

Australia 1998 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: 1017

Variables:

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Housvote	Who did you vote for in House elections?	1 Liberal 2 Labor 3 National 4 Australian Democrats 5 Greens 6 One Nation 7 Other Party 9 Informal/Didn't vote
Retnat	And how do you think the general economic situation in Australia now compares with what it was 12 months 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
Age	Year of birth	
Educat	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
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
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 \$5000 2 \$5001 to \$10000 3 \$10001 to \$15000 4 \$15001 to \$20000 5 \$20001 to \$25000 6 \$25001 to \$30000 7 \$30001 to \$35000 8 \$35001 to \$40000 9 \$40001 to \$45000 10 \$45001 to \$50000

		11 \$50001 to \$60000
		12 \$60001 to \$70000
		13 \$70001 to \$80000
		14 \$80001 to \$90000
		15 \$90001 to \$100000
		16 More than \$100000
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 OccupB3	occupb is a recategorization of Goldthorpe's categories into manual, nonmanual and unemployed.	Categorised into two dummy variables for manual and nonmanual
LRself	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
Gst1	How important to you is the GST (Goods and Services tax)? 1 Extremely Important 2 Quite Important 3 Not very Important	
Gst3	What issue was of most concern to you during the Election campaign?	Recorded such that: 0 Other Issue 1 GST
Cd1feel	Many responses allowed Measure of the respondent's feelings for Kim Beazley.	0 Very Unfavourable 1 2 3 4

		5 Neutral
		6
		7
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		10 Very Favourable
Cd2feel	Measure of the respondent's feelings for John Howard.	0 Very Unfavourable
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		5 Neutral
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		10 Very Favourable
Cd5feel	Measure of the respondent's feelings for Pauline Hanson.	0 Very Unfavourable
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		5 Neutral
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		10 Very Favourable
attLIB	Interaction variable comprised of Liberal party attachment and strength of partisan attachment variables.	Recoded such that:
		0 Missing
		1 Not very strong supporter
		2 Fairly strong supporter
		3 Very strong supporter
attLAB	Interaction variable comprised of Labour party attachment and strength of partisan attachment variables.	Recoded such that:
		0 Missing
		1 Not very strong supporter
		2 Fairly strong supporter
		3 Very strong supporter

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