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About this poll

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This report summarises the results of a weekly omnibus conducted by Essential Research with data provided by Your Source. The survey was conducted online over 4 weeks to 27th October 2014.

Sample sizes were NSW 1,196, Queensland 694 and Victoria 899.

The results are compared with results from previous polls.

The methodology used to carry out this research is described in the appendix on page 7.

Note that due to rounding, not all tables necessarily total 100% and subtotals may also vary.

State voting intention - NSW

NSW	Election Mar 2011	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	June 14	July 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
		<i>Sample</i>		1,121	1,258	1,259	1,587	1,293	1,577	1,290	1,234
First preference vote											
Liberal/National	51.1%	48%	47%	46%	46%	42%	44%	45%	45%	44%	46%
Labor	25.6%	33%	36%	37%	36%	38%	38%	36%	35%	36%	36%
Greens	10.3%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	7%	8%	9%	8%	8%
Other/Independent	13.0%	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%	12%	13%	10%
2PP											
Liberal/National	64.2%	57%	55%	54%	54%	51%	52%	54%	54%	53%	54%
Labor	35.8%	43%	45%	46%	46%	49%	48%	46%	46%	47%	46%

State voting intention - Queensland

Queensland		Election									
Mar 2012		Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	June 14	July 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
<i>Sample</i>		545	745	733	938	737	913	747	731	870	694
First preference vote											
LNP	49.7%	40%	39%	41%	36%	41%	37%	38%	39%	38%	39%
Labor	26.7%	38%	39%	34%	40%	36%	35%	38%	37%	37%	38%
Greens	7.5%	6%	8%	7%	7%	4%	10%	8%	7%	10%	6%
Katter Party	11.5%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%
Palmer United Party	-	6%	7%	8%	8%	12%	9%	9%	9%	7%	5%
Other/Independent	4.6%	7%	4%	7%	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%	10%
2PP											
LNP	62.8%	50%	50%	53%	48%	53%	50%	50%	50%	49%	50%
Labor	37.2%	50%	50%	47%	52%	47%	50%	50%	50%	51%	50%

State voting intention - Victoria

Victoria	Election Nov 2010	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	June 14	July 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
<i>Sample</i>		798	1,039	962	1,226	1,005	1,184	940	933	1,084	899
First preference vote											
Liberal/National	44.8%	40%	37%	42%	42%	38%	41%	39%	40%	39%	39%
Labor	36.2%	40%	42%	39%	39%	40%	40%	41%	39%	39%	38%
Greens	11.2%	11%	12%	9%	11%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%
Palmer United Party		2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%
Other/Independent	7.8%	6%	6%	8%	6%	8%	6%	6%	6%	8%	9%
2PP											
Liberal/National	51.6%	48%	45%	50%	49%	47%	48%	47%	48%	48%	48%
Labor	48.4%	52%	55%	50%	51%	53%	52%	53%	52%	52%	52%

Appendix: Methodology, margin of error and professional standards

The data gathered for this report is gathered from a weekly online omnibus conducted by Your Source. Essential Research has been utilizing the Your Source online panel to conduct research on a week-by-week basis since November 2007.

Each week, the team at Essential Media Communications discusses issues that are topical and a series of questions are devised to put to the Australian public. Some questions are repeated regularly (such as political preference and leadership approval), while others are unique to each week and reflect media and social issues that are present at the time.

Your Source has a self-managed consumer online panel of over 100,000 members. The majority of panel members have been recruited using off line methodologies, effectively ruling out concerns associated with online self-selection.

Your Source has validation methods in place that prevent panellist over use and ensure member authenticity. Your Source randomly selects 18+ males and females (with the aim of targeting 50/50 males/females) from its Australia wide panel. An invitation is sent out to approximately 7000 – 8000 of their panel members.

The response rate varies each week, but usually delivers 1000+ interviews. In theory, with a sample of this size, there is 95 per cent certainty that the results are within 3 percentage points of what they would be if the entire population had been polled. However, this assumes random sampling, which, because of non-response and less than 100% population coverage cannot be achieved in practice. Furthermore, there are other possible sources of error in all polls including question wording and question order, interviewer bias (for telephone and face-to-face polls), response errors and weighting. The best guide to a poll's accuracy is to look at the record of the polling company - how have they performed at previous elections or other occasions where their estimates can be compared with known population figures. In the last poll before the 2010 election, the Essential Report estimates of first preference votes were all within 1% of the election results.

The Your Source online omnibus is live from the Wednesday night of each week and closed on the following Sunday. Incentives are offered to participants in the form of points. Essential Research uses the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software to analyse the data. The data is weighted against Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data.

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