

## **Australia 1987 Election Study**

### *Methodology:*

Random sample of all registered voters 18+ years of age (all Australians are required to register to vote and voting is compulsory. So, this is a sample of Australian adults).

Total Sample: 1150

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Ptvote1	Who did you vote for in House elections?	1 Liberal 2 Labor 3 National 4 Australian Democrats 5 Other Party 9 Informal/Didn't vote
Retnat	How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the past twelve months?	This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:  1 A lot better                    _Iretnat_1 – Got better 2 A little better                   _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same 3 About the same                   _Iretnat_3 – Got worse 4 A little worse 5 A lot worse
Educat1	Have you obtained a trade qualification, a degree or a diploma, or any other qualification since leaving school? What is your highest qualification?	1 No qualification 2 Postgraduate degree 3 Bachelor degree 4 Undergraduate diploma 5 Associate diploma 6 Trade qualification 7 Non-trade qualification
Classipo	What is your class?	1 Upper class 2 Middle class 3 Working class 4 None
Age	Year of birth	
churchat	Apart from weddings, funerals and baptisms, about how often do you attend religious services?	1 At least once/week 2 At least once/month 3 Several times/year 4 At least once/year 5 Less than once/year 6 Never
rural	Would you say you now live in ...	1 Rural/village 2 Small country town 3 Larger country town 4 Large town 5 Major city
Gender	Respondents sex	1 Male 2 Female

OccupB1	occupb is a recategorization of Goldthorpe's categories into manual, nonmanual and unemployed.	
LRselfpl	In politics, people sometimes talk about the 'left' and 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
Policy1	Do you think the government should or should not do each of the following things, or doesn't it matter either way?  Introduce stricter laws to regulate the activities of trade unions?	Recoded such that: 1 Should do 2 Should not do 3 Doesn't Matter
	1 Should do 2 Should not do 3 Doesn't Matter 0 No Response	
Policy4	Encourage the growth of private medicine?	Recoded such that: 1 Should do 2 Should not do 3 Doesn't Matter
	1 Should do 2 Should not do 3 Doesn't Matter 0 No Response	
Policy9	How important do you feel the Queen and Royal Family are to Australia?	Recoded such that: 1 Very Important 2 Fairly Important 3 Not Very Important
	1 Very Important 2 Fairly Important 3 Not Very Important 0 No Response	
Cd1feel	Measure of the respondent's	0 Very Unfavourable

	feelings for Bob Hawke.	1 2 3 4 5 Neutral 6 7 8 9 10 Very Favourable
Cd2feel	Measure of the respondent's feelings for John Howard.	0 Very Unfavourable 1 2 3 4 5 Neutral 6 7 8 9 10 Very Favourable
Cd3feel	Measure of the respondent's feelings for Ian Sinclair.	0 Very Unfavourable 1 2 3 4 5 Neutral 6 7 8 9 10 Very Favourable
Cd4feel	Measure of the respondent's feelings for Janine Haines.	0 Very Unfavourable 1 2 3 4 5 Neutral 6 7 8 9 10 Very Favourable

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