Australia
ISSP 2009 – Social Inequality IV
Questionnaire
Instructions
How to fill out this questionnaire

Please use a black or blue ballpoint pen

Please answer the questions by:

Marking the box that corresponds to your answer with a cross like this:

Or writing a number in the space provided like this:

Not all questions will apply to you. Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which questions to answer next like this:

Yes
No
Skip to C1

When there is a table with a list of items, again please mark a cross in the box that corresponds to your answer for each row in the table.

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If you make a mistake, cross out the incorrect box and place the cross in the correct box like this:

Yes
No
## Section A - Government services

### A1. If the government could balance the budget by either increasing personal income taxes or cutting social spending on services like health and education which do you think it should do?

*Please cross one option*

- Strongly favour increasing taxes
- Mildly favour increasing taxes
- Depends
- Mildly favour cutting social spending
- Strongly favour cutting social spending
- Can’t choose

### A2. In general who do you think is best suited to deliver the following services?

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Governments</th>
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<th>Businesses</th>
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### A3. Which of the following best describes what you think?

**If the economy is moving into recession...**

- It is better for government to spend money to support jobs and incomes even if this means a budget deficit for some time afterwards.
- OR
- It is better for government to limit spending to avoid a budget deficit even if this means more job losses and lower incomes for some time afterwards.
### A4. Here are some statements about economic policy in Australia today. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

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<td>Privatisation of government services has more benefits than costs</td>
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<td>Government should redistribute income from the better-off to those who are less well-off</td>
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<td>Ordinary working people do not get their fair share of the nation’s wealth</td>
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<td>Unions should have less say in how wages and conditions are set</td>
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### A5. We would like to ask you some questions about government welfare benefits in Australia today. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

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<td>Cutting welfare benefits would damage too many people’s lives.</td>
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<td>People who receive welfare benefits should be under more obligation to find work.</td>
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<td>It is too hard to qualify for welfare benefits in Australia today.</td>
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<td>All families deserve payments from the government to help with the costs of raising children.</td>
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<td>Single parents deserve government payments so they can be home to raise their children.</td>
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A6. Over the last couple of years, do you think the following have increased or decreased or stayed the same?

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<td>The standard of health services including Medicare</td>
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<td>The standard of public education</td>
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A7. Thinking of income levels generally in Australia today, would you say that the gap between those with high incomes and those with low incomes is... ?

- Much too large
- Too large
- About right
- Too small
- Much too small
- Can’t choose

Section B - Social Inequality

Now we have some questions about opportunities for getting ahead...

B1. Please select one box for each of these to show how important you think it is for getting ahead in life....

Please cross one box on each line

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<td>How important is having well-educated parents?</td>
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<td>How important is having ambition?</td>
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<td>How important is hard work?</td>
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<td>How important is having political connections?</td>
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<td>How important is giving bribes?</td>
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<td>How important is being born a man or a woman?</td>
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To get all the way up to the top in Australia today, you have to be corrupt.  

In Australia only students from the best secondary schools have a good chance to obtain a university education.  

In Australia, only the rich can afford the costs of attending university.  

In Australia people have the same chances to enter university, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or social background.  

B3. Would you say that you earn...  

If you are not working now, please tell us about your last job. Please cross one box  

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<th>Much less than I deserve</th>
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<th>Much more than I deserve</th>
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B4. We would like to know what you think people in these jobs actually earn. Please write in how much you think they usually earn each YEAR, BEFORE taxes. Many people are not exactly sure about this, but your best guess is close enough. This may be difficult, but it is very important. So please try.  

Please write in how much they ACTUALLY earn each year before taxes.  

About how much do you think a doctor in a general practice earns?  

How much do you think a chairman of a large national corporation earns?  

How much do you think a shop assistant earns?  

How much do you think an unskilled worker in a factory earns?  

How much do you think a cabinet minister in the Federal government earns?  

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How much do you think a chairman of a large national corporation earns?  

How much do you think a shop assistant earns?  

How much do you think an unskilled worker in a factory earns?  

How much do you think a cabinet minister in the Federal government earns?
B5. Next, what do you think people in these jobs ought to be paid. How much do you think they should earn each YEAR, BEFORE taxes, regardless of what they actually get...

*Please write in how much they SHOULD earn each year before taxes.*

About how much do you think a doctor in a general practice should earn? $ \hline$

How much do you think a chairman of a large national corporation should earn? $ \hline$

How much do you think a shop assistant should earn? $ \hline$

How much do you think an unskilled worker in a factor should earn? $ \hline$

How much do you think a cabinet minister in the Federal government should earn? $ \hline$

B6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please cross one box on each line

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<td>Differences in income in Australia are too large.</td>
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<td>It is the responsibility of government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes</td>
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<td>The government should provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed</td>
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<td>The government should spend less on benefits for the poor.</td>
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B7. Do you think people with high incomes should pay a larger share of their income in taxes than those with low incomes, the same share, or a smaller share? Please cross one box

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B8. Generally, how would you describe taxes in Australia today for those with high incomes? Taxes are... Please cross one box

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B9. Is it fair or unfair that people with higher incomes can buy better health care than people with lower incomes?

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B10. Is it fair or unfair that people with higher incomes can buy better education than people with lower incomes?

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B11. In all countries, there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in Australia how much conflict is there between….

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<th>People at the top of society and people at the bottom?</th>
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| Very strong conflicts         | Strong conflicts                       | Not very strong conflicts | There are no conflicts                                | Can't choose                  |

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B12. In our society there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from top to bottom. Where would you put yourself now on this scale?

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B13. And if you think about the family that you grew up in, where did they fit in then?

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B14. Please think about your present job (or your last one if you don’t have one now). If you compare this job to the job your father had when you were 14 would you say that the level of status of your job is (or was) …

Please cross one box

- Much higher than your father’s
- Higher
- About equal
- Lower
- Much lower than your father’s
- I never had a job

I don’t know what my father did/father never had a job/never knew father/father deceased

B15. In deciding how much people ought to earn, how important should each of these things be, in your opinion...

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How much responsibility goes with the job – how important do you think that ought to be in deciding pay?

The number of years spent in education and training?

What is needed to support a family?

Whether the person has children to support - how important should that be in deciding pay?

How well he or she does the job - how important should that be in deciding pay?

How hard he or she works at the job?
B16. Is your pay fair? We are not asking about how much you would like to earn- but what you feel is fair given your skills and effort.
If you are not working now, please tell us about your last job.

Please cross one box

Much less than is fair
A little less than is fair
About fair for me
A little more than is fair
Much more than is fair
Never had a job
Can’t choose

B17. These five diagrams show different types of society. Please read the descriptions and look at the diagrams and decide which you think best describes Australia...

Type A
A small elite at the top, very few people in the middle and the great mass of people at the bottom.

Type B
A society like a pyramid with a small elite at the top, more people in the middle, and most at the bottom.

Type C
A pyramid except that just a few people are at the bottom.

Type D
A society with most people in the middle.

Type E
Many people near the top, and only a few near the bottom.

First, what type of society is Australia today- which diagram comes closest?

Please cross one box

Type A
Type B
Type C
Type D
Type E
Can’t choose
B18. What do you think Australia today ought to be like—which would you prefer?

Please cross one box

Type A
Type B
Type C
Type D
Type E
Can’t choose

Section C - Older people in society

C1. Do you think older workers (those aged 50 years and older) are treated by employers better, worse or about the same as younger workers?

Better
About the same
Worse

C2. Do you think older workers (those 50 years and older) on average contribute more or less to the workplace than younger workers?

More
Less
The same

C3. Do you think older people (aged 65 years and older) are treated better, worse or about the same as younger people by doctors, nurses or other health care professionals?

Better
About the same
Worse
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| C4. Do you think older adults (aged 65 years and older) are treated better, worse or about the same as younger people, by people they don’t know such as people in shops, on buses or in other public areas? | Better □  
About the same □  
Worse □  |
| C5. Do you feel that people over 65 years get too much, too little, or about the right amount of respect from younger people these days?         | Too much □  
Too little □  
Right amount □  
Don’t know □  |
| C6. How much influence do you think retired older Australians have - too much, too little, or about the right amount of influence?            | Too much □  
Too little □  
Right amount □  
Don’t know □  |
| C7. Right now, do you think older people are getting more than their fair share, less than their fair share, or about their fair share of government benefits? | More than fair share □  
Less than fair share □  
About fair share □  
Don’t know □  |
| C8. Each generation has different social and economic opportunities over their lives. How would you say the life-long opportunities for baby boomers (aged 50 to 64 years now) compare to those for younger people today? | Better for baby boomers □  
About the same □  
Better for younger people □  |
C9. How would you say the life-long opportunities for baby boomers (aged 50 to 64 years now) compare to those for older people who have already retired?

- Better for baby boomers
- About the same
- Better for the already retired people

C10. The Australian Government is gradually raising the eligibility age for the pension to 67 years by 2023. Do you:

- Support raising the pension age to 67 years
- Oppose raising the pension age to 67 years
- Don’t know or are not sure

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**Section D - Body Image**

D1. How physically attractive do you believe you are?

- Very attractive
- Attractive
- Average
- Unattractive
- Very unattractive

D2. How satisfied are you with your body shape now?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
D3. How likely would you be to have your body altered by cosmetic ('plastic') surgery if you could afford to do so?

- Very likely
- Quite likely
- Not sure
- Not very likely
- Not likely at all

D4. Have you ever had cosmetic ('plastic') surgery to enhance your appearance?

- Yes
- No  ▸ Skip to D6

D5. If you have had cosmetic surgery, which part(s) of your body was the surgery performed upon?

Please cross all applicable options

- Eyes
- Nose
- Face
- Breasts
- Stomach
- Other ▽

Please specify


D6. Do you believe cosmetic surgery should be made widely accessible, or only accessible under certain circumstances?

- Widely accessible
- Only in certain circumstances
- Unsure
D7. Do you agree or disagree that cosmetic surgery should be subsidised by Medicare?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Unsure
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

D8. Other than earrings, how many body piercings do you have?

- piercings

D9. How many tattoos do you have?

- tattoos

Section E - Crime and Criminal Justice

E1. How important are the following in informing your views of crime trends and the criminal justice system?

- TV
- Radio
- Newspapers
- Internet
- Work colleagues
- Friends
- Family

E2. How would you rate the following problems in your local area?

- A very big problem
- A fairly big problem
- Not a very big problem
- Not a problem at all

- Rubbish and litter
- Graffiti on footpaths and walls
- Unsupervised groups of young people
- People drunk
- People dealing illicit drugs
**E3. How worried are you that the following will occur to you?**

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**E4. How much confidence do you have in the police...**

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**E5. Have you had any contact with the police in the past year?**

- Yes □
- No □ Skip to E7

**E6. If yes, what kind of contact?**

*Select all that apply*

- Random breath test
- Reporting a crime
- Traffic infringement
- Being a suspect in a crime
- Being a victim of a crime
- Calling police for assistance
- Other □

**E7. Have you had any contact with the criminal courts (magistrates, district or higher courts) in the past year?**

- Yes □
- No □
E8. How much confidence do you have in the criminal courts... 

To have regard for defendants’ rights? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

To have regard for victims’ rights? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

To deal with matters quickly? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

To deal with matters fairly? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

E9. How much confidence do you have in prisons... 

To rehabilitate prisoners? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

To act as a form of punishment? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

To deter future offending? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

To teach practical skills to prisoners? 
- A great deal confidence
- Quite a lot of confidence
- Not very much confidence
- None at all

E10. Do you think that the level of crime in Australia has changed over the past 2 years? 

- A lot more crime
- A little more crime
- About the same
- A little less crime
- A lot less crime
- Don’t know

The following question asks you to give an answer out of 100. If you are not sure about the number, please give your best guess.

E11. Of every 100 crimes recorded by the police, roughly what number do you think involve VIOLENCE or the THREAT of violence? (0-100)

E12. Of every 100 people charged with a violent crime and brought to court, roughly what number do you think end up convicted? (0-100)
### Section F - Dental care

**F1. Which of the following approaches to providing dental care would you prefer?**

- The current arrangements where most people pay for private dental care, which can be partly or fully claimed through private insurance, and where some people are covered by a public dental scheme if they qualify: [ ]
- A new public dental scheme that included free basic treatment on Medicare for everyone - even if the Medicare levy had to rise slightly to pay for it: [ ]

### Section G - Elderly Care

**G1. Thinking of people caring for older Australians who need help and long term care. Which of the following do you think is the most important attribute of such a person? And the second most important?**

- A. Has good knowledge about the needs of older people
- B. Knows the person closely
- C. Warm-hearted
- D. Well-trained
- E. Selfless
- F. Competent and effective
- G. Flexible
- H. Has experience caring for others

*Put the letter of the statement in the appropriate box below*

First attribute: [ ]

Second attribute: [ ]
G2. Imagine an elderly father or mother who lives alone and can no longer manage to live without regular help because of his or her physical or mental condition. In your opinion, what would be the best option for people in this situation?

Please cross two options, one for your first choice and one for your second choice.

First choice  Second choice

- They should live with one of their children
- One of their children should regularly visit their home, in order to provide them with the necessary care
- A public service provider should visit their home and provide them with appropriate help and care
- A private service provider should visit their home and provide them with appropriate help and care
- They should move to a nursing home

G3. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the care of the elderly?

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<td>Every individual should be obliged to contribute to an insurance scheme that will finance care if and when they need it.</td>
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G4. At some point in their lives, people might need regular help looking after themselves because of illness, disability or old age. During the last ten years, have you needed any regular help or long term care?

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G5. What about people close to you? During the last ten years, has someone close to you needed any help or long term care?

If you know several people who have been in need of regular help and long term care, please consider only the experience that affected you most.

- No, no personal experience with long-term care needs
- Yes, my partner
- Yes, one of my parents
- Yes, one of my children
- Yes, one of my siblings (brother or sister)
- Yes, another relative or friend
- Yes, an acquaintance, colleague or neighbour

G6. In the future do you think that you would be provided with the appropriate help and long-term care if you were to need it?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, probably
- No, probably not
- No, definitely not

G7. There are different ways of getting assistance if one becomes dependent and needs regular help and long term care. If you needed such assistance, which of the following is the most likely way you would be looked after?

- In my own home by a relative (e.g. partner/spouse, child living nearby)
- In my own home by a professional care service
- In my own home, by a personal carer hired by me or by my relatives for me
- In a nursing home
- In the home of one of my close family members (e.g. a son or daughter)
**G8.** Still thinking about getting regular help and long term care if you needed such assistance in the future, which of the following is your most preferred way of being looked after?

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**G9.** If you needed regular help and long term care that required payment, who do you think would have the main responsibility for financing it?

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**G10.** And if you needed regular help and long term care that required payment, who do you think should have the main responsibility for financing it?

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G11. Imagine that in the future, you were in need of help and long term care. Should this situation arise, what could be the two main reasons why you did not receive all the help and long term care that you would need?

A. Financial reasons - it would be too expensive
B. I could not rely on my family and relatives to look after me
C. There would be care services in my area, but not of sufficient quality to meet my needs
D. I would not know who to turn to for help

Put the letter of the statement in the appropriate box below

First reason [ ]
Second reason [ ]

G12. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the care of the elderly?

Doctors, nurses and professionals in Australia are well-trained to care for the special needs of older people. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

People who have to care for older family members at home receive good support from social services in Australia. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

In Australia there are sufficient services to support frail older people so that they can stay in their own homes. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

In Australia, many frail older people cannot live independently because their homes are not adapted to their needs. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Section H - Australia’s Population

The next few questions are about population growth. In 2008-09 immigration to Australia was higher than in any other year.

H1. Do you think Australia needs more people?

Yes [ ]
No [ ] Skip to H4

H2. If you answered ‘Yes’ to question H1, how would you like the population to grow?

Please choose only one option

Encourage people to have more children [ ]
Encourage more migrants to come [ ]
Encourage both migrants and larger families [ ]
H3. If you answered ‘Yes’ to question H1, please indicate your top two reasons for thinking that Australia needs more people.
A. We need more people for economic growth.
B. Having more people means more cultural diversity.
C. We could ease overpopulation overseas by taking in more migrants.
D. A larger population could make it easier to defend Australia.
E. We need skilled migrants for the work force.
F. Having more babies and/or migrants could counteract the ageing of the population.
G. We may need to increase total migration so that we can take in more refugees.
H. More people could boost the housing industry and help support property prices.
I. A larger population could give Australia more say in world affairs.

Write the letters that match your reasons in the two boxes.

First reason

Second reason

Thank you – now please go to section I, question I1.

H4. If you answered ‘No’ to question H1, please indicate your top two reasons for thinking that Australia does not need more people.
A. Our cities are too crowded and there is too much traffic.
B. We have too much cultural diversity already.
C. We could still take refugees without high total migration.
D. Population growth makes it harder for Australia to cut total greenhouse gas emissions.
E. The cost of housing is too high.
F. The natural environment is stressed by the numbers we already have.
G. Having more people could make unemployment worse.
H. Australia might not have enough water for more people.
I. We should train our own skilled people, not take them from other countries.

Write the letters that match your reasons in the two boxes.

First reason

Second reason

Section I - Loneliness

I1. How often do you personally experience loneliness in your life?

At least once a day

At least once a week

At least once a month

At least once a year

Less often/Never
I2. Loneliness has been a serious problem for me at times...

   Strongly agree
   Agree
   Disagree
   Strongly disagree

Section J - Politics & Society

J1. Most people see themselves as belonging to a particular class. Please tell me which social class you would say that you belong to?

   Lower class
   Working class
   Lower middle class
   Middle class
   Upper middle class
   Upper class

J2. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Labor, Liberal, National or what?

   Liberal
   Labor (ALP)
   National
   Australian Democrat
   Green
   One Nation
   Family First
   No party
   Other party (please specify)
J3. Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong or not very strong supporter of that party?

- Very strong supporter
- Fairly strong supporter
- Not very strong supporter

J4. Did you vote in the Federal Election held on November 24, 2007?

- Yes
- No

J5. If a Federal election for the House of Representatives and Senate were to be held next Saturday, which party would get your first preference in the House of Representatives?

- Liberal Party
- Labor Party (ALP)
- National Party
- Australian Democrats
- Greens
- One Nation
- Family First
- Would vote informal/Would not vote
- Other (please specify)
J6. And in the Senate election?

- Liberal Party
- Labor Party (ALP)
- National Party
- Australian Democrats
- Greens
- One Nation
- Family First
- Would vote informal/Would not vote
- Other (please specify)

J7. In politics people sometimes refer to being on the left or on the right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

- 0 - Left
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 - Right
- Can't choose

Section K - Personal Background

Now we would like to finish up by asking you some questions about your background. The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.

K1. Firstly, are you...

- Female
- Male

K2. When were you born? Just the year will do.

Year of birth

K3. All up, how many years of education have you completed?

Please include all primary and secondary schooling, and studies you've undertaken after high school (i.e TAFE and university)

If your study was part time, give the number of years of equivalent full-time study.

Number of years
K4. What is the highest level of high school education you have completed?

- Did NOT go to school
- Did NOT complete High School to Year 10
- Completed High School to Year 10
- Completed High School to Year 12
- Still at High School [Skip to K8]

K5. What is the highest level of education you have completed since leaving high school?

- None
- Trade qualification or apprenticeship
- Certificate or Diploma (TAFE or business college)
- Bachelor Degree (including Honours)
- Postgraduate Degree or Postgraduate Diploma

K6. In your first job, after leaving full-time education, for whom did you work?

Please cross one box only

- Employee of a private company or business
- Government (national, state or local government)
- Self-employed
- I have never had a paid job [Skip to K8]
- Other (please specify)

K7. In this first job, what was your main occupation?

Describe fully, using two words or more (do not use initials or abbreviations).
**K8. Which of the following best describes what you were doing last week?**

*Please cross one box only*

- Working for pay or self-employed
- Unemployed – looking for work
- Retired from paid work
- A full-time school or university student
- Household duties
- Helping a family member
- Living with a disability
- Other (please specify)

**K9. What kind of work do you (or did you) do in your main job?**

*Please give your full job title, and as much detail as you can.*

*For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.*

*If you are unemployed, retired or had a job in the past, please tell us about your last main paid job. If you have NEVER worked for pay, please go to question K17*

**Job title**

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**K10. What are (or were) the main tasks that you usually perform?**

*Please give full details.*

**Main tasks**

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K11. And what industry do you (or did you) work in?

By industry, we mean the type of business or service performed where you work or worked (e.g. Commonwealth government, hairdressing, construction, hospitality).

Industry

K12. How many hours do you usually work each week in all jobs? Please include regular overtime.

Hours per week

K13. Which of the following best describes the main position that you hold (or held)?

Non-supervisory

Supervisory

Managerial

K14. In your current main job, for whom do you work? If you are not working now, please tell us about your most recent job.

Please cross one box

A private company or business

Federal/State/Local government

A government owned business or enterprise

A family business or farm

Self-employed – without employees

Self-employed – with employees

A non-government organisation including charities

K15. If you are (or were) self-employed, please tell us how many staff you employ (or did employ).

Number of employees

Not applicable

K16. Do you belong to a union?

Yes, currently a member

Once a member but no longer

Never a member
K17. What country were you born in?

- Australia
- Overseas

Please specify country

K18. And what country was your mother born in?

- Australia
- Overseas

Please specify country

K19. And your father?

- Australia
- Overseas

Please specify country

K20. If you were born overseas, in what year did you come to Australia?

Year
K21. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

- No, English only
- Yes, Italian
- Yes, Greek
- Yes, Cantonese
- Yes, Mandarin
- Yes, Arabic
- Yes, Vietnamese
- Yes, other

Please specify

K22. What is your ancestry?

Provide up to 2 ancestries only.

- English
- Irish
- Italian
- German
- Chinese
- Scottish
- Greek
- Dutch
- Lebanese
- Indian
- Vietnamese
- Polish
- Australian
- Other (please specify)

Please specify
**K23. Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?**

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**K24. Would you say you now live in...**

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**K25. When you were 14 years old, for whom did your father work?**

If your father did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about his last job before that time.

*Please cross one box*

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**K26. When you were 14 years old, what kind of work did your father do; what was his main occupation?**

Describe fully, using two words or more (do not use initials or abbreviations). If your father did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about his last job before that time.

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K27. When you were 14 years old, did your mother work outside the household? If your mother did not work when you were 14 years old, did your mother work before? If she worked before, when did she stop working.

Please cross one box only

Yes, my mother did have a job when I was 14 years

No, my mother never had a job outside the household

No, my mother stopped working before she got married

No, my mother stopped working after she got married, but before her first child was born

No, my mother stopped working after her first child was born

Can’t choose

K28. In her last job—i.e when or before you were 14 years old, for whom did your mother work? If your mother did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about her last job before that time.

Please cross one box

Employee of a private company or business

Government (national, state or local government)

Self-employed

My mother never worked outside the household

Can’t choose

Other (please specify)

Please specify

K29. When you were 14 years old, what kind of work did your mother do; what was her main occupation?

Describe fully, using two words or more (do not use initials or abbreviations). If your mother did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about her last job before that time.


K30. About how many books were there around your family’s house when you were 14 years old?

Please cross one box only

- None
- 1 or 2
- Around 10
- Around 20
- Around 50
- Around 100
- Around 200
- Around 500
- 1,000 or more

K31. What is your current marital status?

- Single, never married
- De facto
- Married
- Divorced
- Separated but not divorced
- Widowed

K32. Do you live together with a partner?

- Yes
- No

K33. Are you...

- Heterosexual or straight
- Bisexual
- Gay
- Transgendered
- Can’t choose

K34. How many people live in your house (including yourself)?
K35. Thinking about the people OTHER THAN YOURSELF who live in your house, please tell us how old each person is and select the option that describes your relationship with each of them.

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K36. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

- Very happy
- Fairly happy
- Not very happy
- Not at all happy
- Can't choose

K37. In general, would you say your health is...

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Can't choose
K38. Do you have a religion?
  Yes  
  No  Skip to K40

K39. If you have a religion, please tell us what it is.
  Catholic  
  Anglican/Church of England  
  Uniting Church/Methodist  
  Presbyterian and Reformed  
  Orthodox (e.g. Greek or Russian Orthodox)  
  Buddhist  
  Baptist  
  Islam  
  Lutheran  
  Pentecostal  
  Other  
  Please specify  

K40. How often do you attend religious services?
  Never  
  Less than once a year  
  About once or twice a year  
  Several times a year  
  About once a month  
  2-3 times a month  
  Nearly every week  
  Every week  
  Several times a week
K41. Do you own outright, are you buying or renting the dwelling in which you now live?

- Own outright
- Own, paying off mortgage
- Rent from private landlord
- Rent from public housing authority
- Other (boarding, living at home, etc)

K42. In the past five years, have you or your partner received any of the following benefits from the government?

Please cross all that apply

- Family payments (Family Tax Benefit A and B)
- Unemployment benefits (e.g. Newstart Allowance)
- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Private Health Insurance Rebate
- Child Care Benefit/Rebate
- Baby Bonus or Maternity Payment
- Single parent payment (Parenting Payment – Single)
- Parenting Payment – Partnered
- Youth Allowance
- First Home Owner Grant
- Have not received any government benefits in the last five years
- Other

Please specify
K43. Now a question about share ownership. Do you own shares in any company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (shares registered in your name or that of your family company)?

- No, don’t own any shares
- Yes, in one company
- Yes, in two to five companies
- Yes, in six to ten companies
- Yes, in more than ten companies

The next few questions are about the things you and your immediate family own.

K44. About how much money would be left if the home or apartment you and/or your immediate family live in was sold, and any debts on it, such as a mortgage or personal loan, would have been paid off? Please give your best estimate.

Please cross one box only

- Just debts
- I/we do not own a home
- $1,000-80,000
- $80,000-140,000
- $140,000-200,000
- $200,000-260,000
- $260,000-320,000
- $320,000-695,000
- $695,000-1,070,000
- $1,070,000-1,445,000
- $1,445,000-1,820,000
- More than $1,820,000
- Can't choose
K45. About how much money would be left if you and/or your immediate family converted to cash all savings, stocks, or bonds you own, and then paid off any personal debts you have (not including any home loan)? Please give your best estimate.

Please cross one box only

- Just debts
- Nothing
- $1,000-50,000
- $50,000-85,000
- $85,000-120,000
- $120,000-155,000
- $155,000-190,000
- $190,000-225,000
- $225,000-850,000
- $850,000-1,075,000
- $1,075,000-1,300,000
- More than $1,300,000
- Can't choose
K46. What is your gross annual income, before tax or other deductions, from all sources? Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.

*Please cross one box only*

- Nil income
- $1 - $119 per week ($1 - $6,239 per year)
- $120 - $159 per week ($6,240 - $8,319 per year)
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- $1,500 - $1,999 per week ($78,000 - $103,999 per year)
- $2,000 or more per week ($104,000 or more per year)
K47. What is your gross household income, before tax or other deductions, from all sources?  
Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.  

*If you are the only income earner in your household, please select SAME AS ABOVE*

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$1 - $199 per week ($1- $10,399 per year)  
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$2,000 - $2,499 per week ($104,000 - $129,999 per year)  
$2,500 - $3,499 per week ($130,000 - $181,999 per year)  
$3,500 or more per week ($182,000 or more per year)  

**Section L - Partner’s information**

If you do not have a partner, this is the end of the questionnaire. Please put the questionnaire in the pre-paid reply envelope and post it back to us. We really appreciate your cooperation and effort!

If you have a partner, please continue.

L1. Is your partner...

Female  
Male
L2. Which of the following best describes what your partner was doing last week?

Please cross one box only

- Working full-time for pay
- Working part-time for pay
- Working a few hours a week for pay
- Unemployed - looking for work
- Retired from paid work
- A full-time school or university student
- Household duties
- Helping a family member
- Living with a disability
- Other

Please specify

L3. What kind of work does (or did) your partner do in their main job?

Please give their full job title, and as much detail as you can.

For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.

If they are unemployed, retired or had a job in the past, please tell us about their last main paid job.

If they have NEVER worked for pay, please go to question L8

Job title

L4. What are (or were) the main tasks that your partner usually performs?

Please give full details.

Main tasks
L5. And what industry do they (or did they) work in?
By industry, we mean the type of business or service performed where they work or worked (i.e. Commonwealth government, hairdressing, construction, hospitality)

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L6. Which of the following best describes the position that your partner holds (or held)?

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L7. Who does (or did) your partner work for in their main job?

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L9. **What is the highest level of education your partner has completed since leaving high school?**

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