the election result was 54.8% to 45.20%. 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.

The first poll was conducted from March 29 to April 3 2025 and the second from the evening of May 2 until midnight on May 5 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

“[T]his election...is a sliding doors moment for our nation,” declared Peter Dutton, and maybe he was right, and in ways he didn’t quite intend.

Sliding doors refers to the 1998 British film of the same name. The premise is that a seemingly minor event or decision can dramatically alter the course of a person’s life.

The election results suggest the sliding doors analogy was accurate, at least as far as the Liberal Party was concerned. Polls late last year and early this showed them possibly narrowly winning government. With Labor dominant, and the Liberal Party routed the doors slid and the alternate reality arrived.

And accurate too in the way voters treated the election - casually as though nothing much was at stake.

If Dutton had a chance of winning this election he needed to build a sense of crisis, but he didn’t. It needed to be framed more like the Kokoda Track, from his perspective, than Sliding Doors.

In contrast Anthony Albanese needed to get people focussing on the future and convince them that he was a safe pair of hands and Dutton a risk, and that his stewardship was sound in a world less certain than it was 6 months ago.

On our polling, taken in two tranches, one finishing on April 3, right at the beginning of the campaign, and the second an “exit” poll taken over the weekend of the election and finishing at midnight on Monday May 5, it appears that Peter Dutton lost the election more than Anthony Albanese won it.

The deterioration in the Coalition vote and Dutton’s standing is more dramatic than the increase in the Labor Party’s and Albanese’s.

I’m not saying Albanese didn’t do well – he did – just that the Liberal Party did atrociously. True, the National Party held all their seats, but we don’t have enough National Party respondents in our samples to make a comment on them.

Dutton was never that popular with our respondents, but his approval went from a net -19% to net -42% (a change of -23 percentage points) over the course of the election. At the same time Albanese went from -20% to -6% (a change of +14 percentage points).

Asked whether they believed the Opposition deserved to be the government, respondents agreed net -21% at the beginning of the campaign, but almost exactly mirrored Dutton’s fall by ending up 21 points lower on -42%. On the same metric the Labor government went from -11% to +1%, a 12 point increase.

You might be beginning to see why voters were casual about this election at the beginning. Neither side appealed at the beginning, although they made a decisive decision by the end.

On the question of preferred Prime Minister, while Albanese went up from 50% to 57% Dutton fell from 45% to 38%, 7 percentage points either way, so a kinder judgment than that on performance, but again, very decisive.

And our two-party preferred vote was 57% Labor to 43% Coalition, better for Dutton's side than the preferred PM figures. (This result is skewed to the left, showing that despite our best attempts to adjust for political bias, the sample still had some).

A number of things appear to have turned possible change of government into a landslide towards the government. First has to be Peter Dutton.

He went into this election with the attribute of being strong. Some people also linked this to him being divisive and racist, and likened him to Trump, but these were voters who had never voted Liberal or Nationalist in their lives – they weren't issues that would swing an election.

When we took our second poll, the word "strong" was still associated with Dutton, but this time as a qualifier. "He doesn't appear to be as strong and naturally commanding as Albanese," and "He wasn't strong enough and didn't have good policies," are two representative comments from Coalition voters.

Dutton had walked back policies like work from home (which didn't register as an issue in our sample, so it was probably consigned to particular seats), not branded the government with its record, talked about where he was going to live when he was elected, or Welcome to Country ceremonies, rather than cost-of-living issues.

The issue that could have made a difference to either side, if they'd leveraged it properly, was housing – a cost-of-living issue that affects almost everyone under the age of 50 or 60 because they are paying-off a mortgage at suddenly massively higher interest rates; can't afford a deposit to get into a house where they couldn't afford the repayments anyway; have to pay high percentages of their income on rent; or have children, grandchildren, and friends who fall into any or all of those categories.

This issue was the most important to most of our respondents, but it was a side issue for both the major parties. While both had policies to address it none of them penetrated.

The issue Dutton was most clearly identified with was nuclear. At the end of the election it was most likely to be raised when making a personal judgment on him, and it was obvious, even from Coalition supporters, that he had not made out the case for its necessity.

Albanese was most closely associated with health, but despite the clear \$8 billion on Medicare, and the promise to build more urgent care clinics and provide telehealth centres, they weren't specified by voters – they just referred to health in general.

The same thing happened with education, where forgiving HECS debt, or free TAFE weren't mentioned, but the issue of education was.

Those voting for Albanese were also very likely to cite interest rates and inflation. There was a sense that Australia had turned the corner and it was the government's doing, even though times were still tough. Labor didn't appear to attract the blame for the problems, so there was no need to punish them. Or if they did attract blame, so did the Morrison/Frydenberg stewardship.

But as noted earlier, emotions were not really that strongly engaged on policies. Decisions were as likely to be made on the basis of who they didn't want as prime minister. In this situation the hate economy was more or less equal.

However, while Coalition voters were twice as likely to cite Peter Dutton as a positive reason for their vote than Labor voters were to cite Anthony Albanese as the positive reason for theirs. That is not good for Albanese, no matter that his voters think he is "decent".

The most startling figure from our polling was that while having voted Labor in with a landslide, fully 40% wanted a Coalition win, versus 42% who wanted Labor, while 19% favoured a hung parliament. You get what you vote for, not what you want, but the difference between the fact and the desire is striking.

Issues that stayed with their tribes were "climate change", strongly correlated with Greens and Cosmopolitans, but not so much Labor; the "economy" and "immigration", strongly correlated with Coalition and Nationalists, along with "security" and "defence".

In the end, this result might be neither sliding doors, nor Kokoda, but a tribute to electoral volatility. The minor party votes are at more or less record highs, and this masks the underlying strength of each major party's votes. Take renewables out of the mix, and the Teals seats could look quite different, for example.

The victors need to be humble in victory, and the vanquished are beaten, not terminated.

Details

1. The raw data suggest that coalition supporters were not very enthusiastic by the time of the election. Both they and Labor are underrepresented, but the coalition by a little more than the ALP, while the Greens and Independents are significantly over-represented.

2. ALP enthusiasm climbed during the election, while the Coalition's enthusiasm started declining just after a high in January. Greens were fairly constant over the whole of this year to-date, as were Cosmopolitans, while Nationalist support grew over the whole of the year to-date.
3. After adjusting our sample for first preference bias it still leaned left with a two-party preferred vote to Labor of 57% versus an actual figure of 55%.
4. Those who thought the country was heading in the right direction had increased from 32% to 37% while those who disagreed had decreased from 58% to 52% giving a gain of 12 percentage points on the net figure from -26% to -14%. The perceptions of Greens and Cosmopolitans had each improved significantly so that they went from net negative to a small net positive.
5. Anthony Albanese's net approval showed a 14 percentage point improvement from -20% to -6%. Those approving moved from 35% to 43% while disapproval decreased from 54% to 49%. This was driven by strong positive changes in approval by Greens (+23%) and Cosmopolitans (+25%).
6. The government just passed the test as to whether it deserved to be the government with a +1% net figure made up of 47% agree and 45% disagree. This was driven by significant changes in Greens (30% net to 47% net) and Cosmopolitan (25% net to 36% net) perceptions, but while remaining overall negative, the Nationalist perception (-90% to -76%) also improved as well.
7. Peter Dutton's net approval slumped dramatically. His net disapproval doubled from -19% to -42%. Only a quarter approve while two-thirds disapprove. Nationalists have swung from a +5% net approval to -19%, and even amongst Coalition voters there has been a dive from +80% to only +40%.
8. The opposition had similar falls on the question of whether it deserved to govern as it did in Peter Dutton's favourability. -21% agreed it was ready in April, and that fell to -42% by May. The support of Coalition voters fell from 69% net agreement with the proposition to 38%, with only 54% of Coalition voters saying the Opposition was ready. Nationalists went from 3% to -22%. It was the collapse in relatively friendly support that caused the total collapse.
9. Anthony Albanese's preferred prime minister vote went up by 7 percentage points to 57%, while Dutton's went down by 7 percentage points to 38%.
10. Expectations of a Labor win doubled from 28% to 56%, expectations of a Coalition win more than halved from 22% to 10%, and the hung parliament option was still the expectation of 34%, down from 50%.
11. Changes in who voters wanted to win the election were not as dramatic. Labor improved from 38% to 42%. Coalition fell from 45% to 40%; and the hung parliament option was marginally more favoured moving from 17% to 19%.
12. The decrease in interest rates appears to have played a large part in the improvement of the government's vote. In the qual on direction of the country, interest rate falls and the fall in inflation are cited as reasons for being optimistic, along with the economy. Coalition and Nationalist voters still talk about the economy, but in terms of costs and debt. They are also concerned about immigration and net zero. The shared concerns are around cost of living, particularly housing.
13. When thinking about issues facing the country, the split is similar except that climate change appears as an issue, when it wasn't when respondents were thinking of the direction of the country. Defence also makes an appearance as an issue, closely associated with Coalition and Nationalist voting intentions.

14. When thinking about issues specific to the election, climate change is an issue for Greens and Cosmopolitans more than the ALP, Nationalists or Coalition. Energy, housing and immigration have become the issues where concern is shared and where the election was won and lost. In the second poll the LNP was also listed as an issue for ALP voters.
15. Choice of first preference was as often based on negative as positive factors with decisions being made to keep either Dutton or Albanese out rather than voting for either of them. There was also a strong tactical voting element, particularly from Greens and Cosmopolitans who wanted a hung parliament. Nuclear had become marginal as an issue, most often as a positive for Coalition voters, but not so often as a negative for Greens, ALP and Cosmopolitans. Apart from nuclear hardly any other issues were mentioned specifically apart from health (Labor voters). There was also mention of the quality of the local member.
16. Final preferences were mostly decided by who you were voting against, or a sentiment about what is good for the country. Some issues like climate change (Greens, ALP, Cosmopolitans) and the economy (Coalition and Nationalists) were mentioned, but by a tiny minority of respondents. This narrowed after our first poll. Left voters also had an ideological lean citing “far right” and “racist” as reasons not to vote Coalition, which seems to reflect Peter Dutton’s history, as well as successful positioning of him by the ALP.
17. Reasons for approving or disapproving of Anthony Albanese changed over the course of the election. While he was supported originally because of climate change, opposition to Dutton (and to a minor extent Trump), having a strong team, and doing the job, by the second poll “vision” and “leadership” had come into the frame as he improved his standing. The Voice plays a strong role in assessing his performance, as does housing. The economy has disappeared as a direct factor, although cost of living is there, and it is a derivative factor of the economy. His detractors still find him weak and incompetent, and immigration is the issue most closely connected to strongly disapproving of him.
18. Strength was initially a positive for Peter Dutton, but in the second survey it had turned into a negative – a lot of respondents were disappointed to find he was not as strong as they thought. Some expressed the opinion he had lost the campaign. In this question nuclear was a major issue, particularly for detractors, even though supporters were likely to have nominated it in earlier questions as a positive factor. There was agreement from supporters and opponents that he hadn’t clearly expressed a vision. Opponents most frequently cited “climate change”, “right wing”, “Trump”, “negative” and “divisive”.
19. On preferred prime minister, supporters of Anthony Albanese were mostly opposed to Dutton, but supporters of Dutton, while also antagonistic to Albanese, were also likely to mention Dutton’s name positively. Albanese was thought to be doing a good job for the country and for people by supporters, while Peter Dutton was seen more abstractly by his supporters as just having better policies. Supporters and detractors of both potential PMs thought decency was a good quality to have, and that their preferred candidate had it.

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Quantitative Analysis

Excitement

Party	First preference	AEC result
Australian Democrat	0%	0%
ALP	29%	35%
Family First	2%	2%
Greens	19%	12%
Independent	17%	7%
Jacqui Lambie Network	0%	0%
Legalise Cannabis	0%	1%
Libertarian Party	3%	1%
Liberal Party	21%	28%
National Party	1%	4%
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	4%	6%
Socialist Alliance	0%	0%
Sustainable Australia	0%	0%
Trumpet of Patriots	1%	2%
Victorian Socialists	1%	0%
Grand Total	100%	98%

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 by voting intention. The right hand column does not sum to 100 because we don't have a complete representation of all the parties in the left hand column. 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	May-25	Variation
ALP	38.80%	29.15%	-9.65%	29.22%	0.07%	35.06%	5.84%
Coalition	19.86%	27.26%	7.40%	22.71%	-4.55%	15.83%	-6.88%
Greens	18.02%	16.91%	-1.11%	18.59%	1.68%	18.74%	+0.15%
Nationalist	11.41%	9.47%	-1.94%	11.29%	1.82%	13.41%	+2.15%
Cosmopolitan	11.00%	17.21%	6.21%	18.19%	0.98%	16.96%	-1.23%

The tendency of people to participate in our surveys, and the fluctuation over these four, suggests that while Liberals were more enthusiastic at the beginning of the year, they were de-energised at the time of voting. ALP rose significantly during the campaign, but was still a bit less than last election. Cosmopolitans tailed-off towards the end, while Nationalists continued to grow.

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

	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Nationalist	Cosmopolitan	Total
ALP	98%	3%	98%	13%	93%	57%
Coalition	2%	97%	2%	87%	7%	43%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=579

This table helps us to understand whether we have successfully weighted our sample for voting intention. The election result looks like being 54.6% to the ALP there is around a 3% bias in our sample.

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

	ALP		Coalition		Greens		Nationalist		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
Strongly agree	25%	28%	0%	0%	4%	3%	0%	0%	3%	6%	9%	11%
Agree	55%	53%	1%	1%	26%	34%	0%	3%	26%	35%	23%	27%
Neutral	11%	13%	2%	1%	16%	23%	4%	7%	27%	18%	9%	10%
Disagree	6%	4%	19%	18%	31%	29%	13%	15%	24%	25%	16%	15%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	78%	80%	19%	8%	83%	76%	15%	12%	42%	37%
Unsure	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	0%	0%	5%	4%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	80%	81%	1%	1%	29%	38%	0%	3%	29%	41%	32%	37%
Total disagree	7%	5%	98%	98%	50%	37%	96%	90%	39%	36%	58%	52%
Net agree	73%	76%	-97%	-97%	-21%	1%	-96%	-88%	-10%	5%	-26%	-14%

n=742, 614

ALP, Greens and Cosmopolitans approve of the direction in which the country is heading. This is a significant change for the latter two groups.

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		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
Strongly approve	25%	35%	0%	0%	4%	4%	1%	0%	4%	3%	9%	13%
Approve	58%	55%	1%	1%	32%	43%	1%	5%	33%	52%	26%	30%
Neutral	12%	6%	3%	2%	24%	25%	5%	6%	28%	16%	10%	8%
Disapprove	4%	4%	12%	13%	28%	20%	9%	12%	24%	16%	12%	11%
Strongly disapprove	0%	0%	84%	84%	9%	6%	84%	77%	10%	11%	43%	38%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	84%	89%	1%	1%	36%	47%	2%	5%	37%	56%	35%	43%
Total disapprove	4%	4%	96%	97%	37%	26%	93%	89%	33%	27%	54%	49%
Net agree	80%	85%	-96%	-96%	-1%	22%	-92%	-83%	4%	29%	-20%	-6%

n=739, 617

Anthony Albanese's approval has changed significantly over the course of the campaign. Greens have gone from being just approving to a net +22%, 47% to 26%. Cosmopolitans are net 29%, with a majority of 56% approving, and 27% disapproving. Nationalists have moved in his favour, as have ALP voters, although both are still strongly entrenched in their disapproval or approval.

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		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
Strongly agree	47%	47%	1%	0%	9%	9%	0%	0%	7%	10%	17%	18%
Agree	45%	45%	1%	2%	44%	53%	2%	11%	40%	47%	23%	28%
Neutral	6%	6%	1%	3%	19%	19%	6%	2%	29%	22%	7%	7%
Disagree	1%	1%	11%	8%	19%	13%	3%	10%	11%	9%	8%	7%
Strongly disagree	0%	1%	87%	86%	5%	3%	88%	77%	10%	12%	44%	39%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	92%	92%	1%	2%	54%	63%	2%	11%	47%	57%	41%	47%
Total disagree	1%	3%	98%	94%	24%	16%	91%	87%	22%	21%	51%	45%
Net agree	91%	89%	-96%	-93%	30%	47%	-90%	-76%	25%	36%	-11%	1%

n=739, 614

The government just passes this test, with very few being neutral on the question. There was a significant move in the answer to this question over the course of the campaign. Greens support grew by a net 17 percentage points, while Cosmopolitan support grew by 11 percentage points. Nationalists, while still heavily inclined against the government still softened in their attitudes by 14 percentage points.

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		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
Strongly approve	1%	1%	31%	22%	0%	2%	10%	5%	1%	1%	13%	9%
Approve	0%	0%	53%	37%	1%	1%	31%	23%	0%	0%	23%	15%
Neutral	2%	0%	12%	21%	0%	2%	21%	22%	9%	3%	8%	10%
Disapprove	20%	15%	3%	15%	12%	10%	20%	28%	13%	19%	12%	16%
Strongly disapprove	78%	82%	1%	3%	87%	85%	16%	19%	75%	76%	43%	49%
Unsure	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	1%	2%	84%	59%	1%	3%	41%	28%	1%	1%	36%	24%
Total disapprove	97%	97%	4%	18%	99%	96%	36%	47%	89%	96%	55%	65%
Net approve	-96%	-95%	80%	41%	-98%	-93%	5%	-19%	-88%	-95%	-19%	-42%

n=740, 614

This is a devastating shift for Peter Dutton. His net unfavourability has more than doubled from -19% to -42% with only 24% approving. His fall in approval ratings has actually been strongest with Coalition voters -39 percentage points net. Nationalists shifted from net approving to net disapproving – 5% down to -19%.

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		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
Strongly agree	1%	1%	27%	15%	0%	3%	2%	6%	1%	2%	11%	7%
Agree	2%	1%	51%	40%	1%	2%	40%	18%	4%	0%	24%	15%
Neutral	2%	1%	11%	29%	2%	1%	19%	24%	8%	3%	8%	13%
Disagree	13%	13%	3%	9%	9%	8%	21%	25%	13%	11%	10%	12%
Strongly disagree	82%	83%	6%	7%	85%	86%	17%	23%	74%	84%	46%	52%
Unsure	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	3%	2%	78%	54%	1%	5%	42%	25%	5%	2%	35%	22%
Total disagree	95%	96%	9%	16%	94%	94%	39%	47%	87%	95%	56%	64%
Net agree	-92%	-94%	69%	38%	-93%	-89%	3%	-22%	-82%	-93%	-21%	-42%

n=741,614

This shows similar precipitate falls in the standing of the opposition as in the standing of the opposition leader. Unfavourability doubling, a fall of 31 points amongst Coalition voters, and 25 amongst Nationalists. Cosmopolitans dropped by 11 percentage points to -93%.

Who is your preferred prime minister?

	ALP		Coalition		Greens		Nationalist		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
Anthony Albanese	99%	98%	1%	1%	97%	95%	5%	13%	84%	92%	50%	57%
Peter Dutton	0%	1%	96%	90%	0%	0%	74%	75%	8%	5%	45%	38%
Undecided	1%	0%	3%	9%	3%	5%	21%	12%	7%	3%	4%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=701, 583

These figures line-up with the two-party preferred voting of the group for Anthony Albanese, but worse for Peter Dutton. The balance is taken up by unsure.

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

	ALP		Coalition		Greens		Nationalist		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
ALP	58%	78%	6%	33%	26%	68%	16%	37%	21%	46%	28%	56%
Liberal National Coalition	5%	2%	44%	26%	5%	1%	35%	6%	5%	8%	22%	10%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	37%	20%	50%	40%	69%	31%	58%	57%	74%	45%	50%	34%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	108%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=718, 595

This table needs to be treated carefully as 93 people completed this question on Saturday after 8:00 pm and on Sunday and Monday when counting had made it clear, to varying degrees, what was going to happen. But even taking that into account the mood changed substantially during the campaign, and whether by intuition, or by following the right polls, from a majority belief (just) there would be a hung parliament, it had changed to favour a Labor victory.

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

	ALP		Coalition		Greens		Nationalist		Cosmopolitan		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May	April	May
ALP	91%	91%	0%	1%	45%	43%	1%	6%	32%	22%	38%	42%
Liberal National Coalition	1%	2%	99%	96%	0%	0%	66%	71%	5%	35%	45%	40%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	8%	6%	1%	3%	55%	57%	34%	23%	63%	43%	17%	19%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=735, 607

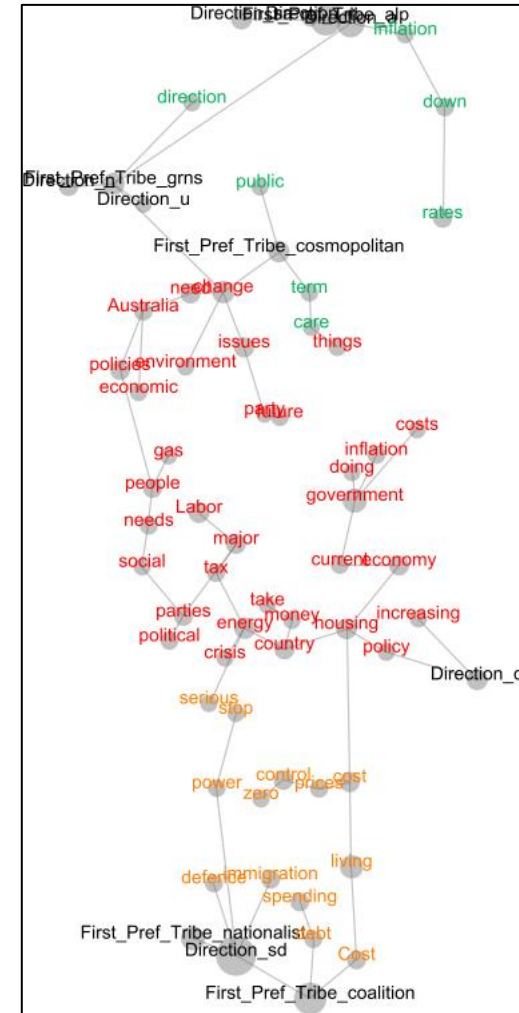
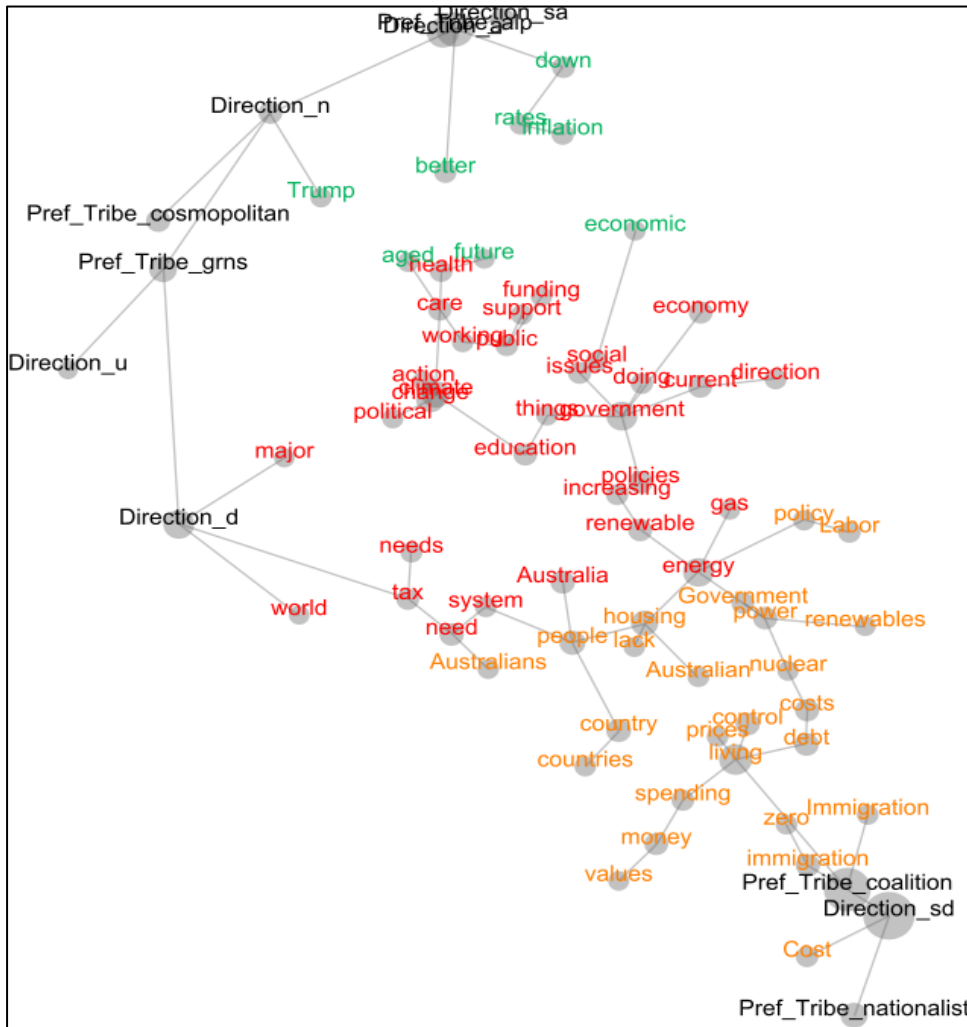
The most significant take away from this graph is the lack of enthusiasm for a majority Labor government. This suggests a brittleness in the ALP win, despite the large number of seats won.

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? (Most recent on the right).



*Verbatims**First_Pref_Tribe: grns**Direction: a*

There are aspects where Australia under Labor have improved steadily and surely, however much much more needs to be done to reduce GHG emissions and stop new oil and gas projects, and invest in renewable energy, storage and variable transmission capability (absolutely NOT expensive, dangerous and too slow nuclear) Australians need to made aware of the misleading and deceptive influence and money of the massively funded Atlas Group who have the power. to disseminate disinformation and promote the agenda of those who wish to continue making profit while the environment is destroyed.

*First_Pref_Tribe: coalition**Direction: sd*

I am seriously worried for the future of this country I am genuinely fearful that Labor will over interpret this result and the changes that they will implement will forever ruin this country for a generation they have been entirely inept for their first 3 years and the opposition has been bad as well. It has been 20 years since we had a decent government and 30-40 years since a competent government that could make the changes necessary to set us up for the future this government will stuff the economy and the people who drive innovation I am actually fearful for the young as it will now take a serious recession caused by the ineptitude of the current lot before anyone will have the option to mskr positive change

*First_Pref_Tribe: alp**Direction: a*

I think the Albanese Labor government has achieved quite a lot of things in its 3 years of government: bringing inflation down which is now contributing to lowering interest rates, increasing wages for some of our lowest paid workers, correcting the problems that existed in aged care and child care by increasing the wages for staff who worked in these industries, assisting with cost of living pressures and providing a 3 year term without any major. Scandals

*First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan**Direction: sd*

Failure to address existential crises: climate change mitigation & adaption; artificial general intelligence; unregulated capitalism's widening gulf between the rich & the rest of us, leading to cost-of-living crisis (especially for the working class) precipitating social breakdown and political chaos (especially, rejection of major parties & growth in support of minor, fringe & independents) leading to dangerous autocratic leaders (eg Trump) adopting crazy, harmful policies. (eg protectionism, withdrawal from international systems, abandoning emission reduction targets).

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Direction: sd

Increasing tax of middle-class workers, high house prices, high rent prices, too much immigration, inflation, high energy prices due to renewable energy ideology, lack of leadership by the major political parties to address these issues in a significant structural way, lying from the current Prime Minister, lack of accountability from the previous coalition government during covid.... They caused the inflation but don't acknowledge it.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Direction: sd

The Labour Govt has wasted money, has allowed ideologies to rule, has led without common sense, has diminished our armed forces, has let immigration get out of control and has allowed net zero to take over without adequately protecting our energy needs and prices.

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Direction: a

*Our economy is still pretty strong despite global issues. Wage growth happening but getting eroded by cost of living and housing costs
Continued growth in renewable energy, but worried that fossil fuel projects still getting approved.*

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Direction: sd

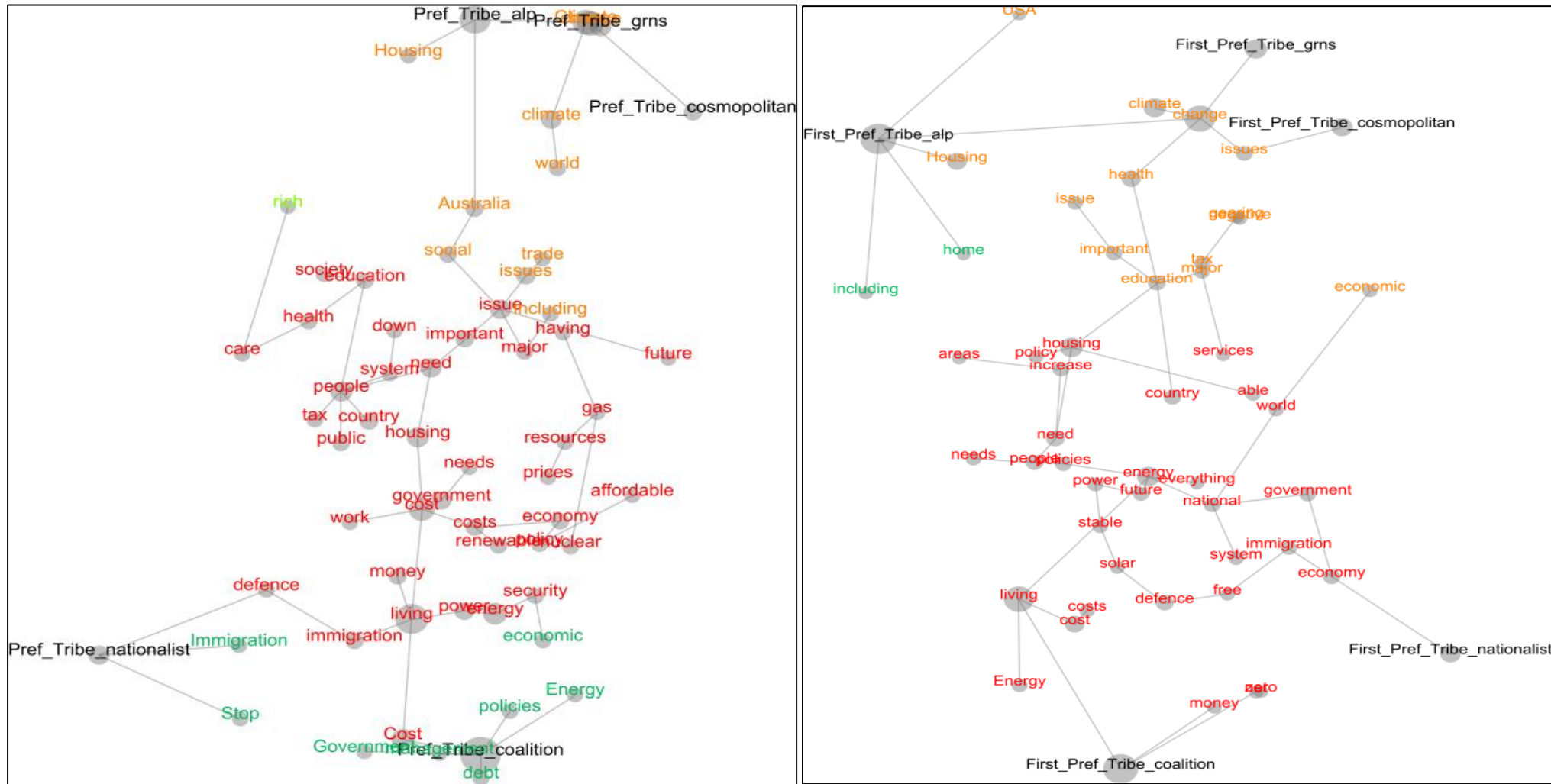
The elephant in the room is excessive immigration. Neither of the major parties nor the Greens have any intention of severely cutting back immigration to take pressure of housing, infrastructure, health, education and welfare services that are all under strain and cannot be fixed no matter how many promises are made via piecemeal incentives to garner votes at tomorrow's election.

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

Direction: sd

The climate crisis poses an existential threat. The perpetuation of generalised commodity production, including the commodification of labor power and ensuing alienation that results, is the source of the wider political economic problems we face, including inaction on climate change.

Thinking about Australia again, in a short paragraph please tell us what is the most important issue facing the country? (Most recent on the right).



Verbatims

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Leadership: having the courage to say that it's well past time for major reform, eg negative gearing, CGT & the tax the rich pay on their super; increased mineral resources taxes; increasing the higher marginal tax brackets; and using the increased revenue to fund increased government spending on social services, critical national infrastructure, energy networks, funding to states for health & education.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

We are very poor on defence this needs addressing (bring in cadets to all high schools boys and girls) then 2 years of national service. We need a stable source of power so a mix of nuclear, wind and solar (we don't want to be like Spain) We need to address why teens are murdering people for cars and not being arrested and jailed, pensions people who work and pay taxes or people who are pensioners should go to the top of the list for housing

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

There are many important issues but one that stands out is guaranteeing suitable energy suppliers in the future. We are closing fossil fuel power stations but not replacing them with the equivalent stable base load energy.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Cost of living is important and the ability for young people to buy a home. And as population increases and residential areas increase, we need more investment in infrastructure.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

effective abatement of climate change addressing the housing shortage banning gambling ads on tv. more equitable changes to funding politicians enabling home purchase with 5% deposit is bad policy.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

The idiocy, dishonesty and outright graft involved in destroying our energy system by swpourjng money we do not have into unreliable wind and solar. If we must change this is the time to switch to Nuclear but instead they scorn it.

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

Climate change - we need to do more to pivot to green energy sources, promote EVs, conversion of housing away from gas appliances

etc. We need to be much smarter about water, more careful about what we grow (less water intensive: no rice or cotton, less beef etc), what we consume, and what we throw away.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

A future plan to grow, accomodate, link our states with very fast trains, free education, free public transport, reintroduce defence training in schools for years 7/8/9 & 10. Reduce taxes dramatically and increase GST.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Environmental laws that discourage the sale of vehicles with considerable carbon emissions, the gradual closure of coal fired power stations and incentives for renewable energy will mean that my kids and grandkids will have a future similar to ours, rather than battling climate extremes.

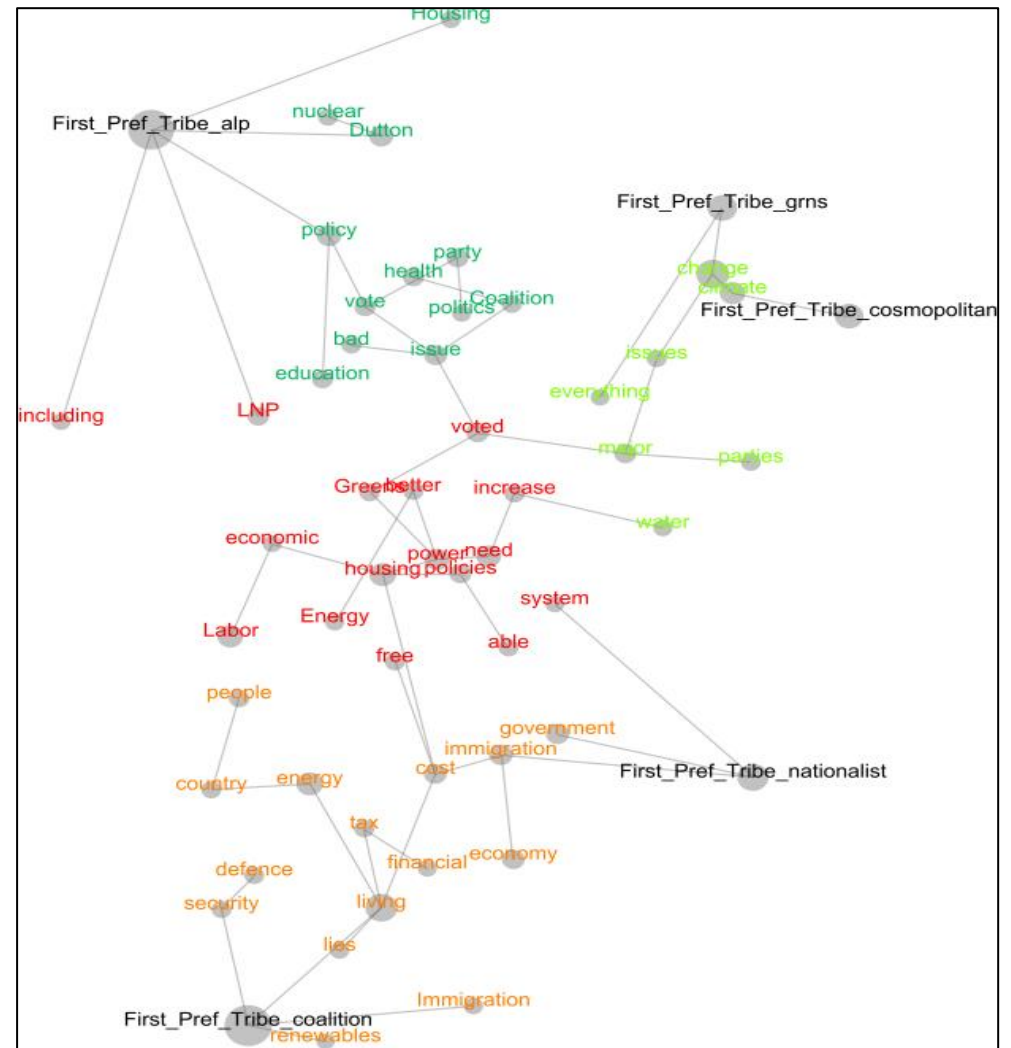
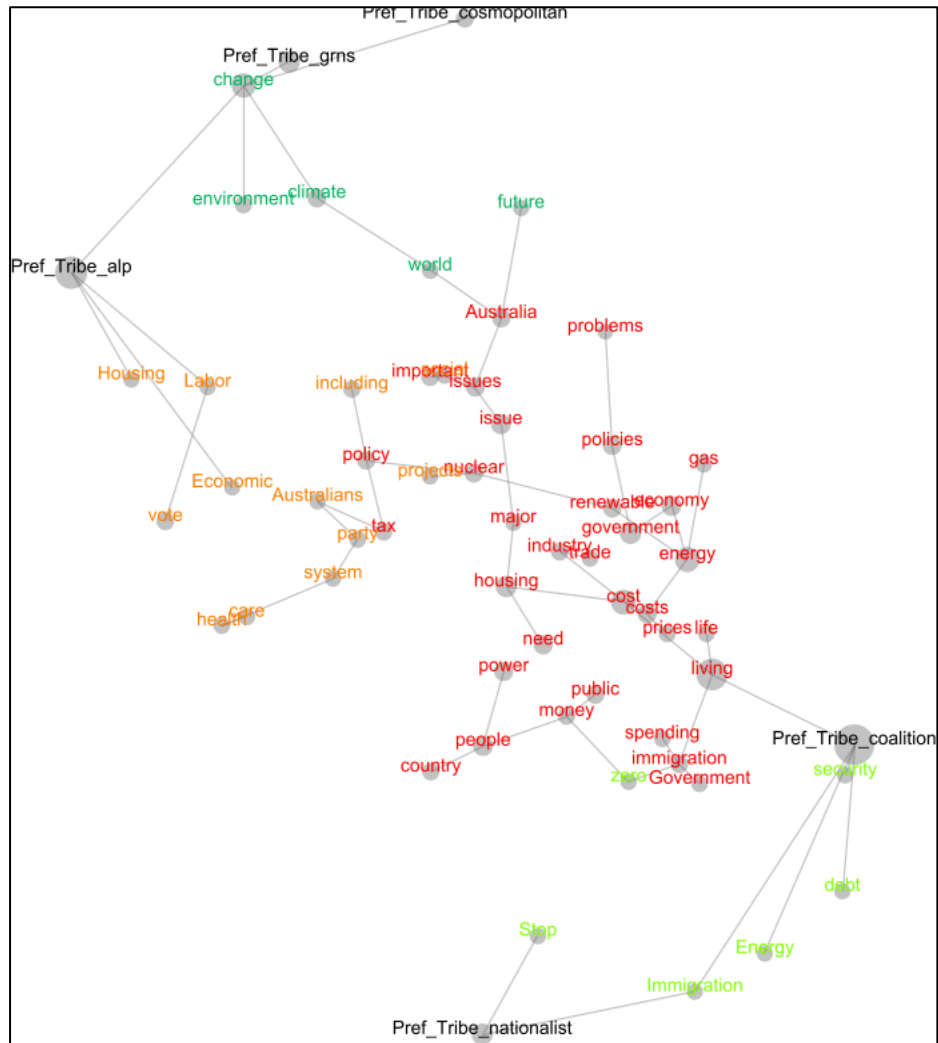
First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Continuing on the path that the Albanese Government has started. Obviously cost of living is a major issue as is housing and the Government is providing assistance in both these areas.

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

I think the Cost of living is unmanageable currently. People can't afford to access the services they need or afford proper housing or food because everything is ridiculously expensive.

Thinking about your vote in this election, in a short paragraph please tell us what issue will affect your vote the most? (Most recent on the right).



Verbatims

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

The main issue was to keep Dutton from gaining power, and sending a message to Labor that they need to lift their game. To this end I gave support to Greens, if I had had a good independent candidate I would have voted for them.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

effective abatement of climate change addressing the housing shortage banning gambling ads on tv. more equitable changes to funding politicians enabling home purchase with 5% deposit is bad policy.

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Lack of courage, conviction and intellect from the major parties to be able to provide structural change to address the issues mentioned above. The election campaign was an insult to the senses.

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

I voted for a minor party that runs on a moral and religious platform that exists because the major parties have abandoned our western culture, values, morality and foundations based on human dignity and respect for and protection of all life, from before birth to the point of death.

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

I live in a region dependent on tourism to the Great Barrier Reef & the Daintree World Heritage site, both of which are severely imperilled by climate change. Cost-of-living pressures have meant tourists are choosing Bali (cheap flights, very cheap holidays), but more concerning is coral bleaching from successive coastal water "heatwaves".

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

I voted Labor because across the board they have been more competent, more responsible, more transparent, more concerned with environment, health, education, fair wages, for example, than the Coalition.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Affordable housing and electricity policies so people have security of a roof over their head and are able to afford to live comfortably.

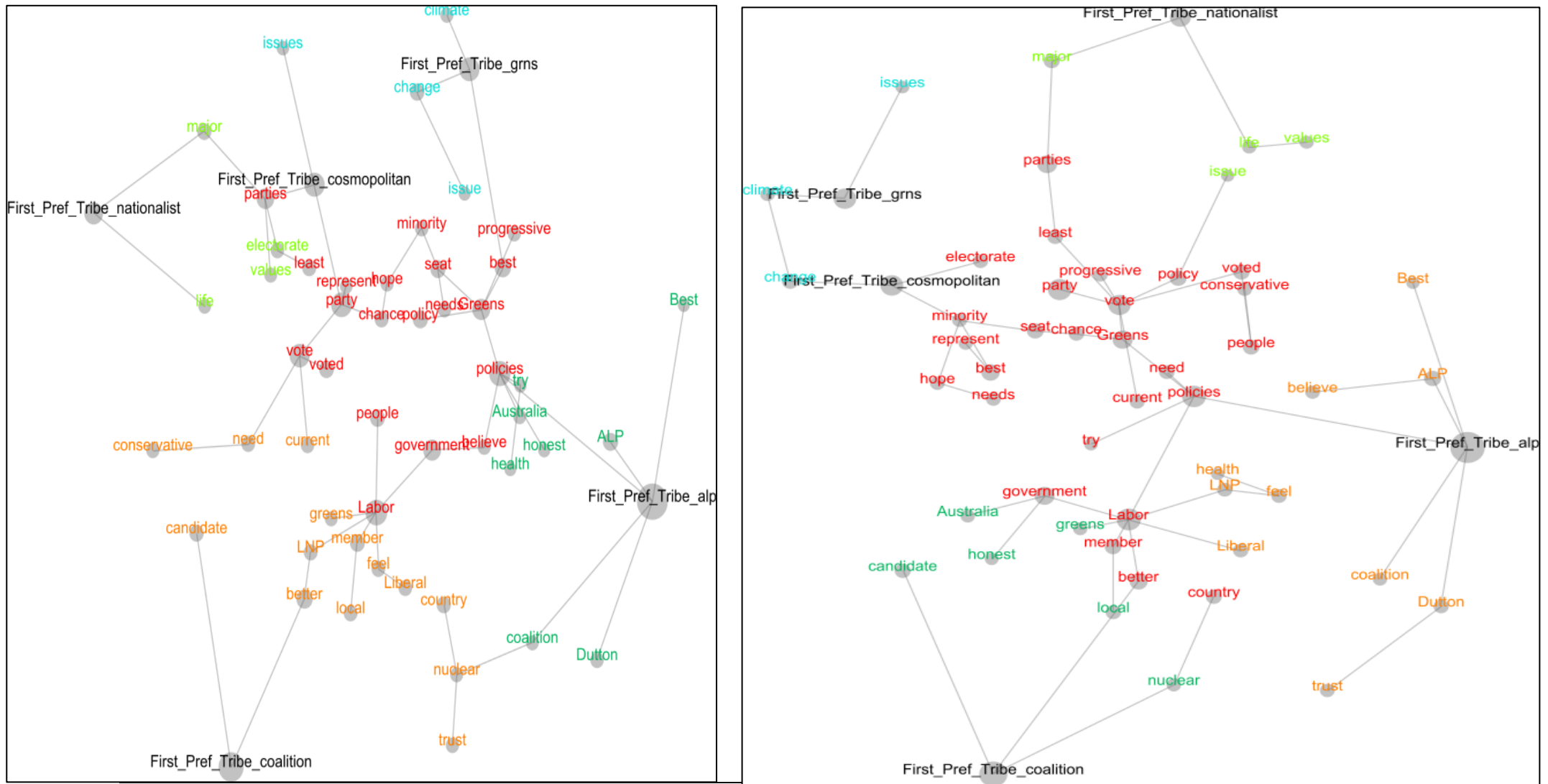
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Thinking about your vote this election in the House of Representatives, which of the following parties received your first preference? (Most recent on the right).



Verbatims

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Having voted Liberal for most of my life, observing the greed and desperation for them making the rich richer and leaving poor people with nothing no longer sits well with me. I feel that Labor/Greens have a more balanced approach.

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

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First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Members of political parties represent self serving approaches to governance irrespective of the will of the voters in their electorates. Abbott's electorate voted 75% for same sex marriage yet he scooted from parliament to avoid the need to vote.

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

As I want to vote conservative, however, I don't want LNP to directly get the vote, they need to feel the pain of dissatisfaction, not get the 1st preference funding, and hopefully modify their policies to more conservative rather than Labor light

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

They have no chance of winning but I like their policies, and I wanted the AEC funding for my primary vote to go to the progressive party that needs it most. Second preference to Greens but they too have no hope of winning this seat.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

They are the best party to address health care medicare clinics plus Dutton is aligned too much with Trump and once he gets in would try and implement some of trumps policies

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

They seem to be the least worst. The local member has my personal vote for continuing the internal salmon farming fight against their current policy.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

I think they are best placed to address social inequality while being responsible economic managers. I also want to maximise the labor vote to minimise the chances of the Greens holding the seat and being in a position to dictate terms to a minority Labor

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

I trust the liberal party will get our defence back up and that fiscally in a much better healthier position. I don't want my tax money wasted on anymore woke nonsense I want my money spent on the things all Aussies need

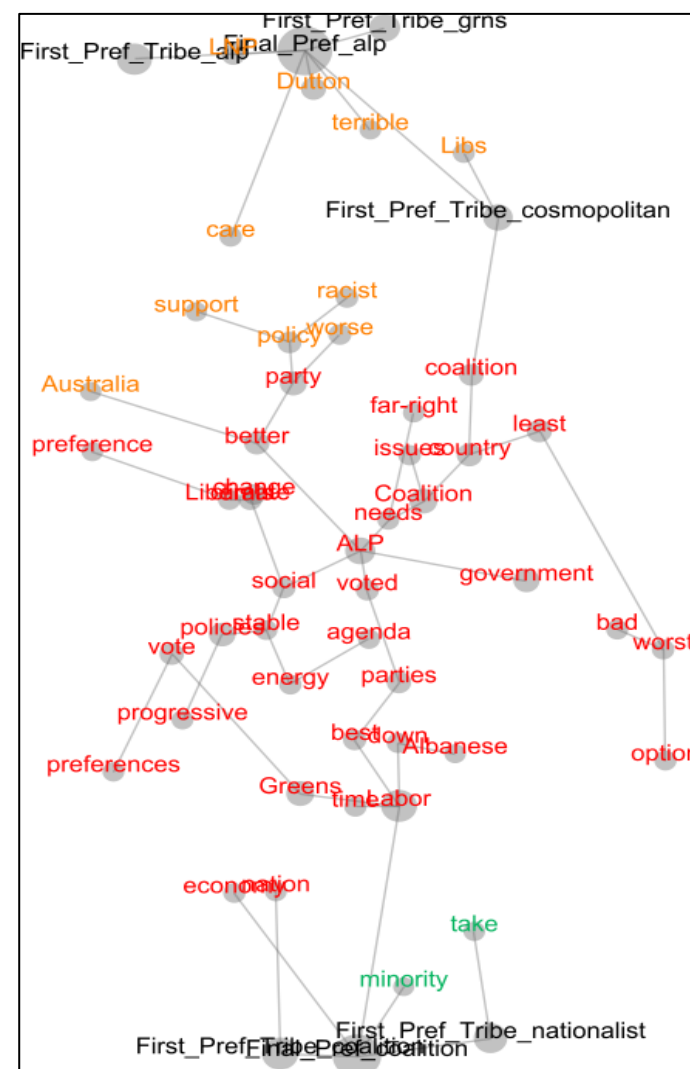
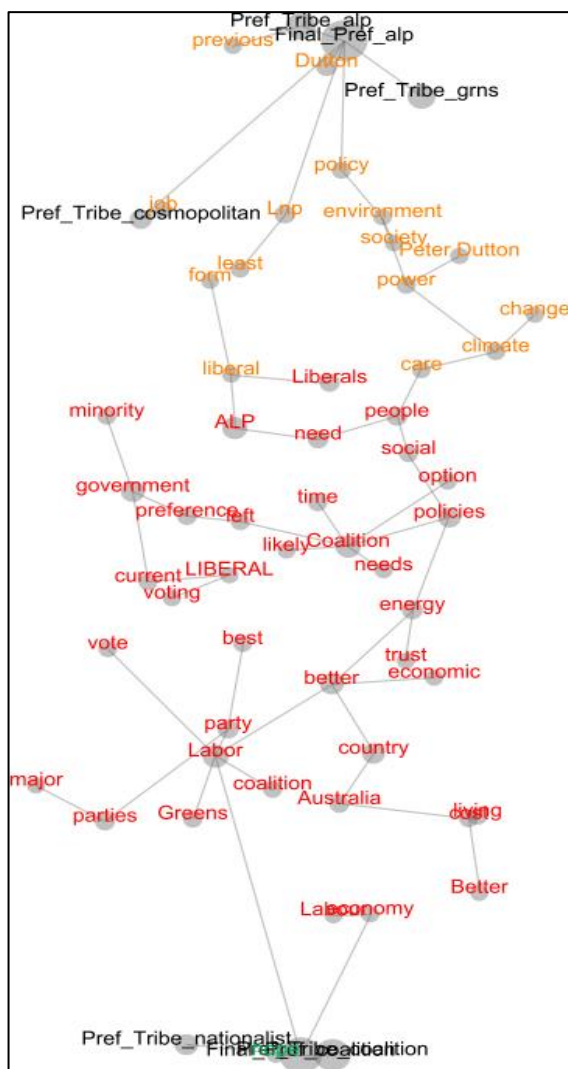
First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Want this Labor government to continue for another 4 years, Liberal coalition too risky on many fronts inc nuclear plan, Medicare, cutting 40,000 jobs etc.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

With the notable exception of the 14 years under Hawke and Keating, it is invariably only the conservative parties that deliver budget surpluses and make people better off in the process.

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? (Most recent on the right).



Verbatims

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Final_Pref: coalition

The ALP and the Greens are the worse solution for our civilisation to be able to move forward, with their anti-life social agenda, their breaking down of traditional and stable societal foundations and ideological blinkering around climate change policies and re-engineering of the energy grid in a way that cannot maintain a stable industry and modern living standards for the population.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Final_Pref: alp

The Coalition is a disgrace to the body politic and totally undeserving of government. Labor needs to do a lot more if they are to retain government.

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Final_Pref: alp

I voted (1) Legalise Cannabis, (2) Greens, then (for the first time ever putting them above the ALP) the Katter candidate third. Despite their nutty far-right misogynist racist views, I think they would represent the needs of the Far North much better than the southern-centric major parties.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Final_Pref: coalition

Labor are no longer a mainstream party, they are a Left wing progressive party with radical social agendas, a penchant for censorship and a ruinous economic and energy policy. One day Bowen will be written about in history books as an ideologue that ruined a nation.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Final_Pref: coalition

Liberals best of a Bad Choice - Dutton leaves Albo's legacy (\$275?) and his Blackout Bowen, Wong, Jimbo (PHD on Keating?), Dreyfus, Burke et al team of incompetents way behind - at least Dutton has had real life experience - Went Pauline Hanson as 2, then all conservative groups with Labor/Greens/TEAL 6/7/8

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Final_Pref: alp

The Coalition did not have a clear policy and did not present a viable approach to the policies they put forward. The Coalition had no clear strategy they only had a mantra 'we are better'

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

Final_Pref: alp

I definitely don't want a LNP government because they are corrupt, lacked all policy vision, racist (opposing the voice) and have a stunted, limited vision of what this country should be. They've also been terrible on representing women voters and they've treated the women in their own party badly.

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Final_Pref: coalition

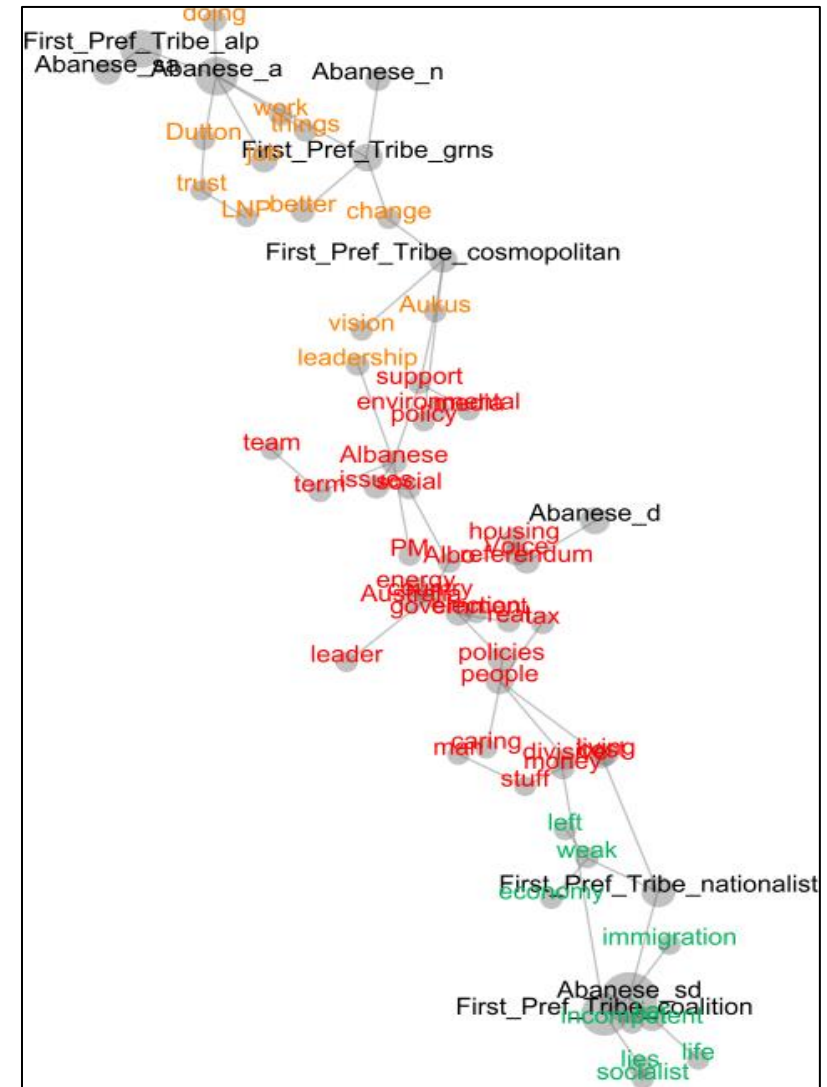
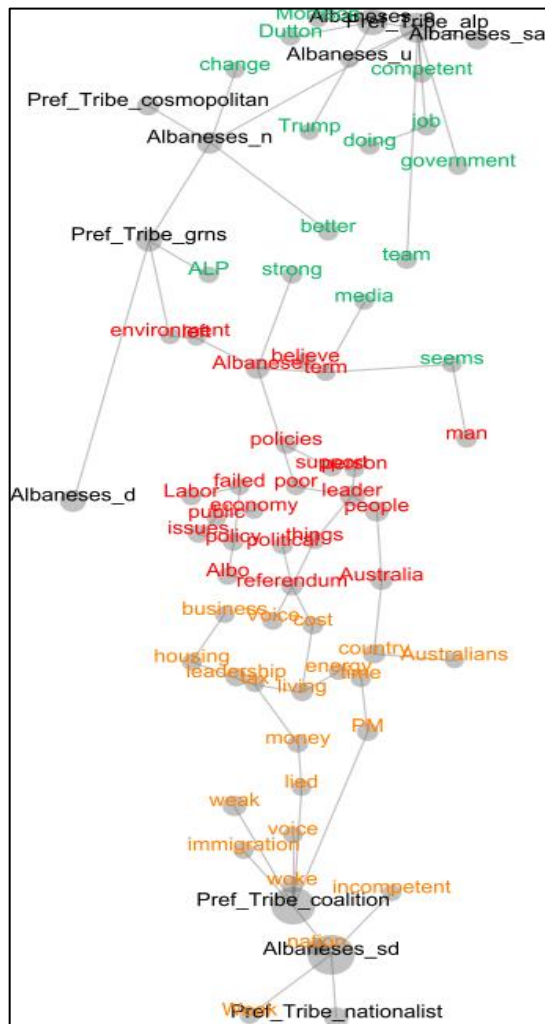
The Coalition had a very ill-formed policy platform that was poorly presented. The ALP promised more of the same policies that are currently driving the country in the wrong direction on most, if not all, issues

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Final_Pref: alp

I then voted Labor 4th ahead of Libs 5th (and loopy far-right candidates 6th to 10th) because, while Ralph Nader wisely said the 2 majors are the twin barking heads of the one capitalist dog, another wise person once said (using a different metaphor) that while both sides screw you, at least Labor uses lubricant.

Thinking about your opinion in general of *the* performance of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it? (Most recent on the right).



Verbatims

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

Abanese: d

I think the Voice referendum (which was divisive without offering any real benefit to Aboriginal people, and set back progress on such matters considerably), continuation of AUKUS, rolling back of environmental protection (and, earlier, flagrant undermining of Tanya Plibersek as environment minister), inadequate urgency in the housing response, and failure to act on media concentration (and the dominance of narrow special interests it entrenches) .are serious failures of leadership.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Abanese: sd

He lies He comes across as slightly arrogant swinging off In a poor boy Yet he lives in a mansion He cheated on his wife after 30yrs fir his much younger squeeze So in my opinion the man is a cheater, a liar, and a thief He steals our tax money and spends it on rubbish woke stuff

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Abanese: sd

no idea about how his economic policies or lack of them actually cause the very real distress of many. His focus on trendy social issues and keeping the first nations people under the economic thumb of government has prevented any significant advance for the forgotten people of this country.

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Abanese: sd

He is a devious liar, the election campaign has been deceitful and he has behaved hypocritically with the public, such as pretending to be caring about the Roman Catholic church and the death of the Pope, but pushing policies to kill unborn as far as can in government policy.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Abanese: sd

He's a weak, incompetent liar - and just itching to entertain the raving lunatics of the hard Left in the Greens if pushed into minority (I know, "no deals," but the government will swing left if this happens and Albo won't be perturbed).

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Abanese: sa

Work has started to embed renewable energy, environmental concerns, fairness, economic stability and equity in this country. The amount of astroturfing by lobby groups such as Australian Institute for Progress, Clive Palmer's latest incarnation and similar groups together with the absolute negativity of the LNP (as they had nothing positive to say) confirmed my progressive intentions.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Abanese: sa

He has been doing a great job repairing the damage done to the country in 9 years of a corrupt Coalition government. I trust him to continue that work.

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Abanese: sd

Albanese is far too left. Magic Pudding economics, encourage endless dependency on the government, globalist stupidity, and absurd Aboriginal tokenism instead of tackling the real problems, which are not underprivilege per se but culture..

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Abanese: sd

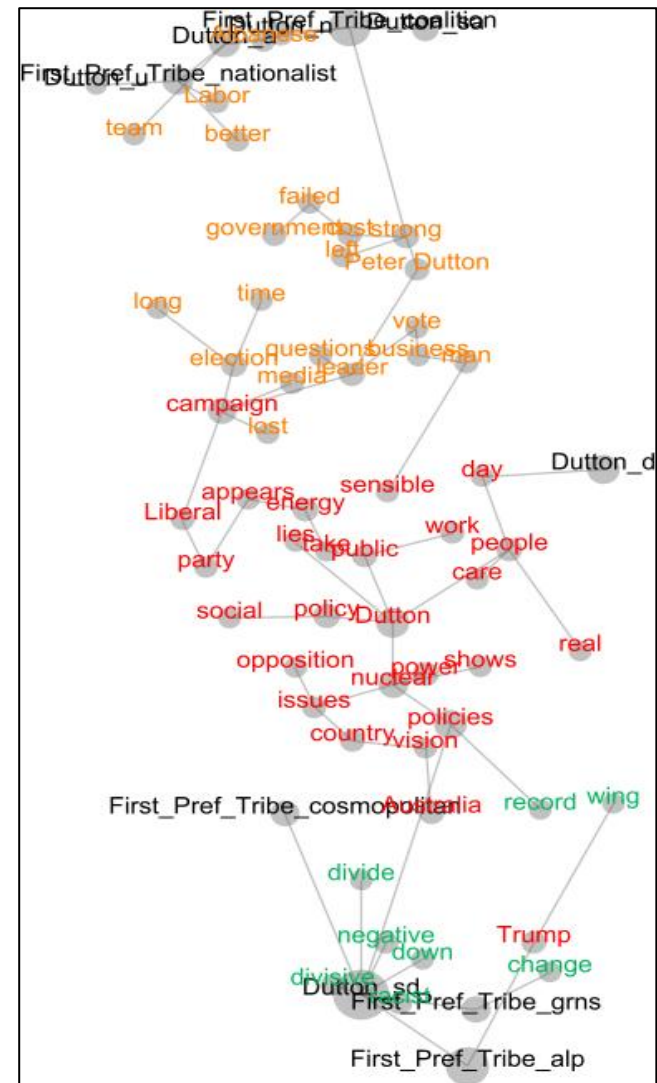
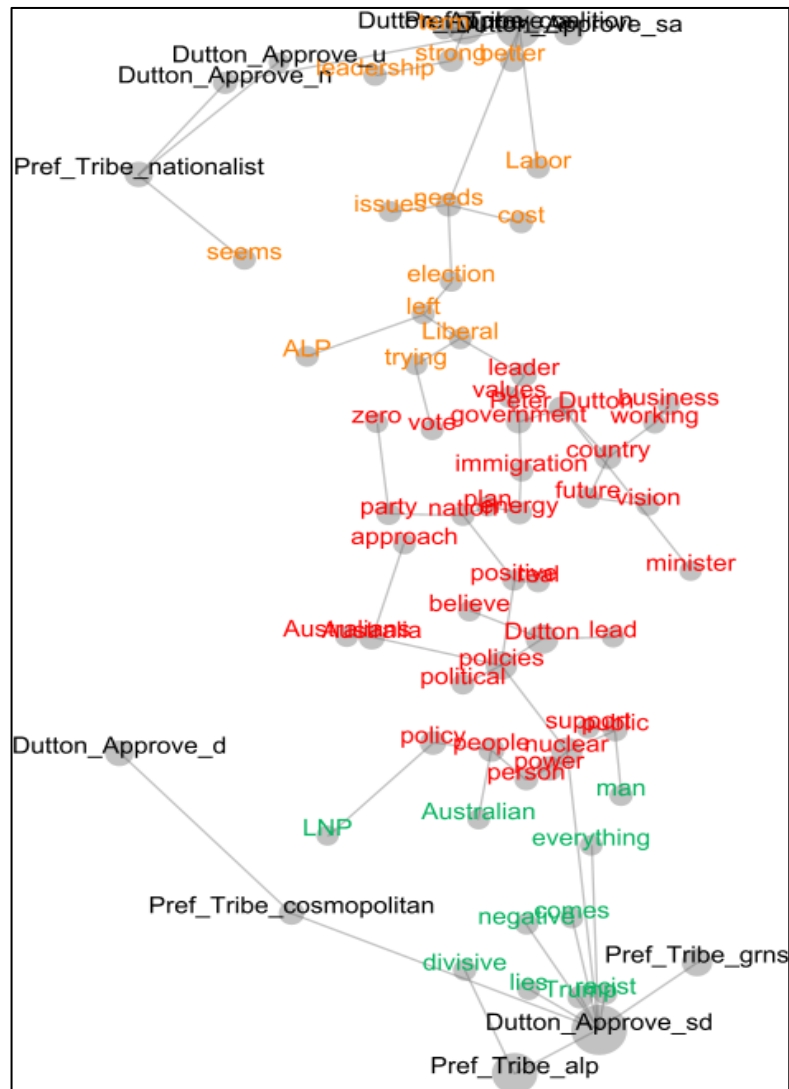
Mr Albanese promised housing, delivered very little, and then wasted all that money on the so-called Voice referendum which mostly added to the racial division in Australia, etc. etc

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Abanese: a

Generally A with Labors policies and governance, but also strongly A with most of the Greens policies, and particularly recently with the Greens more even handed support for the state of Palestine. Labor have been too weak standing up to the pro-Israel lobbyists media propaganda.

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Opposition Leader Peter Dutton, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it? (Most recent on the right).



Verbatims

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Dutton: d

Dunno if it was Dutton or his LINO minders, but the timidity, backpeddling, and failure to enunciate and communicate strong PRODUCT DIFFERENTIATION have been key factors. Worst, more ineffective election campaign by the Coalition I've seen (with dishonourable mention for Turnbull's one-seat effort), but the rot was not just from the campaign, but for the preceding YEARS of inaction when it was vialot to engage in the culture wars and - when in government before - make robust steps to take back the education system and the public media from the left.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Dutton: n

Dutton is probably an honest chap who would govern with strength and purpose; but the LNP's election campaign was a disaster and never attacked any of the obvious questions such as was Labor lying in saying nuclear would cost \$600 billion; that Labor would most certainly legislate The Voice if returned to government; failed to produce evidence that Labor lied about so many things, especially cost of LNP "pledges".

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

Dutton: sd

I think he is trying to steer Austrlalia in the direction of the neoliberalism, right wing extremes of 'white strong man' bullying - Trump style. They pretend they care about anyone or anything other than their rich friends but really couldn't give a shit and want the status quo to remain so they can retain power and control and serve their own interests and the profits of their big business supporters

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Dutton: sd

Dutton is an inhumane (refugees such as the Biloela family), racist (false claims about African gangs, opposition to the Voice, Welcome to Country), bigoted (Islamophobic) and divisive (using these issues to divide Australia). His attack on undefined so-called "woke" rings alarm bells.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Dutton: sd

Apart from never articulating alternative policies that would address the pressing issues we faced I particularly rejected his nuclear

energy policy which made no sense other than to distract and divide - in fact his strategy generally seemed to seek issues that would divide the country

First_Pref_Tribe: nationalist

Dutton: n

The Liberals need to return to more conservative roots rather than trying to pander to socialist ideals in the hope of getting some votes from people that will never vote for them. I don't care what Dutton looks or sounds like, I just want a good leader that is true to their word and implement good policies, Dutton has a bit of the Morrison disease, when there is pushback, he changes.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Dutton: sd

Has led by far the worst campaign by a Liberal opposition leader EVER!! He had no need to say that he would get rid of 40,000 public service jobs, the qualification of which (by attrition rather than termination) was lost in the small print - it was only the headline that made the nightly news.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Dutton: d

Backflips on policy eg first he's cutting public servants, then he's not actually cutting but relying on natural attrition, and first it was only those in Canberra but then it widened. He backflipped on making public servants work in the office (actually a good backflip but shows indecisiveness and weakness to change position when polling showed it was unpopular).

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Dutton: sd

Mr Potato Head (or to use the younger gen's descriptor, Temu Trump) put in the most deplorable election campaign performance by a Lib opposition leader since John Hewson in 1993, and probably worse than Mark Latham's performance as Labor opposition leader in 2004. Pro-Trump but ... not too much.

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

Dutton: sd

I feel Dutton has no real vision for improving Australia. He follows Trump too much and he isn't respectful of people who are different from what he thinks is "normal".

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

Dutton: sd

Peter Dutton gives me absolutely no confidence and the suggestion that we take up nuclear power is frightening. I was in England when the first nuclear reactor was built - and every household was sent a leaflet telling us that electricity would be so cheap, that they probably wouldn't even bother to meter it!

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

Dutton: sd

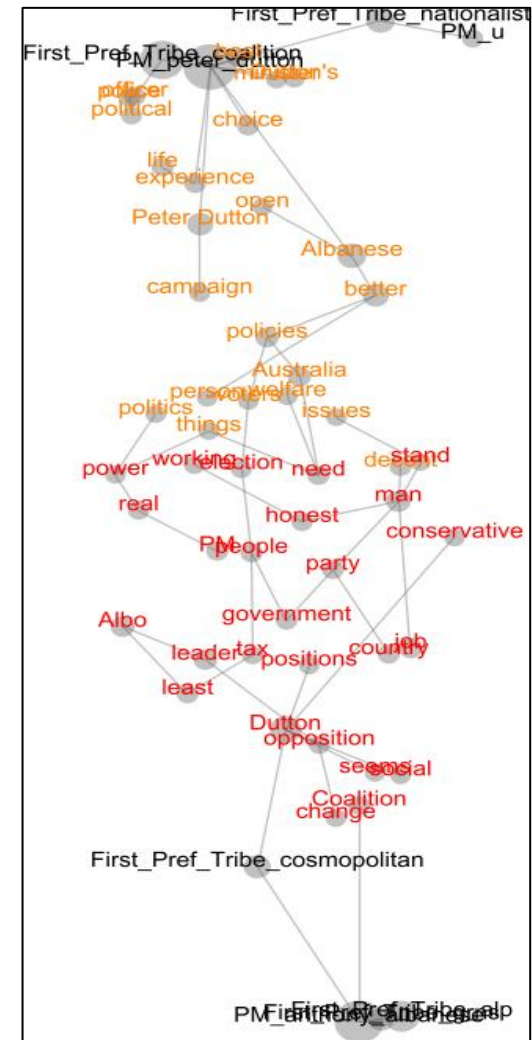
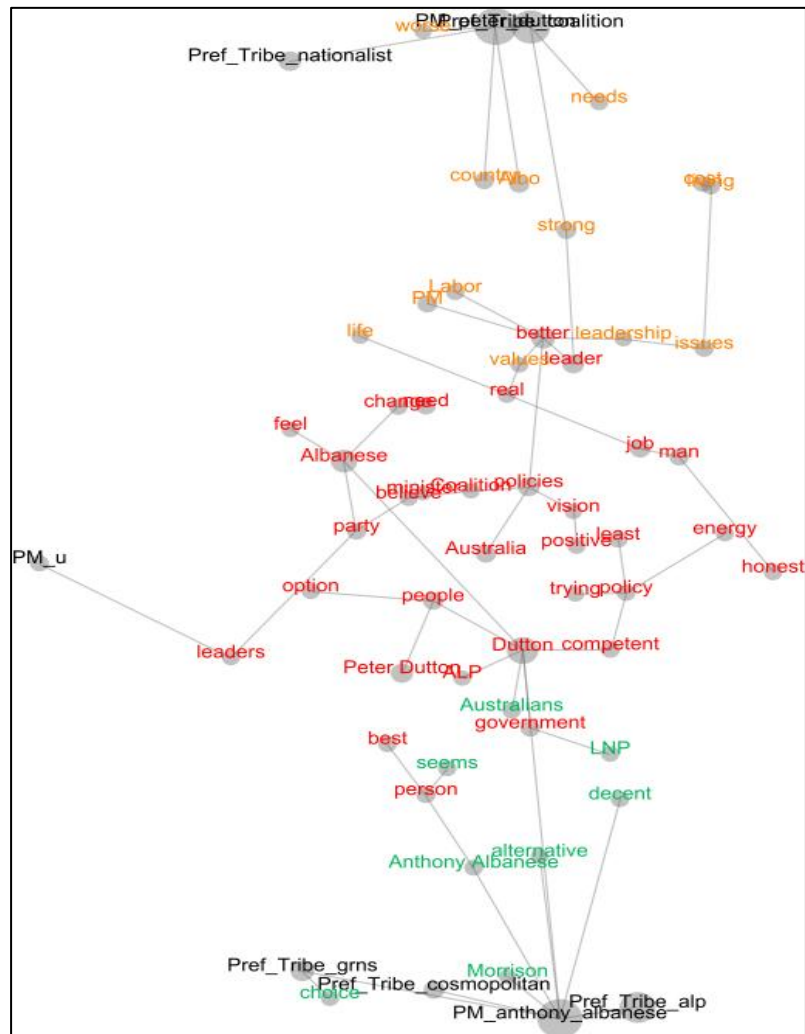
The disaster of the campaign of flip flopping, lies and very poor communication of his policies. The petrol station were rammed down our throat every day, he seemed to have no substance behind it.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

Dutton: n

He has made some good announcements like the tax breaks, fuel excise reduction and nuclear power but media don't give him proper air time as they are left bias

Who is your preferred prime minister? (Most recent on the right).



Verbatims

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

PM: peter_dutton

Peter Dutton has had a Real Life vs the Bludger for Life Albosleezy Peter Dutton, born on November 18, 1970, in Brisbane, Queensland, has had a diverse set of life experiences that have shaped his political career. He began his career as a police officer in the Queensland Police Service, working in the Drug Squad and Sex Offenders Squad, which provided him with insights into public safety and justice, influencing his political perspectives.

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

PM: anthony_albanese

Gutless, spineless Albo is not my "preferred" PM but at least a returned Labor Govt has the mandate to look at long-overdue major reforms, eg tax reform, housing supply, gambling ads, NDIS overcharging, and giving key regulators real teeth.

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

PM: anthony_albanese

Our Liberals/Nationals/One Nation/Coalition party/ies (The 'Tories') are an absolute scourge of the planet. They've functionally never done ANYTHING worth ANYTHING to Australia, since they only exist to ferry undue tax cuts and handouts to people who are already uselessly rich.

First_Pref_Tribe: cosmopolitan

PM: anthony_albanese

Albanese has attempted to act on First Nations recognition, even if the campaign was unsuccessful. Albanese has not shown himself to be a believer in racist anti-immigrant positions, anti-LGBTQI, supports climate action and seems to understand the importance of the welfare state and fair wealth distribution

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

PM: peter_dutton

Dutton is better ... he could be a lot better if he'd ... - say we'll pull out of all this net zero bullshit; - be open about the cost cutting the we need to undertake; and - review the wasted expenditure on aboriginal welfare etc

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

PM: peter_dutton

He was calm, did not attack people, answered questions put to him, listened to people, did not tell lies. He has a varied experience within govt, has been minister for Home affairs and was Australia rep to Five Eyes He was an ex policeman [detective] so understands law and crime.

First_Pref_Tribe: alp

PM: anthony_albanese

Even though he has been timid he has done reasonably well in spite of the total negativity of the opposition. We do not need a dog whistling racist, populist, climate change denying, fossil fuel supporter as PM.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

PM: peter_dutton

Peter Dutton is my preferred choice for PM. I hope he gets the top job because he will be best choice for Australia in my opinion.

First_Pref_Tribe: grns

PM: anthony_albanese

The Coalition has done nothing but obstruct progress. They have no decent policies and were sly and underhanded enough to release costings for their ridiculous ideas 2 days before the election.

First_Pref_Tribe: coalition

PM: peter_dutton

Peter Dutton and his party are better managers of the country than the current ALP government.