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Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on a sample of 637 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 right with the two-party preferred vote being 54% ALP to 46% Coalition. Newspan gives this as 55% to 45%. This makes only a marginal difference to the value of the qualitative, as well as the quantitative, stats we take from the data. We also asked respondents how they voted last federal election, and this was extremely close to the actual result.

In these tables we have amalgamated the Family First, Libertarian Party, People First, and Katter Australia 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 Independents, Teals, and Sustainable Australia as "Cosmopolitan" because they take more an internationalist than a nationalist perspective.

The poll was conducted from January 27, 2026 until February 5, 2026, 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

After Labor's 2025 election win Labor Party President Wayne Swan said that Labor's win was "wide but shallow". Our latest poll backs him up with most voters believing Labor does not deserve to be in office while at the same time still saying they would vote Labor for a Labor government at an election.

I've learned a lot from watching Wayne Swan over the years when he has run Labor campaigns. He's someone who knows how to make his own luck, but he's also been the beneficiary of luck. This Labor government also appears to be lucky.

Labor says the Coalition has a woman problem. They certainly do in our poll, but it's not the one Labor is pointing at.

Our poll was taken while Sussan Ley was leader. That was their first piece of luck. Her approval across the board was only 7% with 65% disapproving.

Most tellingly her net approval with Coalition voters was -52%, worse than it was with Labor voters at -37%, although there was undoubtedly a factor for Labor supporters of not wanting to interrupt their enemy while they were making a mistake. Only 1% of One Nation voters approved of her, compared to 86% who disapproved.

So that is your first woman problem.

The second comes in the shape of the former Fish and Chip shop proprietor from Ipswich, Pauline Hanson. At the time our poll was taken One Nation was the second largest political party by vote in the country, and as far as I can tell, still is.

This splits the vote on the right. 42% of voters said they usually vote Coalition and only 4% usually vote One Nation. So with the Coalition on 21% and One Nation on 22% and Labor steady there has been a major transfer of votes from mostly the Coalition to One Nation.

Worse for the Coalition not only does Hanson get a higher net approval rating overall than Ley at -22%, but 59% of Coalition voters approve of her (versus 11% for Ley) and only 19% disapprove (versus 63% for Ley). Coalition voters also think One Nation deserves to be in government before their own party. Only 16% of Coalition voters agree their side deserves to be in government versus 60% who disagree. 22% of Coalition voters agree One Nation deserves to be in government versus 54% who disagree.

Overall, Labor wins the contest of who deserves to win an election with a net of -7% agreeing they do. One Nation is on -44% and the Liberals on -80%.

Of course we don't know how the change of Liberal leadership will be read by the electorate, but it is easy to see why the party room moved on Ms Ley.

Analysing elections on the basis of the two-party preferred vote in this situation becomes complicated because you aren't really sure which two parties are going to be left at the end of the day, and it will vary depending on which electorates you are looking at.

So we did two 2PP analyses – one with the Coalition versus Labor and one with One Nation versus Labor. Labor won against the Coalition by 54% to 46%, but by 56% to 44% against One Nation. If One Nation stays ahead of the Coalition, Labor’s job gets 2% easier – a huge margin in federal elections.

I don’t think anyone has seen this sort of dynamic in elections since the DLP split in the ALP in 1957, which arguably kept Labor out of power for 15 years. Albanese has got very lucky. Of course it’s not the same, because the DLP funnelled second preferences to the Coalition, but One Nation at the moment could even supplant the Liberal Party.

According to our polling voters are looking for stability, and with One Nation and the Coalition level pegging, or One Nation in front, the centre right doesn’t look like stable whereas Labor does, a sentiment which is expressed by many Labor voters.

When we look at the quals there is also a lot of hatred of One Nation with supporters being described as “racists”, “stupid” and “bigoted” by left-of-centre voters. The party is also unsettling to swinging voters, increasing the chances of them directing their first preference to Labor or Greens and away from the Liberal party if it has an association with One Nation.

Climate change disappeared as an issue during the federal election, mostly because the argument was over technology – nuclear versus wind and solar - rather than whether it was real. It is back in this sample and most likely to be associated with Greens. Greens and ALP voters are also worried there is a rise in fascism and racism, and inequalities in wealth. This is tangled-up with concerns about the USA, which is almost the only time foreign affairs was mentioned by any group.

Conservative voters are worried about cost of living, inflation, debt, spending and productivity, values and social cohesion. Immigration is the word most closely associated with them,

Control is also a key word – as in the government has lost control – for Coalition voters and it is closely clustered with economic and practical issues.

Labor, Coalition, and minor right wing party voters are all concerned about the economy, although Labor voters think it is generally going well, while those on the right think it is going poorly. The middle ground is filled with the issues of energy, power and housing, which is where you would expect the political debate to concentrate.

The Liberals have now changed leader, so that makes some of this analysis irrelevant, but at a deeper level nothing has changed. The centre and right votes have split because Liberal voters recognise more Liberal values in One Nation than the party they have an historical tribal allegiance to - the Liberals. This can’t be clawed back easily and has been in the making a long time.

The split, where the vote is shared with a party many Australians viscerally hate, also makes the first preference vote for the Liberal Party difficult if the only way they could feasibly come to government is in some sort of an arrangement with that party.

Labor’s vote might be “wide but shallow”, but it is hard to see it evaporating or being breached under the current voting split on the right. It’s not really anything that Labor has done either, it is a development caused by strategically inept Liberal and National parties losing support to a party that says what a lot of voters want to hear and has been consistently saying that for 30 years.

Details

1. As a result of the historically high polling by One Nation we have done two two-party-preferred distributions – one with Labor against the Coalition, and the other with Labor against One Nation. After adjusting our sample to represent first preference voting intentions as predicted by the most recent Newspoll, our two-party result Labor against Coalition was 54% Labor versus 46% Coalition, while our two-party preferred results One Nation against Labor was Labor 56% versus One Nation 44%. This indicates Labor will gain a slight edge in those electorates where One Nation is the major non-Labor Party.
2. When asked how they voted last election our respondents give answers that line-up closely to the actual result, confirming the robustness of our methodology, but also that most of the One Nation vote has come from the Liberal Party. Labor's first preference vote is essentially unchanged while the Coalition vote has dropped 12 percentage points and One Nation has increased by 14 percentage points.
3. A cross tab of voting intentions now, versus actual votes last election, shows that the growth in One Nation has been almost entirely at the expense of the Liberal Party.
4. Only 30 per cent of voters thinks the country is heading in the right direction while 60% disagrees. ALP voters are 75% likely to agree in this sample, which is a 5% decline since last election, while all other groups have more disagreeing than agreeing. There has been a hardening in negativity for Greens and Nationalists, while there has been a softening amongst Coalition supporters. It's possible this is because the most unhappy Coalition voters have decamped to One Nation.
5. Anthony Albanese has approval of a net -19%, virtually unchanged since the last election. Amongst voting blocs he has deteriorated from net 22% with Greens to -17%. He's still in positive territory with Cosmopolitans, but with a decrease from net 29% to 12%.
6. Net -7% of voters think Labor has done enough to deserve to be re-elected, so similar to last election. He is strongly supported by Cosmopolitans (net 39%), and less strongly by Greens (net 20%).
7. Sussan Ley's approval figures go a long way to explaining why she lost the leadership. Her net approval is -58% with only 7% approving of her leadership. Out of Coalition voters that figure is 11%, the same percentage as that of Labor voters who approve of her. In fact she gets a better net score from Labor voters than Coalition voters. She has 1% approval amongst One Nation voters and 86% disapproval.
8. On the question of whether the Opposition deserves to be elected as the government every single tribe says no. 96% of Labor voters, 60% of Coalition voters, 96% of Cosmopolitans, 93% of Greens, 93% of Nationalists and 83% of One Nation.
9. Pauline Hanson's approval figures are significantly better than Leys, but behind Albanese's. Her overall net figure is -22%, which includes +40% of Coalition voters and +91% of One Nation voters. ALP and Greens voters are almost 100% opposed.
10. On the question of whether One Nation deserves to form government, while the figure, at -44% net is better than the Coalition's net -80% it is still well-behind Labor's -7%. While Coalition voters approve of the job that Pauline Hanson is doing, they do not think her party is ready for government with a net -31% figure.

11. Anthony Albanese is preferred Prime Minister with 55% of the vote, statistically indistinguishable from his result at the last election of 57%. Hanson has 21% of the vote and Ley 8%. Of Coalition voters 38% would vote for Sussan Ley, 18% for Pauline Hanson, and 44% are unsure. Another pointer to Sussan Ley's fate.

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Quantitative Analysis

If a federal election were to be held next weekend, which of the following parties would receive your first preference in the House of Representatives?

Tribe	
ALP	32%
Coalition	21%
Cosmopolitan	8%
Grns	12%
Nationalist	5%
ON	22%
Grand Total	100%

n=637

This table shows how our respondents were distributed. They are grouped into “tribes” so that they are in sufficient numbers to be analysed. ALP is all ALP voters, Coalition is a mix of Liberal, Liberal National, and National voters. Greens are the Greens voters, and One Nation, the One Nation voters. Cosmopolitans are left-leaning voters who are not ALP or Greens, and Nationalists are right-leaning voters who are not Coalition of One Nation.

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

Tribe	Respondents	Election 2025 ¹
ALP	34%	35%
Coalition	33%	32%
Cosmopolitan	7%	7%
Grns	12%	12%
Nationalist	2%	5%
ON	8%	6%
Other	3%	3%
Grand Total	100%	100%

^{1.} Source AEC

n=637

This table tends to show the robustness of our method as it yields a statistically equal result to the votes cast at the last federal election.

Cross tab between first preference vote in 2025 election and first preference vote in January 2026

Row Labels	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Other	Grand Total
ALP	86%	1%	18%	11%	0%	0%	5%	33%
Coalition	1%	57%	2%	0%	0%	10%	16%	21%
Cosmopolitan	6%	0%	62%	8%	7%	0%	16%	8%
Grns	5%	0%	13%	79%	0%	0%	0%	12%
Nationalist	0%	3%	4%	0%	47%	6%	47%	5%
ON	1%	38%	0%	1%	47%	85%	16%	22%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Almost all of the decrease in the Coalition vote has gone to One Nation, along with half the Nationalist vote. There has been some small movement out of One Nation to the Coalition, and also to other Nationalist parties.

Thinking about Australian House of Representatives elections in general, for which party do you normally vote?

Tribe	
ALP	33%
Coalition	42%
Cosmopolitan	5%
Grns	14%
Nationalist	3%
ON	4%
Grand Total	100%

n=637

This table shows how the increase in the One Nation vote has been largely at the expense of the Coalition.

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

With One Nation polling at a similar, or better, level to the Coalition the old two-party-preferred way of looking at elections is not relevant. So we asked respondents to distribute preferences when the choice in a seat or the election is between Labor and the Coalition, and also when the choice is between Labor and One Nation. We did not do the same thing for the Greens as Labor is comfortable ahead of them, although there is a handful of seats where this could be relevant.

Row Labels	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
ALP	96%	1%	94%	99%	18%	2%	54%
LP	4%	99%	6%	1%	82%	98%	46%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=637

Row Labels	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
ALP	99%	12%	98%	100%	17%	0%	56%
ON	1%	88%	2%	0%	83%	100%	44%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=637

This indicates that Labor gains a small benefit in the final preference count if the Coalition goes out before One Nation, which will make the difference in some seats if One Nation continues to poll at this level.

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

Agree/Disagree	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Strongly agree	14%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	5%
Agree	61%	2%	21%	23%	3%	1%	25%
Neutral	11%	2%	29%	18%	7%	1%	9%
Disagree	11%	19%	29%	31%	13%	9%	16%
Strongly Disagree	0%	76%	19%	25%	73%	89%	44%
Unsure	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	75%	3%	21%	25%	7%	1%	30%
Total disagree	12%	95%	48%	56%	87%	98%	60%
Net agree	63%	-92%	-27%	-31%	-80%	-96%	-30%

n=673

Broadly speaking Labor voters are comfortable with the direction of the country while everyone else is unhappy. One thing that is striking is that at the last election Labor voters were net 76% happy with the direction of the country, whereas now it is only net 63%. This reflects a drop in those agreeing the country is heading in the right direction from 81% to 75% and an increase in disagreement from 5% to 12%. Total net agreement has also moved from -14% to -30%.

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

Approve/Disapprove	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Strongly approve	27%	0%	2%	3%	0%	0%	9%
Approve	57%	2%	37%	30%	4%	1%	26%
Neutral	12%	0%	33%	17%	11%	2%	10%
Disapprove	4%	12%	12%	30%	4%	4%	9%
Strongly disapprove	0%	86%	16%	20%	82%	93%	45%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	84%	2%	39%	33%	4%	1%	35%
Total disapprove	4%	98%	27%	50%	86%	97%	55%
Net approve	80%	-95%	12%	-17%	-82%	-96%	-19%

n=673

This net figure is similar to PM Albanese's results at the beginning of last year's election which was -- 20%, and much worse than his figure at the end of last year's election campaign which was -6%. Labor voters strongly approve, but not as strongly as Coalition voters disapprove. The only other group that approves is Cosmopolitans. One Nation supporters strongly disapprove while Nationalists are the mirror image of Labor supporters. Greens also have a net disapproval, with actual disapproval at 50%

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?

Agree/Disagree	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Strongly agree	44%	0%	8%	9%	7%	1%	17%
Agree	49%	4%	49%	38%	4%	0%	26%
Neutral	5%	2%	25%	21%	11%	3%	8%
Disagree	1%	12%	6%	13%	0%	4%	6%
Strongly Disagree	0%	83%	12%	14%	79%	93%	44%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	93%	4%	57%	47%	11%	1%	42%
Total disagree	2%	95%	18%	28%	79%	96%	50%
Net agree	91%	-91%	39%	20%	-68%	-96%	-7%

n=673

On balance respondents did not agree the federal government has done enough to be re-elected.

There has been no statistically significant change in these figures since the last election for the whole sample when it was -11%. ALP and Coalition voters are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction. One Nation voters are the most emphatic in disagreement, while Cosmopolitans and Greens agree to a significant degree. However the Cosmopolitan and Greens vote has become less accommodating of the government since the 2025 election.

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

Approve/Disapprove	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Strongly approve	1%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Approve	10%	6%	6%	8%	0%	1%	6%
Neutral	40%	23%	29%	24%	11%	12%	26%
Disapprove	21%	43%	24%	17%	32%	32%	28%
Strongly disapprove	27%	20%	39%	50%	57%	54%	37%
Unsure	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	11%	11%	6%	8%	0%	1%	7%
Total disapprove	48%	63%	63%	67%	89%	86%	65%
Net approve	-37%	-52%	-57%	-59%	-89%	-85%	-58%

n=673

At the end of the 2025 election Peter Dutton had a net approval of -42%. Sussan Ley is significantly worse. But the composition is quite different. Dutton had the same total disapproval of 65%, but only 10% were neutral and 24% approved. He commanded support from Coalition voters, whereas in this sample they disapprove of Ley. Labor voters strongly disapproved of Dutton, while in this sample 40% are neutral. Dutton also had support from Nationalists (which at that time in our methodology included One Nation).

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?

Agree/Disagree	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Strongly agree	1%	5%	2%	3%	0%	1%	2%
Agree	0%	11%	2%	0%	4%	1%	3%
Neutral	2%	21%	0%	3%	4%	13%	8%
Disagree	10%	39%	16%	3%	29%	31%	21%
Strongly Disagree	86%	21%	80%	91%	64%	53%	64%
Unsure	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	1%	16%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%
Total disagree	96%	60%	96%	93%	93%	83%	85%
Net agree	-95%	-44%	-92%	-91%	-89%	-80%	-80%

n=673

It is very rare to find the supporters of a party agreeing that their party doesn't deserve to be elected as the government, but 60% of Coalition voters think this compared to only 16% who disagree.

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of One Nation Leader Pauline Hanson, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

Approve/Disapprove	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Strongly approve	0%	18%	0%	1%	11%	66%	19%
Approve	0%	41%	2%	1%	39%	26%	16%
Neutral	3%	21%	0%	0%	21%	7%	8%
Disapprove	6%	10%	12%	5%	11%	1%	6%
Strongly disapprove	90%	9%	86%	92%	18%	0%	50%
Unsure	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	0%	59%	2%	3%	50%	92%	35%
Total disapprove	96%	19%	98%	97%	29%	1%	57%
Net approve	-96%	40%	-96%	-95%	21%	91%	-22%

Pauline Hanson also has a net negative approval rating, but 59% of Coalition voters approve of her, not much less than the 63% who disapprove of Sussan Ley. Hanson also gets strong approval from One Nation voters, and fair support from Nationalists. ALP, Greens and Cosmopolitans all strongly disapprove.

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

Agree/Disagree	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Strongly agree	0%	6%	0%	0%	11%	43%	11%
Agree	0%	16%	0%	0%	32%	33%	12%
Neutral	0%	20%	0%	1%	18%	18%	9%
Disagree	5%	28%	6%	0%	18%	5%	10%
Strongly Disagree	94%	25%	94%	99%	21%	0%	57%
Unsure	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	0%	22%	0%	0%	43%	76%	23%
Total disagree	99%	54%	100%	99%	39%	5%	67%
Net agree	-99%	-31%	-100%	-99%	4%	71%	-44%

n=673

The most significant thing in these numbers is that One Nation gets a better rating as a government in waiting than the Coalition - -44% versus -80%. Again Coalition voters favour ON over their own party, but on balance do not believe One Nation is ready for government. While they approve of the job that Pauline Hanson is doing, they do not think her party is ready for government. One Nation voters are fairly strongly supportive, but 18% are neutral, again a danger signal for the third party.

Who is your preferred prime minister?

Row Labels	ALP	Coalition	Cosmopolitan	Grns	Nationalist	ON	Grand Total
Anthony Albanese	99%	0%	87%	91%	17%	1%	55%
Pauline Hanson	0%	18%	0%	0%	39%	78%	21%
Sussan Ley	0%	38%	4%	0%	0%	1%	8%
Unsure	0%	44%	9%	9%	43%	20%	16%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=673

This is essentially a stable result for Albanese, down only 2 percentage points since the federal election. Unsure has grown from 5% to 16%. While Dutton had 38% support for PM, Ley has only 8%. Pauline Hanson was not measured on our previous survey.

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.

Verbatims

In most cases I think we are, but there are several areas that I believe we can do better in: - Pushing back against Israel's Zionist agenda - including reducing the influence of the Zionist lobby within Australia - Expressing our disapproval of Trump's domestic and foreign policy decisions, and reducing our reliance on the USA with regards to trade and defense - I am concerned about the role of Oil, gas and coal in our power mix. - I am concerned about the lack of action by the government regarding the royalty free nature of our arrangements with foreign companies - I am disturbed about the excessive focus on the attack at Bondi, while the bomb attack on the Invasion Day march in WA has been basically ignored, in part because 1st nations people have a higher representation in Australian population than dual-citizen Israelis - I don't have visibility of the actions against white-nationalist individuals, not.

Out of control debt, persistent inflation, green tape, red tape, black tape, ridiculously high immigration, unaffordable housing, a weak military, egregiously high energy prices & energy insecurity, lack of infrastructure (eg dams, hospitals, schools), climate change dogma, too many people dependant on the government and a lazy & compliant media.

Despite the government having a majority, a mandate to act, and no effective opposition, they remain timid and unwilling to make decisions that might be unpopular with part of the electorate and the Murdoch press. Among other things: - not doing enough on climate change adaptation and mitigation - acting in the short-term interest of business - being too much influenced by certain lobby groups - not addressing the housing shortage in any meaningful way (I mean addressing negative gearing etc) - not collecting enough tax revenue from hugely profitable (fossil fuel) businesses - not addressing Australia's woeful economic diversity

reckless and deliberately misinformed (climate alarmism ideology) approach to the electricity market and power infrastructure governments who overspend and drain us with long term debt and do not promote and support private productivity initiatives eg burden on businesses by cost of power. governments who keep passing laws that erode the rights of parents and children women and girls and people want to voice an honest opinion a neglect of the regions mass immigration of people from low trust cultures that erode our previous high trust aussie culture

Federal and State Governments are spending too much, contributing to inflation, increasing sovereign debt to levels that will lead to lower standards of living, employing an ever increasing proportion of the Australian workforce thus reducing productivity, providing too large and too wide a range of benefits, failing to means test financial support that should be reined in and given to the genuinely needy, and failing on immigration where skills needed. in Australia should be the basic criteria for entry and those threatening security and community cohesion excluded.

Despite shortcomings in student visa control, miserable financial support for universities, unthinking money dump on hospitals, education systems that reward parroting not original thought, massive miscalculations in defence policy and

expenditures, the isolated bubble mentality in Canberra bureaucrats, the terrible choices facing the elderly and their families, the continuing NDIS distortions, and plenty of other areas, this is still the best country. in the world to live in.

We have a bunch of mindless bureaucrats who are hell bent on making Australia a third world country by their renewables and climate change religion. We are increasingly under surveillance and the government is trying to remove all privacy and right to free speech through things like digital id, "hate" (??) speech laws and being bound by pandemic treaties with the WHO.

What direction are we heading in? Smaller private sector, larger public sector, financially biased towards asset owners, housing prices detached from reasonable income multiples, all cultures exalted bar British/European, the nation splintering relentlessly into evermore groupings many based on immutable characteristics rather than love of Australia, ceaseless legislation, antagonism towards business owners/operators, disagreement replaced by abuse and so many more.

I think the over-arching issue is dealing with climate change, because extreme weather events are increasing, and the destruction of the country, and communities cannot be restored; people cannot find insurers for their properties or the premium are so exorbitant, so lives are being destroyed as well. But perhaps because these events occur in regional or remote areas, the seriousness is not understood by the majority of voters.

Lack of meaningful reform (labour productivity, GST reform, green tape, red tape, taxing overseas companies, energy security and lowering costs, inflation/government overspending) that will benefit all Australians in the long term, as opposed to policies only benefiting vested interests with the Governments.

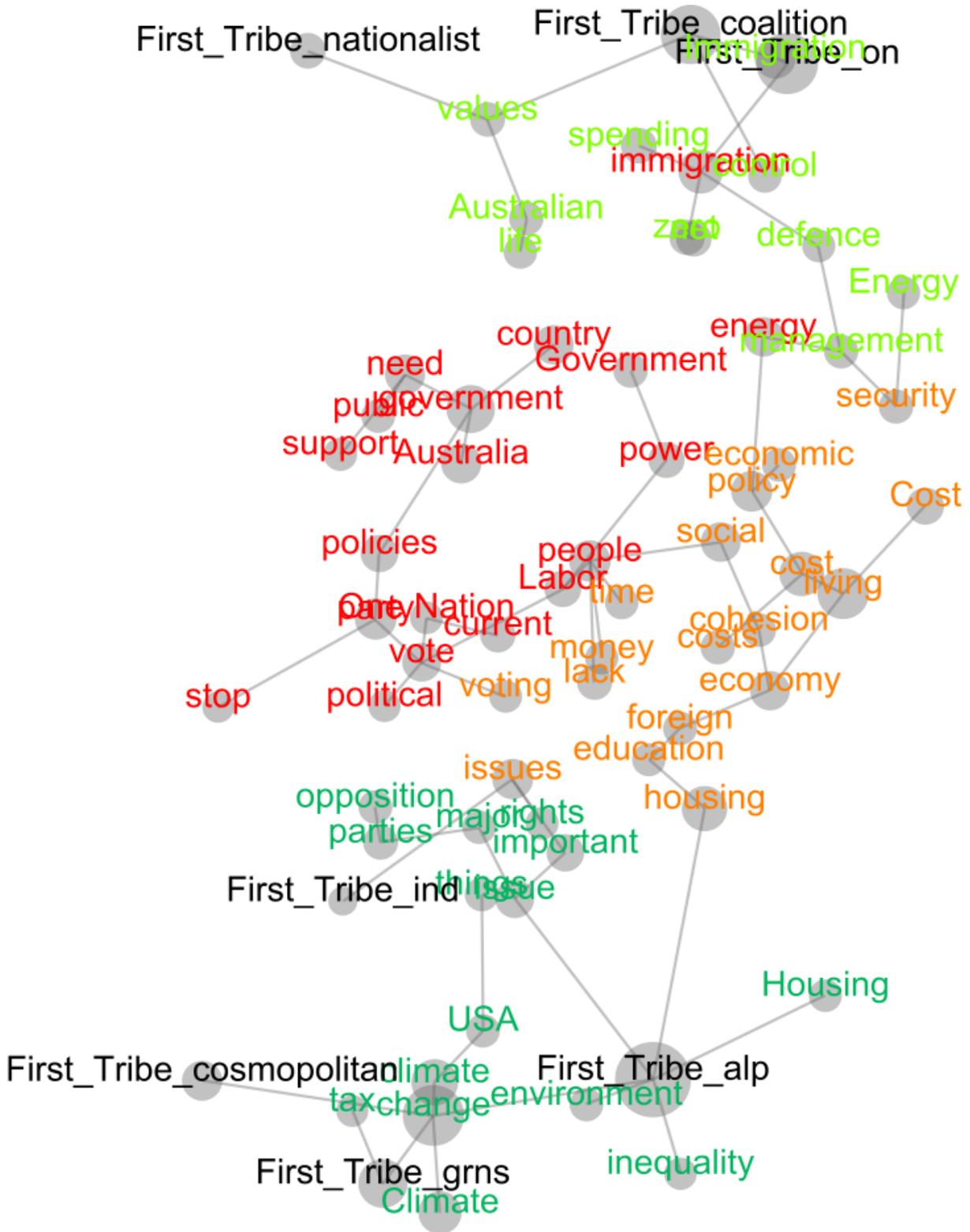
I think there's a crisis around understanding how people are actually formed... and that you can't just "let people in" and assume that they will adopt Australian values... similarly that the school system is forming people in a way that they are a ticking time bomb for social unrest. Our country is in such a precarious state... and then you layer on the antisemitism / recent incident in Sydney and the government's unreflective and reactionary legislation and it's deeply scary.

Probably lack of affordable housing for the most disadvantaged and while it doesn't affect us personally it's hard to see people living in tents up this way (Maleny) and not feel guilty (and pretty angry) with the lack of action. I don't care which party is in power, they're not really listening AND saying that 'things will be better by 2032' just isn't acceptable.

As usual, I'd be hard pressed to list issues in order. Dealing with climate change; providing affordable housing; developing a sane water policy, putting more money and research into science and education....

Again, very difficult to pick on one. But high up there are Climate change Being held to ransom by giant companies who bleed taxpayers money that should go to benefit ordinary people Connected to this, cost of living crisis which creates more and more trauma

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



Verbatims

This present Government has improved many things for MOST Australia residents .. higher wages; lower inflation; progress on rights for minorities, more globally

diverse economy, improved relationships with Pacific Islander Nations and improved trade with Asia and less reliance on the USA ... which has NEVER been united by the way and is becoming less SANE The Coalition is a disaster so can't hope them to be effective as they seem more interested in themselves than anything else; Pauline Hanson party seems to only attract cranky, belligerent members, and the Greens are finally re-positioning themselves to be an effective opposition and an effective Political party .. but it will take time! So on with the present mob .. the Treasury makes sense when he talks; The PM seems bent on trying to get the BEST from us , not the WORST .. and of course there is Climate Change!

Lack of action on the climate crisis. not only are opposition parties in disarray, but the govt. party, despite huge political capital being available , is pathetically weak. Not doing the job of representing progressive australians on climate, on gambling, on continuing cruelty to asylum seekers, being weak about Palestine, refusing to use the word "genocide" and pandering to the Zionist lobby., not even explaining to the public the idfference between antisemitism, and being opposed to the Israeli government.

Heading to disaster as a result of grossly excessive Government spending to buy votes, the emphasis on net zero in energy restricted to "renewables" in spite of the terminal unreliability and short life, utterly incompetent Government pushing unviable industries, subsidies for energy intensive industries as a result of "Net Zero". Failure to control aggressive "Protests" especially anti-semitic activities to the level of slaughter.

A commitment by the major parties vying for governing rights for (more) ambitious (and well described and costed) plans for addressing climate change, the cost of living and the cost and availability of housing. More than lip-service concern for the environment is also of paramount importance

Most important issues should a federal election be called next week would be coordinated (state and federal unity) action against radical ideology (championing the values which make Australia such a great place to live) followed by reform in our education system, and reducing the number of public servants / grants that siphon so many millions from our tax revenue each year.

The state of the economy and we would still vote Labor because even though they have made mistakes like AUKUS the Coalition are a far worse alternative in every way...health, housing, social cohesion, foreign policy, education and social security

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Because Pauline Hanson has never wavered from her support of the concerns of average Australians and has shown more courage and integrity than most politicians. If the Liberal party had been strong and proved itself to be an effective, conservative opposition, they would have been an automatic choice, but they keep imploding and seem to have no unified stance on any issues.

Because of what the NSW LABOR GOVT has just passed which removes payments for genuinely injured workers often NSW PUBLIC SERVANTS ie their own employees I will never again vote Nsw or Federal Labor. I will be voting green - as the NSW greens have been the only electoral party - not even the shooters and fishers or one nation has helped stop these laws only the NSW greens - because to quote Bob brown They are the only party keeping the elected officials HONEST

I used to be a greens voter however I feel as if they have betrayed the environment by diversifying into various other social imperatives which while significant do not represent the same existential threat that climate change does. Covering so many diverse issues dilutes messaging on the environment, And they now come across as self righteous, smug and exclusionary.

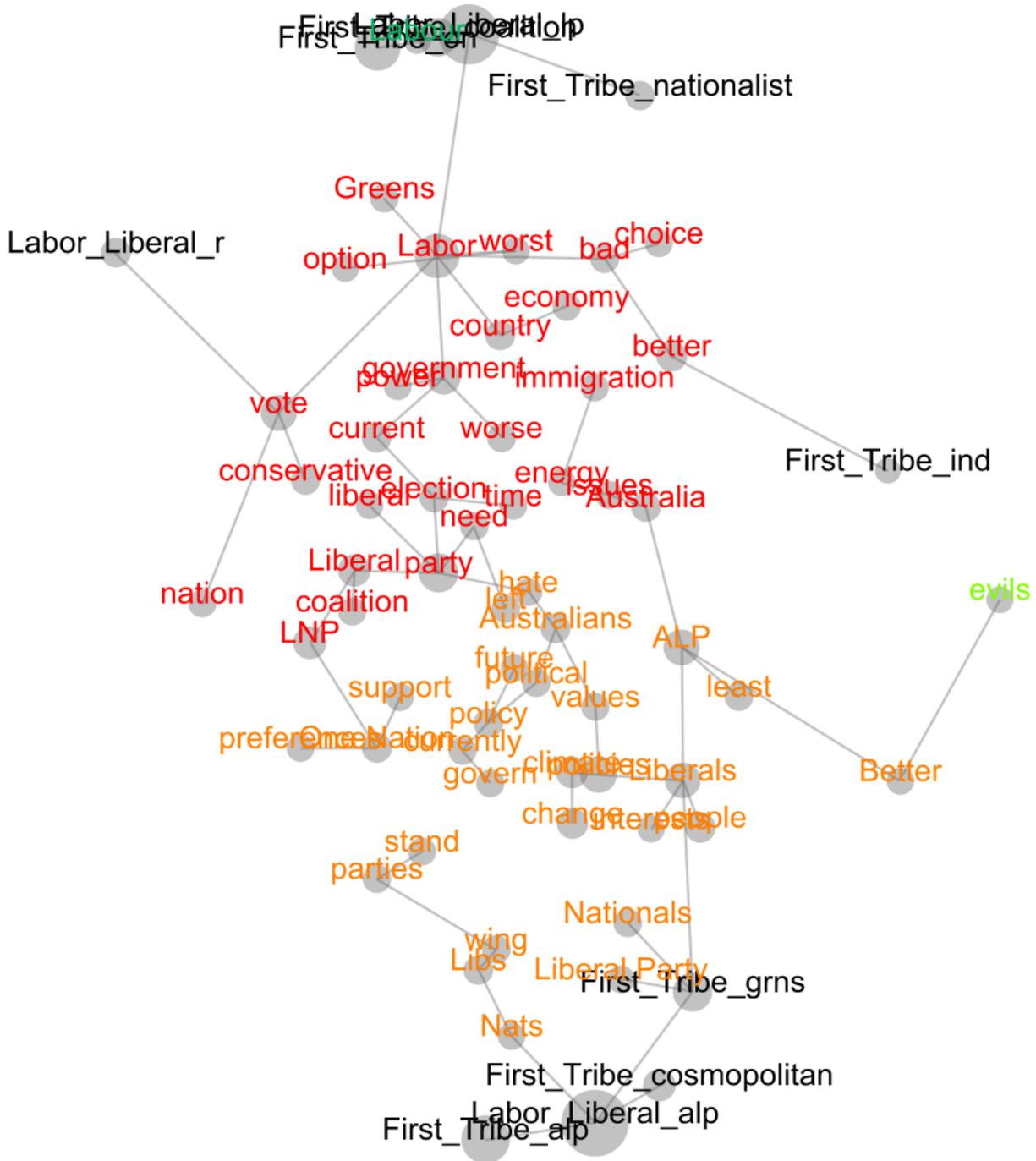
I've voted Liberal upto 2019, however, when Morrison decided he stood for forced vaccination, closing down Australia, wasting so much money on Covid handouts resulting in excessive inflation, there was no way I could put them 1st preference, however, I couldn't put the socialist Labor or Green ahead, so I had to find conservative parties that generally had conservative policies, so I preferenced those first then Liberal then the rest

At the moment, under Albanese, the ALP is demonstrating values that align closer to my own. We need at this time to keep a major party at the helm to avoid the sectional interests of the minor parties.

The conservative parties in Australia need to get back to their core values. I'll always preference them above the left leaning parties, but those parties that stand up unapologetically for Australian values will get my first vote.

I think Labor is managing the country well at the moment, inflation down from 6% under the Liberals and they haven't contributed significantly to the 700 odd billion the Coalition ran up over a decade, also Labor more likely to protect Medicare and PBS medicines.

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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Albanese and the extreme socialist policies of the Labor party, U16 ban, hate speech laws with prison for saying words that may offend someone, censorship to prevent proper political and other discourse, climate cultism driving prices of energy to unsustainable levels, excessive immigration driving prices of housing up and up, and immigration not consistent with Australian values, creating division in every area of the community whether with First Nations people, Islamic and

Jewish community and Australians in general. It is absolutely the worst government and the worst PM, far worse than even Whitlam.

ALP is a functional party, has competent hard working people, and the Liberal National party is a shambles with no people of talent that I can see. Labor works for the people, works towards better health care and education for the people, thereby enriching Australia as a whole and ensuring a better future - whereas the Liberal National party works for Big Business and religious/extremist groups working toward privatisation and destroying democracy/towards a theocratic oligarchy, thereby enriching further the already rich, and impoverishing the majority of Australians, and weakening Australia's capacity and stability.

Labor is frustrating me - the caving to the anti-Palestinian lobbyists, the lack of a Royal Commission into Media Ownership (despite so many Australians asking for one), and the sluggish transition away from fossil fuels which is not treating climate change with the urgency it needs. However, the Liberal party have shown themselves to be nothing but political opportunists.

As disappointing as the Liberals currently are, one hopes they will move away from being the "uniparty" and take strong action on the five main policy issues facing Australia - energy, immigration, housing, defence and education of the next generation. If they adopt policy differentiation in these areas, and run a decent campaign, they would win the next election.

The ALP is too driven by socialistic ideals that has destroyed much of the Australian way of life. I do not agree with their energy policy driven by climate change rubbish nor do I agree with their immigration policy that is stifling the country with a flood of people that do not subscribe to an Australian way of life.

I could not in good conscience ever vote for a conservative government. Nor could I ever support the right wing nationalist nazi sympathising populism of one nation and would actively and strategically vote to divert preferences away from them.

I'm slightly to the right on economic issues, a bit more left on social issues, so I'm a moderate leftie, I have swung a few times, the current opposition are not fit to govern, the Libs need to stop being led by the Nats and be true Liberals

Labour have show themselves to be willing to shut down free speech in many areas so they can keep the narrative they want heard, they also are completely beholden to ideologies and not practicalities or other information which points to fallacies in their ideological policies and practices. The labour party does not allow their members to cross the floor on issues - this is very undemocratic and does not allow the people of their electorate any say - the say goes to the ideologically driven party machine.

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

The Labor party is more focused on maintaining its power than with running the country. Most of its MPs have been involved in unions for most of their lives with the result they are good at gang tactics to protect sectional interests but have difficulty envisaging how to run the nation.

One Nation are the party I despise the most, they are racist, thrive on hate, they are dumb, I invited Hanson to be guest speaker at my Rotary club, I couldn't believe how dumb she was That's a long time ago, when she first got in, I'm ashamed to admit I voted for her, never again.

One Nation, like the LNP, has no policy platform. It is a party of protest; a receptacle outfit for collecting all the gripes and dissatisfactions of those who consider that their interests are not adequately served by the government in power.

In my mind, I'm selecting the lesser of two evils. While One Nation is an untried organisation of that scale, it would have an untested group of politicians, and yet to be constructed organisation to support a party in government, it is still a better option than the current Australian Labor Party, where the leadership is weak, the direction is untenable, and the future is bleak.

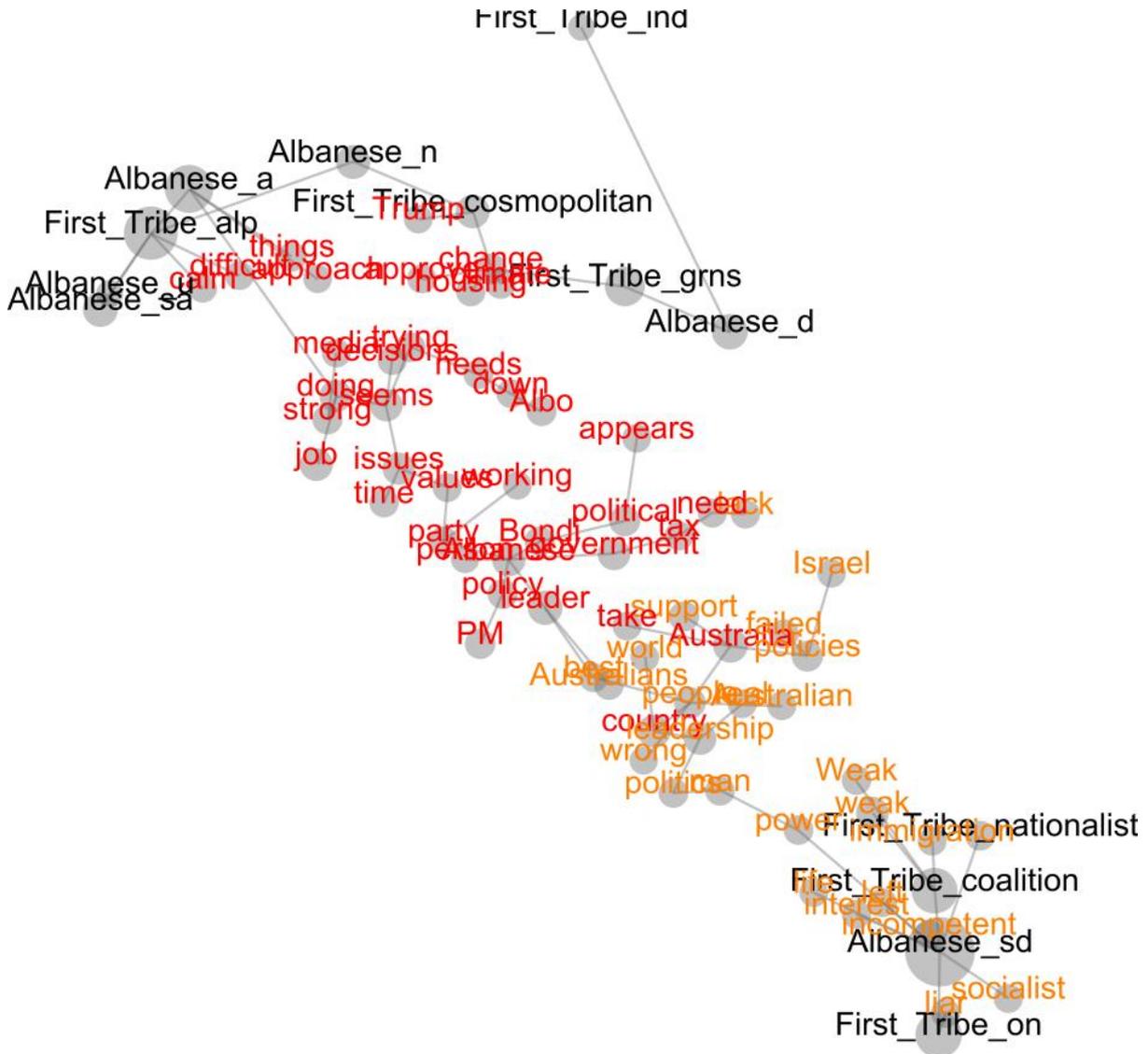
One nation just isn't an option - the party's underlying driver - xenophobia, racism, anti-immigration, etc cobbles together a weak coalition of voters who are all angry about something, supporting a party which rarely has any clear policies for government that they could ever agree on, implement... Once they try to get down to details, that's when the sparks fly and the voters go elsewhere

I do not support one nation but they align with my values better than Labor does and plus I do like some of One Nations policies such as income splitting, dropping net zero and halving the fuel excise,

Same as Answer 2 above One Nation are not a genuine political party in that they rely solely on grievance and division to foster a popular vote. They have no formal Party structure and they have no suite of policies.

While neither of the major parties get my primary vote - mostly based on their position on offshore detention and the absolute cruelty that is - One Nation is too far right in their rhetoric and policy positions for me to even consider a little giving any preferences to them. I usually preference them last

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 is divisive and not worthy of being a leader as he has a cabinet of incompetent ministers who have little skill in business and economics and keep wasting our tax on low need projects instead of helping build our nation with a wise strategy that delivers to the benefit of many not the few. the government and its departments have grown too big when we need to see business enterprise grow. The PM has failed western civilization in his lack of support for Israel and Jewish Australians.

I would rather have had an option of approve and disapprove - it's too complicated for here. I have liked the wave of "I stand with Albo" against hate, division, the dangerous misrepresentations and ugliness of the rest of the political landscape (except greens and independents) - he has calm dignity but then again he's let us down on so many things / on Gaza on inviting a human rights abuser to

Australia on climate change on Palantir on transparency on rushed hate speech laws that protect primarily one minority community and silence the rest of.

I still approve of of the PM's performance generally, in the sense that there seems to be no other major party leader around, who expounds inclusive values, and speaks of working for all Australians. It seems to me that he is at least trying to deal with the big issues, whilst attending to the bread and butter ones across a range of society's sectors.

I think in many cases Albanese is trying to be a visionary leader. Unfortunately, unfortunately, depending on your position he still has to work within the confines of the government and the two party system and within a media bubble that seems incapable of reporting with any nuance

He is not representing what the people want, he is reacting in the wrong way (gun laws) rather than address the real issues, he is weak, he is not looking to the best interests of Australia. He does not have the support of the people, he is weak, he is useless, he is a liability, he is killing Australia.

Waste of tax payers money on a stupid and unnecessary Referendum which the States are going to implement now anyway (at least in SA), so it will go against the voters decision. Not willing to take any hard stance on ANYTHING that matters, instead is more pre-occupied with immigrant vote-stacking and appease their vote-as-one mentality to remain in power at the next election, all while selling out hard working Australians.

Albanese pretends to care about the plight of young Australian families, while importing record numbers of immigrants to protect GDP for political reasons, who compete with young families just wanting to buy a home and start a family, and destroy the prospects of native Australians in their own country

I find, while respecting the office of Prime Minister, the present incumbent is a non-principled man in many ways, except the principle of power and government at any price. It seems the well-being and future of the country, and its past history are not really advocated and implemented in a practical and meaningful way.

Vacillating position on almost everything until "public outcry" becomes too much to bear seems to be the manifesto for the Prime Minister. Recognize a Palestinian State where no such entity has ever existed while trashing the relationship with the government of Israel while simultaneously failing to address the persecution of the Jewish community in this country demonstrates weakness rather than strength.

However, I think a strong opposition is fundamentally good for democracy and therefore the current weakness of the liberal party is bad for all of us- But good for one nation apparently.

If the Liberal/National Party want to win an election they must find a suitable candidate that not only will be a strong leader with solid and effective policies but that person must have an appealing personality, unfortunately Peter Dutton did not have that and should not have lead the party to an election.

Unfortunately, Ley mostly does not have any cut-through and usually comes across as weak. The Liberals need a strong conservative to lead the party, to give it product differentiation - instead of a leader who is only there because of her gender

Labor WILL win the next election, but that is really because Liberal and Nationals and one Nation are committing suicide and all fighting for a small right wing vote. IF another party becomes a viable alternative, then labor can be in trouble.

The opposition leader has a difficult job, obviously. I disapprove because she hasn't held the coalition together, hasn't brought any realistic alternative policies and I think has done a generally bad job of holding the government to account.

She is a woman. No male politician sees her as a viable leader because the coalition does not believe women should hold any jobs of any value in the community they should just stay at home and have kids and when they overthrow her with YET ANOTHER CRAPPY BLOKE it will only prove they dont see women in this country as their equals.

progressive urban city areas of Melbourne and Sydney) to become a credible political leader in this multicultural nation.

Pauline has a track record of poor decisions badly judged statements, despicable stunts and leading a party that always seems to self implode shortly after any time when it sees a surge in support or seats won. A legacy of famous recruits abandoning ship because they cant get on with Pauline!

Pauline Hanson is populist and racist and disrespectful to the broad variety is Australia. She is voicing the opinion of a minority (I hope) - despite all the recent discussion about the polls pointing to One Nation having some sort of chance at being electable in the lower house.

The Liberal Party, Australia wide has done nothing but squabble internally, without showing any real opposition to the worst Labor governments in our history, losing winnable elections and enabling the labor party to go unchallenged. Pauline Hanson is leading from the front and now, more and more quality people are joining her, as they realise her stance is justified.

I think she has done very well as a consistent political leader and has some policies that are popular with huge proportions of the voting public but the mainstream parties decide is politically correct and tried to suppress her for years. Her policies on health, energy, the environment and immigration deserve to be represented politically.

She is the one leader who is consistent in her drive to acknowledge all Australians are one and those who don't fit in- won't work, preach hate, live off the system should return to their country. Very few are true refugees, many are economic refugees only and many more are here to spread hate and ultimately have a Sharia state.

She is a terrible, inhumane person who uses fear and bigotry rather than actual sound policies or rational thought. Secondly, it is my understanding that those who are considering changing their votes to One Nation are doing so despite Pauline being the leader, not because they like her or consider her to be a good leader.

O.N. is essentially a protest party. But, they are at least holding to what most would recognise as core conservative beliefs and policy settings around issues such as energy policy and liberties such as the right to freedom of expression.

Pauline Hanson has an innate ability to keep specific political issues on the agenda. Pauline is polarising, controversial, and not necessarily articulate in her commentary, both in and out of parliament.

Clear consistent policy and messaging, gaining credibility in the face of the official oppositions void in parliament where the libs are too busy focused on internal squabbles and not doing the job of an opposition party

One Nation is a party which exists to promote racism, scapegoating all those who are not Anglo-Celtic settlers in Australia. It would bring back the White Australia Policy if it could (though it appears to recognise this as not a possibility).

Even though Pauline isn't very bright, she did realise a long time ago that she could make a lot of money pandering to other equally stupid fascists. I'm more dissatisfied in that so many people would actually vote for her but then I should have realised that was a genuine possibility after what happened to The Voice

Her ability to ultimately lead a 'coalition of non-ALP political groups, is not yet either evident or assured. Like Ley, she may well be a 'stop gap', but in the meantime, when she addresses most issues of concern to many Australians, she will attract their support and votes.