

## Project Name

Essential Report Omnibus Poll

## General Project Details

Research Company	Essential Research
End client/Commissioned by	n/a
Project dates	See below
Australia Polling Council compliant	Yes

## Sample Details

Sample source	Online panel sample supplied by Qualtrics
Data collection	100% online
Sample size	See below
Target population	Australian residents aged 18+
Quotas	Representative of target population. Quotas applied for age, gender and location

## Weighting information

Weighting applied to final/published results	Yes
Weighting methodology	RIM and cell weighting
Weighting variables	Age/Gender/Location/Previous Vote (May 2022 Federal Election)
Weighting target source	ABS, AEC
Effective sample size	See below
Weighting efficiency	See below
Margin of Error (Effective sample size)	See below

## Question information

Statement randomisation	<p>Where respondents are required to provide ratings to a list of statements (or select from a list of other items) the statements (or other items) are randomised.</p> <p>For some surveys the statements/items are presented in 'carousel' format this means that the respondents can only see one statement/item at a time.</p> <p>To identify which questions are randomised look for the <b>RANDOMISE</b> instruction the questionnaire below.</p>
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## Individual Survey Details

Publication Date	Fieldwork Start Date	Fieldwork End Date	Target sample	Sample Size	Weighting efficiency	Effective Sample Size	Margin of Error
24-May-21	19-May-21	23-May-21	National	1,100	91%	1,006	±3.1%
07-Jun-21	02-Jun-21	06-Jun-21	National	1,104	92%	1,019	±3.1%
21-Jun-21	16-Jun-21	20-Jun-21	National	1,087	94%	1,017	±3.1%
06-Jul-21	30-Jun-21	04-Jul-21	National	1,099	90%	987	±3.1%
			NSW	553	98%	541	±4.2%
19-Jul-21	14-Jul-21	18-Jul-21	National	1,100	91%	1,004	±3.1%
03-Aug-21	28-Jul-21	01-Aug-21	National	1,098	96%	1,057	±3.0%
16-Aug-21	11-Aug-21	15-Aug-21	National	1,100	95%	1,049	±3.0%
30-Aug-21	25-Aug-21	29-Aug-21	National	1,100	93%	1,026	±3.1%
13-Sep-21	08-Sep-21	12-Sep-21	National	1,100	93%	1,023	±3.1%
27-Sep-21	22-Sep-21	26-Sep-21	National	1,094	94%	1,024	±3.1%
11-Oct-21	06-Oct-21	10-Oct-21	National	1,097	90%	987	±3.1%
25-Oct-21	20-Oct-21	24-Oct-21	National (with WA and SA boost)	1,781	63%	1,120	±2.9%
08-Nov-21	03-Nov-21	07-Nov-21	National	1,089	91%	991	±3.1%
22-Nov-21	17-Nov-21	21-Nov-21	National	1,095	92%	1,002	±3.1%
06-Dec-21	01-Dec-21	05-Dec-21	National	1,094	92%	1,010	±3.1%
13-Dec-21	08-Dec-21	13-Dec-21	National	1,095	90%	988	±3.1%



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25-Jan-22	20-Jan-22	23-Jan-22	National	1,062	94%	1,001	±3.1%
08-Feb-22	02-Feb-22	06-Feb-22	National	1,069	92%	985	±3.1%
22-Feb-22	16-Feb-22	21-Feb-22	National	1,089	93%	1,013	±3.1%
08-Mar-22	02-Mar-22	06-Mar-22	National	1,093	93%	1,020	±3.1%
22-Mar-22	17-Mar-22	20-Mar-22	National	1,091	92%	1,000	±3.1%
05-Apr-22	30-Mar-22	02-Apr-22	National	1,086	91%	984	±3.1%
20-Apr-22	14-Apr-22	19-Apr-22	National	1,052	92%	971	±3.1%
03-May-22	27-Apr-22	02-May-22	National	1,630	93%	1,508	±2.5%
18-May-22	11-May-22	17-May-22	National	1,599	91%	1,459	±2.6%
31-May-22	25-May-22	30-May-22	National	1,089	88%	958	±3.2%
15-Jun-22	08-Jun-22	12-Jun-22	National	1,087	88%	957	±3.2%
28-Jun-22	23-Jun-22	27-Jun-22	National	1,087	90%	974	±3.1%
			NSW	700	92%	641	±3.9%
12-Jul-22	07-Jul-22	11-Jul-22	National	1,097	94%	1,028	±3.1%
26-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	25-Jul-22	National	1,082	89%	961	±3.2%
09-Aug-22	03-Aug-22	07-Aug-22	National	1,075	87%	932	±3.2%
23-Aug-22	17-Aug-22	21-Aug-22	National	1,065	89%	947	±3.2%
06-Sep-22	31-Aug-22	04-Sep-22	National	1,070	90%	962	±3.2%
20-Sep-22	14-Sep-22	19-Sep-22	National	1,075	91%	982	±3.1%



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04-Oct-22	28-Sep-22	02-Oct-22	National	1,050	89%	929	±3.2%
18-Oct-22	11-Oct-22	16-Oct-22	National	1,122	88%	985	±3.1%
01-Nov-22	26-Oct-22	30-Oct-22	National	1,038	87%	907	±3.3%
15-Nov-22	09-Nov-22	14-Nov-22	National	1,035	87%	898	±3.3%
29-Nov-22	23-Nov-22	27-Nov-22	National	1,042	90%	934	±3.2%
13-Dec-22	07-Dec-22	11-Dec-22	National	1,042	87%	906	±3.3%
24-Jan-23	18-Jan-23	22-Jan-23	National	1,050	87%	911	±3.2%
07-Feb-23	01-Feb-23	06-Feb-23	National	1,000	87%	866	±3.3%
21-Feb-23	15-Feb-23	19-Feb-23	National	1,044	84%	877	±3.3%
07-Mar-23	01-Mar-23	05-Mar-23	National	1,141	88%	1005	±3.1%
21-Mar-23	15-Mar-23	20-Mar-23	National	1,124	89%	1004	±3.1%
			NSW	708	97%	686	±3.7%
04-Apr-23	29-Mar-23	02-Apr-23	National	1,133	86%	977	±3.1%
18-Apr-23	12-Apr-23	16-Apr-23	National	1,136	86%	983	±3.1%
02-May-23	26-Apr-23	30-Apr-23	National	1,130	88%	992	±3.1%
16-May-23	10-May-23	14-May-23	National	1,125	90%	1011	±3.1%
30-May-23	24-May-23	28-May-23	National	1,138	85%	970	±3.1%
13-Jun-23	07-Jun-23	11-Jun-23	National	1,123	86%	961	±3.2%
27-Jun-23	21-Jun-23	25-Jun-23	National	1,148	85%	972	±3.1%
11-Jul-23	05-Jul-23	09-Jul-23	National	2,248	86%	1,941	±2.1%



Publication Date	Fieldwork Start Date	Fieldwork End Date	Target sample	Sample Size	Weighting efficiency	Effective Sample Size	Margin of Error
25-Jul-23	19-Jul-23	23-Jul-23	National	1,150	86%	995	±3.1%
08-Aug-23	02-Aug-23	06-Aug-23	National	1,150	87%	1,004	±3.1%
22-Aug-23	16-Aug-23	20-Aug-23	National	1,151	89%	1,027	±3.1%
05-Sep-23	30-Aug-23	03-Sep-23	National	1,151	86%	985	±3.1%
19-Sep-23	13-Sep-23	17-Sep-23	National	1,135	83%	944	±3.2%
03-Oct-23	27-Sep-23	01-Oct-23	National	1,125	87%	975	±3.1%
17-Oct-23	11-Oct-23	14-Oct-23	National	1,125	86%	970	±3.1%
31-Oct-23	25-Oct-23	29-Oct-23	National	1,149	85%	979	±3.1%
14-Nov-23	08-Nov-23	12-Nov-23	National	1,150	81%	936	±3.2%
28-Nov-23	22-Nov-23	26-Nov-23	National	1,151	81%	937	±3.2%
12-Dec-23	06-Dec-23	11-Dec-23	National	1,102	85%	934	±3.2%
30-Jan-24	24-Jan-24	28-Jan-24	National	1,201	78%	942	±3.2%
13-Feb-24	07-Feb-24	11-Feb-24	National	1,148	84%	959	±3.2%
27-Feb-24	21-Feb-24	25-Feb-24	National	1,145	82%	945	±3.2%
12-Mar-24	05-Mar-24	09-Mar-24	National	1,126	83%	935	±3.2%
26-Mar-24	20-Mar-24	24-Mar-24	National	1,150	83%	955	±3.2%



## **Questionnaire Content (26 March 2024)**

### **SCREENERS**

D1. What is your gender?

#### **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Male
2. Female

D2. What is your age?

#### **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Under 18 [TERMINATE]
2. 18-19
3. 20-24
4. 25-29
5. 30-34
6. 35-39
7. 40-44
8. 45-49
9. 50-54
10. 55-59
11. 60-64
12. 65-69
13. 70-74
14. 75 and over

D3. In which one of the following areas do you live?

#### **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Brisbane
2. Queensland other than Brisbane
3. Sydney
4. NSW other than Sydney
5. Melbourne
6. Victoria other than Melbourne
7. Adelaide
8. South Australia other than Adelaide
9. Perth
10. Western Australia other than Perth
11. Hobart
12. Tasmania other than Hobart
13. Darwin
14. Northern Territory other than Darwin
15. Australian Capital Territory
16. Other



D4. What is your postcode?

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Q41. Are you enrolled to vote in the next Australian federal election?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Yes
2. No, but will be come 2025
3. No, and won't be come 2025

**ASK IF Q41=1**

Q43. Did you vote in the May 2022 federal election, or were you unable to do so for some reason?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Yes, voted
2. No, unable to
3. Not enrolled to vote

**ASK IF Q41=1 or 2**

Q21. If a federal election was held tomorrow, to which party would you give your first preference vote in the House of Representatives (Lower House)?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. STATEMENTS 7 & 8 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST RANDOMISE STATEMENTS 1 & 2/11/12**

1. Labor
2. Liberal (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
3. National (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
11. Liberal National Party (**Only show in QLD**)
12. Country Liberals (**Only show in NT**)
4. Greens
5. Pauline Hanson's One Nation
10. United Australia Party
7. Independent or other party
8. Don't know

**ASK IF Q21=1-7 or 10-12**

Q22. And how likely are you to change your vote between now and the next federal election?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Not at all likely to change
2. Not that likely to change
3. Quite likely to change
4. Very likely to change



**ASK IF Q21=8**

Q23. Well which party are you currently leaning towards?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. STATEMENTS 7 & 8 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST RANDOMISE STATEMENTS 1 & 2/11/12**

1. Labor
2. Liberal (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
3. National (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
11. Liberal National Party (**Only show in QLD**)
12. Country Liberals (**Only show in NT**)
4. Greens
5. Pauline Hanson's One Nation
9. United Australia Party
7. Independent or other party
8. Don't know

**ASK IF Q21=4-7, 10 OR Q23=4-7, 10**

Q24. Following your first preference vote, which of the following would you preference higher in the House of Representatives (Lower House)?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE 1 & 2**

1. Labor
2. Liberal/National Coalition
3. Unsure

**ASK IF Q23≠8**

Q46. How seriously would you consider voting for each of the following parties in the House of Representatives (Lower House)?

- a. **Very seriously**
- b. **Fairly seriously**
- c. **Not that seriously**
- d. **Would not consider voting for this party**

**SINGLE RESPONSE FOR EACH OPTION. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS**

1. Labor (**Do not show if Q21=1 or if Q23=1**)
2. Liberal/National Coalition (**Do not show if Q21=2, 3, 11 or 12 or if Q23=2, 3, 11 or 12**)
3. Greens (**Do not show if Q21=4 or if Q23=4**)
4. Pauline Hanson's One Nation (**Do not show if Q21=5 or if Q23=5**)
5. United Australia Party (**Do not show if Q21=10 or if Q23=10**)
6. Independent or other party (**Do not show if Q21=7 or if Q23=7**)





**ASK IF Q41=1 or 2**

Q26. If a state election was held tomorrow, to which party would you give your first preference vote in the Legislative Assembly / House of Assembly (Lower House)?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. STATEMENTS 14 & 15 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS 1 & 2/3/5**

1. Labor
2. Liberal/National (**Only show in NSW, VIC and QLD**)
3. Liberal (**Only show in SA, WA, TAS and ACT**)
5. Country Liberal (**Only show in NT**)
6. Greens
9. Shooters, Fishers and Farmers (**Only show in NSW, VIC, TAS and NT**)
13. Sustainable Australia (**Only show in NSW**)
16. Animal Justice Party (**Only show in VIC**)
7. One Nation (**Only show in QLD and WA**)
17. Katter's Australian Party (**Only show in QLD**)
18. SA-BEST (**Only show in SA**)
19. Australian Conservatives (**Only show in SA**)
20. National (**Only show in WA**)
12. Jacqui Lambie Network (**Only show in TAS**)
21. 1 Territory (**Only show in NT**)
22. Reason Party (**Only show in ACT**)
23. Liberal Democrats (**Only show in ACT**)
14. Independent or other party
15. Don't know

**ASK IF Q43=1**

Q17. At the most recent Federal election (held on 21 May 2022), to which party did you give your first preference vote in the House of Representatives (Lower House)?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. OPTIONS 7 & 8 TO REMAIN AT BOTTOM OF LIST RANDOMISE OPTIONS 1 & 2/11/12**

1. Labor
2. Liberal (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
3. National (**Do not show in QLD or NT**)
11. Liberal National Party (**Only show in QLD**)
12. Country Liberals (**Only show in NT**)
4. Greens
5. Pauline Hanson's One Nation
10. United Australia Party
7. Independent or other party
8. Don't know



**ASK ALL**

Q39. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is strongly negative and 10 is strongly positive, please indicate how you feel about each of the following people.

**SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE ANSWER OPTIONS. 11-POINT SCALE. LABEL END POINTS ONLY “0 – Strongly negative”, “10 – Strongly positive”. NUMBER ALL OTHER POINTS. INCLUDE “Unsure” and “Never heard of” AFTER 10.**

1. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese
2. Leader of the Opposition Peter Dutton

**ASK ALL**

E47. As far as you know, do you think Australia is doing enough, not enough or too much to address climate change?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Not doing enough
2. Doing enough
3. Doing too much
4. Don't know

E595. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in Australia?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Very satisfied
2. Satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied
6. Don't know

E863. To what extent would you support or oppose the following electoral reforms?

- a. **Strongly oppose**
- b. **Somewhat oppose**
- c. **Neither support, nor oppose**
- d. **Somewhat support**
- e. **Strongly support**

**SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS**

1. Ensure that the content of political adverts must be truthful
2. Place caps on the value of donations companies or individuals can give to political parties
3. Real time reporting of donations to political parties
4. Increase public funding to political candidates to reduce reliance on donations

E864. Thinking about the information you consume online, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Somewhat disagree
- c. Neither agree, nor disagree
- d. Somewhat agree
- e. Strongly agree

**SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS**

- 1. I feel overwhelmed by the amount of information I consume online
- 2. I question most facts by doing my own research
- 3. I don't know which sources to believe
- 4. I actively avoid the news media

E702. How often do you use the following Social Media apps?

- a. Several times a day
- b. At least once a day
- c. Several times a week
- d. At least once a week
- e. Have it installed but don't really use it
- f. Don't have it

**SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS**

- 1. YouTube
- 2. Facebook (including Facebook Messenger)
- 3. Instagram
- 4. TikTok
- 5. Twitter (X)
- 6. LinkedIn

**ASK IF E702\_1 ≠ f OR E702\_2 ≠ f OR E702\_3 ≠ f OR E702\_4 ≠ f OR E702\_7 ≠ f OR E702\_8 ≠ f  
(Have at least one of the listed social medias)**

E865. Do you think social media has a positive or negative impact on your life?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

- 1. Very negative
- 2. Somewhat negative
- 3. Neutral
- 4. Somewhat positive
- 5. Very positive

**ASK ALL**

E866. There have been calls for the Australian Government to pass laws that would ban the use of TikTok in Australia unless the parent company sells to another company that is not based in China.

To what extent would you support or oppose a ban on TikTok in Australia?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

- 1. Strongly oppose



2. Somewhat oppose
3. Neither support, nor oppose
4. Somewhat support
5. Strongly support

E867. Meta (the company formerly known as Facebook) has recently announced it will close its news tab and stop paying media companies to access their journalism.

Meta argues that its users don't share news content and it shouldn't have to pay media companies to access their journalism anymore.

Media companies argue that their content benefits Meta, and this decision means journalism jobs will no longer be funded, undermining democracy.

Which argument are you more inclined to agree with?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE 1 & 2**

1. Meta's argument
2. Media companies' argument
3. Neither / Unsure

E868. Do you think social media companies like Meta and TikTok should be regulated more, less, or that the current regulation is about right?

**SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMISE 1 & 3**

1. Social media companies should be regulated more
2. The current regulation is about right
3. Social media companies should be regulated less



## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Thank you for your time so far, we only have a few more questions.

D23. In what year were you born?

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D6. What is the total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances, and other income that your household usually receives (GROSS – before tax and superannuation deductions)?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. \$3,500 or more per week (\$182,000 or more per year)
2. \$3,000-\$3,499 per week (\$156,000-\$181,999 per year)
3. \$2,500-\$2,999 per week (\$130,000-\$155,999 per year)
4. \$2,000-\$2,499 per week (\$104,000-\$129,999 per year)
5. \$1,500-\$1,999 per week (\$78,000-\$103,999 per year)
6. \$1,250-\$1,499 per week (\$65,000-\$77,999 per year)
7. \$1,000-\$1,249 per week (\$52,000-\$64,999 per year)
8. \$800-\$999 per week (\$41,600-\$51,999 per year)
9. \$600-\$799 per week (\$31,200-\$41,599 per year)
10. \$400-\$599 per week (\$20,800-\$31,199 per year)
11. \$300-\$399 per week (\$15,600-\$20,799 per year)
12. \$200-\$299 per week (\$10,400-\$15,599 per year)
13. \$1-\$199 per week (\$1-\$10,399 per year)
14. No income
15. Negative income
16. Prefer not to say

D7. What is your current employment status?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Employed, working Full-time (more than 35hours a week)
2. Self Employed, working Full-time (more than 35hours a week)
3. Employed, working Part-time (less than 35hours a week)
4. Unemployed, looking for Full-time work (more than 35hours a week)
5. Unemployed, looking for Part-time work (less than 35hours a week)
6. Not Employed and not looking for work
7. Student
8. Beneficiary/Welfare
9. Retired
10. Look after the house full time
11. Other (please specify)
12. Refuse to answer



**ASK IF D7=1 OR 3**

D19. On which type of contract are you employed?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Permanent contract
2. Short-term contract (more than 6 months)
3. Daily or weekly hire
4. Period trade contract
5. Casual
6. Independent contractor/sub-contractor
7. Labor hire/Employment agency staff
8. Probation
9. Apprentice/Trainee
10. I do not have a formal contract with employer

**ASK ALL**

D24. Which of the following best describes how you feel about your **current** financial circumstances?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Comfortable. I don't have to worry about paying bills, I have savings and enough to buy luxuries
2. Secure. I'm able to pay bills and usually have money spare for savings or buying luxuries
3. Struggling a bit. I have to watch the budget to make sure there's enough money for all the bills
4. In serious difficulty. Being able to pay all the bills is a regular concern

D22. Which of the following best describes your current living situation?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Live in your own home
2. Rent
3. Other

D25. Are you currently paying off a mortgage/home loan?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Yes
2. No



D14. What is the highest level of education you have attained?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Year 9 and below
2. Year 10 and above
3. Certificate levels I-IV
4. Diploma or advanced diploma
5. Graduate diploma or certificate
6. Bachelor or honours degree
7. Post-graduate degree
8. Other (please specify)
9. I prefer not to answer

D21. Which of the following applies to you?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Prefer not to say

**SINGLE RESPONSE PER STATEMENT. RANDOMISE ANSWER STATEMENTS.**

1. I identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
2. I was born in Australia
3. Both my parents were born in Australia
4. I use a language other than English at home or with close family members

D32. Do you have a disability or long-term health condition (lasting more than 6 months)?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Prefer not to say

D12. And which of the following best describes the type of household you currently live in?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. Single without children
2. Couple with no children
3. Group household with no children
4. Mix of adults - no children under 18yrs in the household
5. Young family - mainly dependent pre-school kids
6. Middle family - mainly dependent school aged kids
7. Older family - mainly dependent teenagers or older still at home
8. Single or couple whose children have left home
9. Other



**ASK IF D12=5,6,7 OR 9**

D9. How many **dependent children** are there in your household?

**SINGLE RESPONSE**

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
7. Seven
8. Eight or more

