

## **Australia 1990 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: 978

*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	And how do you think the general economic situation in the country now compares with what it was a year ago?  1 A lot better 2 A little better 3 About the same 4 A little worse 5 A lot worse	This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:  _Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got 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
Classi	What is your class?	1 Upper class 2 Middle class 3 Working class 4 None
Age	Year of birth	
Relig	What is your religion or faith?	1 Roman Catholic 2 Anglican/C of E 3 Uniting/Methodist 4 Orthodox Church 5 Presbyterian 6 Other 9 No religion
Income	What is the gross annual income, before tax or other deductions, for you and your family living with you from all sources? Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.	1 Less than \$3000 2 \$3001 to \$5000 3 \$5001 to \$8000 4 \$8001 to \$12000 5 \$12001 to \$16000 6 \$16001 to \$20000 7 \$20001 to \$25000

		8	\$25001 to \$30000
		9	\$30001 to \$35000
		10	\$35001 to \$40000
		11	\$40001 to \$50000
		12	\$50001 to \$60000
		13	\$60001 to \$70000
		14	More than \$70000
Gender	Respondents sex	Recoded such that:	
	1 Male	1 Male	
	2 Female	0 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	
Ecoiss3	Asks the respondent how important unemployment was to the individual as they were making their vote choice.	1 Extremely important	
		2 Quite important	
		3 Not very important	
Policy3	Measure of the respondent's opinion on reducing expenditures on health and education.	Recoded such that:	
	1 Support	1 Support	
	2 Oppose	2 Oppose	
	3 Undecided		
	0 Missing		
Policy4	Measure of the respondent's opinion on increasing controls on imports.	Recoded such that:	
	1 Support	1 Support	
	2 Oppose	2 Oppose	
	3 Undecided		
	0 Missing		
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 Andrew Peacock.	0 Very Unfavourable 1 2 3 4 5 Neutral 6 7 8 9 10 Very Favourable
Cd3feel	Measure of the respondent's feelings for Charles Blunt.	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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