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HOW TO FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

To answer most of the questions you only need to **circle a number**. Please circle the number which is **closest** to your view—there are no right or wrong answers. Here is an example.

Do you think the government should spend more or less on education?	
Spend more on education	1
Doesn't matter	2
Spend less on education	3
If you think the government should spend more on education, you would circle "1" as shown.	

Sometimes you are asked to write in an answer — in that case, simply write your answer in the space provided.

Please read each question carefully. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers—we just want to know **your own** personal opinions.

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We hope you enjoy the questionnaire. And thank you very much for taking part in this study.

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Section A: The Election Campaign

First, some questions about the election campaign, the period between when the election was announced on 7 February and election day on Saturday 13 March.

A.1. How much attention did you pay to reports about the election campaign **in the newspapers**—a good deal, some, not much or none at all?

- | | | |
|-------------------|---|-------|
| A good deal | 1 | [106] |
| Some | 2 | |
| Not much | 3 | |
| None at all | 4 | |

A.2. Did you follow the election campaign news **on television**—a good deal, some, not much or none at all?

And did you follow the election campaign news **on the radio**?

- | | Television | Radio | |
|-------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| A good deal | 1 | 1 | [107-8] |
| Some | 2 | 2 | |
| Not much | 3 | 3 | |
| None at all | 4 | 4 | |

A.3. Generally speaking, how much interest do you **usually have** in what's going on in politics?

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| A good deal | 1 |
| Some | 2 |
| Not much | 3 |
| None | 4 |

A.4. And how much interest would you say you took in **the election campaign** overall?

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|-------------------|---|
| A good deal | 1 |
| Some | 2 |
| Not much | 3 |
| None at all | 4 |

A.5. Did you watch the two televised debates between Paul Keating and John Hewson?

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Watched both debates | 1 |
| Watched one debate only | 2 |
| Didn't watch either debate | 3 |

For those who are NOT now married or living in a defacto relationship, that is the end of the questionnaire. Please put the questionnaire in the pre-paid reply envelope and post it back to us. Thank you again for your cooperation.

YOUR HUSBAND, WIFE OR DE FACTO

J.15. Is your husband or wife working now?

- | | |
|---|---|
| Working full-time for pay | 1 |
| Working part-time for pay | 2 |
| Unemployed—looking for full-time work..... | 3 |
| Unemployed—looking for part-time work | 4 |
| Retired from paid work | 5 |
| A full-time school or university student..... | 6 |
| Keeping house | 7 |
| Other (please specify) _____ | 8 |

J.16. What kind of work does (or did) your husband or wife do? Please give full job title.

>> If not working for pay now, please describe his or her last regular paid job.

- a. Occupation _____
- b. What are (or were) some of his or her main duties? Please describe as fully as you can.

Duties _____

[536-9]

J.17. Whom does (or did) your partner work for?

- | | |
|--|---|
| Self-employed in own business or farm..... | 1 |
| Private company or business employee | 2 |
| Federal Government employee | 3 |
| State Government employee | 4 |
| Local Government employee | 5 |
| Family business or farm employee | 6 |

J.18. As an official part of your job, does (or did) your partner directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

J.19. Is your partner a member of a trade union or staff association?

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Yes, trade union | 1 |
| Yes, staff association..... | 2 |
| No | 3 |

- J.10. Do you belong to a trade union or staff association?
- Yes, trade union 1
 - Yes, staff association 2
 - No 3
- J.11. Which social class would you say you belong to?
- Upper class 1
 - Middle class 2
 - Working class 3
 - None 4
- J.12. What is your current marital status?
- Never married 1
 - Now married (including de facto relationships) 2
 - Widowed 3
 - Divorced or separated 4
- J.13. Do you have any children?
- Yes 1
 - No 2
- If yes: How many of your children are:**
- Under primary school age [530]
 - Attending primary school
 - Attending secondary school
 - Attending university full-time [533]
- J.14. 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.
- Less than \$3000 per year 1
 - \$3001 to \$5000 per year 2
 - \$5001 to \$8000 per year 3
 - \$8001 to \$12000 per year 4
 - \$12001 to \$16000 per year 5
 - \$16001 to \$20000 per year 6
 - \$20001 to \$25000 per year 7
 - \$25001 to \$30000 per year 8
 - \$30001 to \$35000 per year 9
 - \$35001 to \$40000 per year 10
 - \$40001 to \$50000 per year 11
 - \$50001 to \$60000 per year 12
 - \$60001 to \$70000 per year 13
 - More than \$70000 per year 14 [534-5]

- J.5. Did your father have any particular preference for one of the political parties when you were young, say about 14 years old? And how about your mother?
- | | Father | Mother |
|--|--------|--------|
| Liberal (includes UAP) | 1 | 1 |
| Labor | 2 | 2 |
| National/Country
(includes Progressive Party) | 3 | 3 |
| Democratic Labor (DLP) | 4 | 4 |
| Other parties | 5 | 5 |
- J.6. When you were about 14 years old, what kind of work did your father do? Please give his full job title, and as much detail as you can.
- a. Occupation _____
- b. What were his main duties? Please describe as fully as you can.
- Duties _____
- [519-22]
- J.7. About how long have you lived in this State/Territory where you now live?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Less than a year | 1 |
| Between 1 and 4 years | 2 |
| Between 5 and 9 years | 3 |
| 10 years or more | 4 |
| All my life | 5 |
- J.8. What is your religion or faith?
- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Roman Catholic | 1 |
| Anglican/Church of England | 2 |
| Uniting Church/Methodist | 3 |
| Orthodox Church | 4 |
| Presbyterian | 5 |
| Other (please specify) _____ | 6 |
| No religion | 9 |
- J.9. Apart from weddings, funerals and baptisms, about how often do you attend religious services?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| At least once a week | 1 |
| At least once a month | 2 |
| Several times a year | 3 |
| At least once a year | 4 |
| Less than once a year | 5 |
| Never | 6 |

- I.7. As an official part of your job, do (or did) you directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?
- Yes 1
 No 2
- [If supervise others only]** About how many people do you supervise, counting both those you supervise directly and any that they supervise in turn?
- Please write in number _____ [456-8]

Section J: Personal Background

This final section includes questions about yourself and your family background. These characteristics are very important to our research on how people in different circumstances feel about the issues covered earlier in the questionnaire. **The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.**

- J.1. Firstly, what is your sex?
- Male 1 [506]
 Female 2
- J.2. When were you born? Just the year will do Year 19 _____ [507-8]
- J.3. Where were you born? And where were your mother and father born?

Country of birth	Yourself	Mother	Father
Australia.....	1	1	1
New Zealand.....	2	2	2
United Kingdom.....	3	3	3
Republic of Ireland.....	4	4	4
Italy.....	5	5	5
Germany.....	6	6	6
Greece.....	7	7	7
Malta.....	8	8	8
Netherlands.....	9	9	9
Poland.....	10	10	10
Yugoslavia.....	11	11	11
Vietnam.....	12	12	12
Other (Please specify below).....	13	13	13

Yourself _____ [509-10]

Mother _____ [511-12]

Father _____ [513-14]

- J.4. **[If born overseas only]** In what year did you come to Australia?
- Year 19 _____ **[GO TO J6]** [515-16]

- I.6. What kind of work do you do? Please give your full job title, and as much detail as you can. Include award or government designation if possible.
- >> If you are unemployed or retired, please describe your last regular paid job.
- >> **If you have never worked for pay, please skip this section and go to Section J.**
- a. Occupation _____
- b. What are (or were) some of your **main duties**? Please describe as fully as you can.
Duties _____
_____ [445-8]
- c. What kind of business or industry is (or was) that in? What do they do or make at the place where you work (or used to work)?
Kind of industry _____

- d. Whom do (or did) you work for?
Self-employed in own business or farm 1
Private company or business employee 2
Federal Government employee 3
State Government employee 4
Local Government employee 5
Family business or farm employee 6
- e. **[If you are self-employed only]** Do you have any employees? About how many?
No employees 0
Please write in number _____ **[GO TO Section J]** [450-2]
- f. **[If you are an employee only]** Including yourself, how many people are employed at the place where you usually work (or worked)?
Under 10 1
10-24 2
25-99 3
100-499 4
500 or more 5
- g. Which of the following best describes the position which you hold (or held) within your business or organisation?
Upper managerial 1
Middle managerial 2
Lower managerial 3
Supervisory 4
Non-supervisory 5

Section I: Education and Work

- I.1. How old were you when you left school?
 Age _____ [439-40]
- I.2. For your secondary school years (Years 7 to 10), did you **mostly** go to a government school, or to a Catholic school, or to some other non-government school?
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Government (State) school | 1 |
| Catholic school | 2 |
| Other non-government school | 3 |
- I.3. Have you obtained a trade qualification, a degree or a diploma, or any other qualification since leaving school? What is your highest qualification?
- | | | |
|---|---|-------------------|
| No qualification since leaving school | 1 | [GOTO I.5] |
| Qualified—circle one code for highest qualification only | | |
| Higher degree—Master or PhD | 2 | |
| Postgraduate Diploma | 3 | |
| Bachelor Degree | 4 | |
| Undergraduate Diploma | 5 | |
| Associate Diploma | 6 | |
| Trade qualification | 7 | |
| Non-trade qualification | 8 | |
- I.4. In all, how many years of **tertiary** study have you completed since you left secondary school? If your tertiary study was part-time, give the number of years of equivalent full-time study .
- Years of full-time tertiary study _____ [443]
- I.5. Now some questions about the work you are doing now. Last week, what were you doing?
- | | |
|--|---|
| Working full-time for pay | 1 |
| Working part-time for pay | 2 |
| Unemployed—looking for full-time work | 3 |
| Unemployed—looking for part-time work | 4 |
| Retired from paid work | 5 |
| A full-time school or university student | 6 |
| Keeping house | 7 |
| Other (please specify) _____ | 8 |

- H.8. How much of the time do you think you can trust the **Federal** government to do what is right? And how about the **State** government?

	Federal government	State government
Just about always	1	1
Most of the time	2	2
Only some of the time	3	3
Never	4	4

- H.9. Would you say the **Federal** government is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people? And how about the **State** government?

	Federal government	State government
Run by big interests	1	1
Depends	2	2
Run for benefit of all	3	3

- H.10. Would you say that there are people in the **Federal** government who are corrupt? And in the **State** government, about how many would you say are corrupt?

	Federal government	State government
A lot are corrupt	1	1
Quite a few are corrupt	2	2
Hardly any are corrupt	3	3
None are corrupt	4	4

- H.11. As far as you are concerned **personally**, which government is more important in affecting how you and your family live, the Federal government in Canberra or the State government?

Federal government much more important	1
Federal government more important	2
Both about the same	3
State government more important	4
State government much more important	5

- H.12. Which government services would you say are more tied up in 'red tape'—those of the Federal government or those of the State government?

Federal government much more red tape	1
Federal government more red tape	2
Both about the same	3
State government more red tape	4
State government much more red tape	5

- H.3. In general, do you feel that the people in government are too often interested in looking after themselves, or do you feel that they can be trusted to do the right thing nearly all the time?
- Usually look after themselves..... 1
 Sometimes look after themselves..... 2
 Sometimes can be trusted to do the right thing 3
 Usually can be trusted to do the right thing 4
- H.4. Thinking back to the last **State** election, would you say you cared a good deal which party won that election or that you did not care very much which party won?
- Cared a good deal 1
 Didn't care very much..... 2
 Didn't care at all 3
- H.5. Still thinking back to the last **State** election, which party did you vote for in that election?
- Liberal Party 1
 Labor Party (ALP) 2
 National (Country) Party 3
 Australian Democrats 4
 Other (please specify) _____ 5
- H.6. We'd like you to think now about the Federal government in Canberra and the government here in your State or Territory.
 First, please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Many things the Federal government does, State governments would do better.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sometimes I feel that the Federal government is more in touch with State opinion than the State government.....	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal government interferes too much in local matters.....	1	2	3	4	5
I think the Senate does a good job in keeping a check on the Federal government.....	1	2	3	4	5

- H.7. Do you think that people in the **Federal** government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much at all? And how about the **State** government? (Please circle one number in each column).

	Federal government	State government	
Waste a lot of it.....	1	1	[429-30]
Waste some of it.....	2	2	
Don't waste much of it.....	3	3	

Section H: Attitudes to Federal/State Government

H.1. Here are some statements about government. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
I feel that I could do as good a job in public office as most other people.....	1	2	3	4	5	[406]
Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.....	1	2	3	4	5	
I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing Australia.....	1	2	3	4	5	
I don't think public officials care much what people like me think.....	1	2	3	4	5	
It makes sense to vote for small parties or independent candidates sometimes.....	1	2	3	4	5	
A person like me can't make much of a difference by joining a political party.....	1	2	3	4	5	
I consider myself well-qualified to participate in politics.....	1	2	3	4	5	
People like me don't have any say about what the government does.....	1	2	3	4	5	
I think I am better informed about politics and government than most people.....	1	2	3	4	5	

H.2. If you felt strongly about something, how likely is it that you would do something to get the authorities to change their mind? How likely is it that you would:

	Very likely	Quite likely	Might or might not	Unlikely	Very unlikely	
Write to a newspaper.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Go on a protest march, as long as it was legal.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Go on a protest march, even if it was banned.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Attend a public meeting.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Try to block traffic.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Help to collect signatures for a petition.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Help others to disrupt a march or meeting to which you object.....	1	2	3	4	5	[421]

G.7. As you may know, Australia is allied with the United States in the ANZUS Treaty. How important do you think the United States alliance under ANZUS is for protecting Australia's security?

- Very important 1
- Fairly important..... 2
- Not very important 3
- Not at all important 4

G.8. Who do you think benefits more from Australia's alliance with the United States—Australia or the United States, or do both benefit about equally?

- Australia gains more benefit 1
- Both benefit equally 2
- United States gains more benefit 3

G.9. Thinking now about the joint Australia-United States defence facilities in Australia. In general, do you favour or oppose the joint defence facilities?

- Strongly favour 1
- Favour 2
- Oppose 3
- Strongly oppose 4

G.10. Some people say that changes in the Soviet Union and the Asia-Pacific region require a new security arrangement in the region. Others say that the existing security arrangements can handle current and future events. Which view is closer to your own?

- Strongly favour new security arrangement 1
- Favour new security arrangement..... 2
- Neither 3
- Favour existing security arrangements 4
- Strongly favour existing security arrangements 5

G.11. Do you favour or oppose visits to Australian ports by American **nuclear powered** warships? And how about visits by American warships that might be carrying **nuclear arms**?

- | | Nuclear
powered
warships | Nuclear
armed
warships | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Strongly favour | 1 | 1 | [381-2] |
| Favour | 2 | 2 | |
| Oppose | 3 | 3 | |
| Strongly oppose | 4 | 4 | |

- G.2. Some people feel that Australia should never intervene militarily in other countries. Other people feel that intervention can be justified in certain circumstances. Please say whether you feel that military intervention is always justified, sometimes justified or never justified in the following circumstances:

	Always justified	Sometimes justified	Never justified	
...if Australian citizens are at risk.....	1	2	3	[357]
...if other foreign nationals are at risk.....	1	2	3	
...if the country oppresses its own citizens....	1	2	3	
...if Australia's overseas trade is threatened..	1	2	3	
...if the government of the country requests intervention.....	1	2	3	
...if the country cannot maintain order.....	1	2	3	

- G.3. Do you think that the government should spend more or less on defence?

Spend much more on defence	1
Spend some more on defence	2
About right at present	3
Spend less on defence	4
Spend a lot less on defence	5

- G.4. Thinking about 5 years from now, in your opinion will any of the following countries pose a threat to the security of Australia? (Circle as many as you think apply).

Russia	China	Indonesia	Japan	Vietnam	India	
1	2	3	4	5	6	[364-9]

- G.5. Thinking further ahead, about 10 to 15 years from now. In your opinion will any of these countries pose a threat to the security of Australia then? (Circle as many as you think apply).

Russia	China	Indonesia	Japan	Vietnam	India	
1	2	3	4	5	6	[370-5]

- G.6. If Australia's security were threatened by some other country, how much trust do you feel Australia can have in the United States to come to Australia's defence?

A great deal	1
A fair amount	2
Not very much	3
None at all	4

F.6. Which of these statements comes closest to your views:
 Industry should be prevented from causing damage to the environment, even if this sometimes leads to higher prices..... 1

OR

Industry should keep prices down, even if this sometimes causes damage to the environment..... 2
 Don't know, haven't thought much about it..... 3

F.7. And which of these statements comes closest to your own views:

Governments should do more to protect the environment, even if this sometimes leads to higher taxes for everyone..... 1

OR

Governments should keep taxes low, even if this sometimes means that they do less for the environment..... 2
 Don't know, haven't thought much about it..... 3

Section G: Foreign Affairs and Defence

G.1. During the election campaign, there was a lot of discussion about Australia's trade with other countries. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
Australia's trading future lies in Asia	1	2	3	4	5	[351]
We should increase our economic ties with New Zealand.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Our trade agreements with Indonesia are more important than our differences over East Timor.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Australia should continue to use tariffs to protect its industry.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Australia should side with Japan and not the United States on economic matters.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Japanese economic influence is too great in Australia.....	1	2	3	4	5	

F.2. In your opinion, how urgent are each of the following environmental concerns in this country?

	Not urgent		Fairly urgent		Very urgent	
1. Pollution.....	1	2	3	4	5	[334]
2. Overpopulation.....	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Waste disposal.....	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Uranium mining.....	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Logging of forests.....	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Destruction of wildlife.....	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Soil degradation.....	1	2	3	4	5	
8. The Greenhouse effect.....	1	2	3	4	5	

>> Which two of these environmental issues has worried you personally the most in the last 12 months? Which is the most urgent? And which is the second most urgent? PLEASE PUT THE NUMBER FOR EACH ISSUE IN THE BOX BELOW.

>> Most urgent Second most urgent.....

F.3. There are a number of environmental groups and movements seeking public support. For each of the following groups, please say whether you approve or disapprove of them.

	Strongly approve	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	
Groups campaigning to protect the environment.....	1	2	3	4	5	[344]
Groups concerned with stopping the mining and export of uranium...	1	2	3	4	5	
Anti-war and anti-nuclear weapons movements.....	1	2	3	4	5	

F.4. How likely are you to join a group campaigning to protect the environment?

- I'm already a member 1
 Not a member, but have considered joining 2
 Not a member, and have not considered joining 3
 Would never consider joining 4

F.5. Are you more worried or less worried about the environmental problems today than you were five years ago?

- More worried 1
 Less worried 2
 About the same 3

- E.8. Do you think that Australia should become a republic with an Australian head of state, or should the Queen be retained as head of state?
- Strongly favour becoming republic 1
 - Favour becoming republic 2
 - Favour retaining the Queen as head of state 3
 - Strongly favour retaining the Queen as head of state 4

- E.9. On the issue of the Australian flag, do you...
- ...strongly favour changing the flag 1
 - ...favour changing the flag 2
 - ...favour retaining the flag 3
 - ...strongly favour retaining the flag 4

- E.10. Finally in this section, a question about what you think the aims of Australia should be for the next ten years. Here is a list of four aims that different people would give priority.

1. Maintain order in the nation
2. Give people more say in important government decisions
3. Fight rising prices
4. Protect freedom of speech

If you had to choose among these four aims, which would be your first choice? And which would be your second choice? PUT THE NUMBER OF THE STATEMENT IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.

>> First choice Second choice

Section F: The Environment

- F.1. Here are some statements about general environmental concerns. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
Nuclear energy is a real necessity for the future	1	2	3	4	5	[328]
I cherish nature and preserve it as one of the most precious things in life.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Australia should mine its uranium.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Increase government spending to protect the environment.....	1	2	3	4	5	
TV coverage of environmental issues is biased in favour of the greens.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Stronger measures should be taken to protect the environment against pollution.....	1	2	3	4	5	

E.4. Do you think that there should be some censorship of books and films, or do you think that people should be able to read and see what they like?

- Some censorship 1
 Read and see what like 2
 Depends 3

E.5. Would you say that job opportunities are, in general, better or worse for women than for men?

- Much better for women 1
 Better for women 2
 No difference 3
 Better for men 4
 Much better for men 5

E.6. Here are some statements about general social concerns. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
The death penalty should be reintroduced for murder.....	1	2	3	4	5	[315]
The smoking of marijuana should NOT be a criminal offence	1	2	3	4	5	
Government policies should, above all, be based on rational economic calculation.....	1	2	3	4	5	
People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Women should be given preferential treatment when applying for jobs and promotions.....	1	2	3	4	5	
In Australian society, anyone who is prepared to make the effort can succeed	1	2	3	4	5	
The government should increase opportunities for women in business and industry.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Government policies should, above all, be based on moral principles.....	1	2	3	4	5	

E.7. How important do you feel the Queen and the Royal Family are to Australia?

- Very important 1
 Fairly important 2
 Not very important 3

- D.11. When you hear of a strike, are your sympathies generally for or against the strikers?
- | | | |
|--|---|-------|
| Usually for the strikers | 1 | [276] |
| Sometimes for, sometimes against | 2 | |
| Usually against the strikers | 3 | |

Section E: Social Policy

- E.1. If the government had a choice between reducing taxes or spending more on social services, which do you think it should do?
- | | | |
|--|---|-------|
| Strongly favour reducing taxes | 1 | [306] |
| Mildly favour reducing taxes | 2 | |
| Depends | 3 | |
| Mildly favour spending more on social services | 4 | |
| Strongly favour spending more on social services | 5 | |
- E.2. The statements below indicate some of the changes that have been happening in Australia over the years. For each one, please say whether you think the change has gone too far, not gone far enough, or is it about right?

	Gone much too far	Gone too far	About right	Not gone far enough	Not gone nearly far enough
Equal opportunities for migrants...	1	2	3	4	5
The right to show nudity and sex in films and magazines.....	1	2	3	4	5
Equal opportunities for women.....	1	2	3	4	5
The number of migrants allowed into Australia at the present time...	1	2	3	4	5
Government help for Aborigines...	1	2	3	4	5

- E.3. Which one of these statements comes closest to how you feel about abortion in Australia?
- | | |
|--|---|
| Women should be able to obtain an abortion
readily when they want one | 1 |
| Abortion should be allowed only in special
circumstances | 2 |
| Abortion should not be allowed under any
circumstances | 3 |
| Don't know | 4 |

D.7. Compared to now, what do you think the general economic situation in the country will be in 12 months time?

- A lot better 1
 A little better 2
 About the same 3
 A little worse 4
 A lot worse 5

D.8. Do you think that, a year from now, the Federal government's policies will have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really will have not made much difference to the general economic situation in the country as a whole?

- A good effect 1
 Not much difference 2
 A bad effect 3

D.9. Here are some statements about economic issues. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each statement.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
High income tax makes people less willing to work hard.....	1	2	3	4	5	[269]
More money should be spent on reducing poverty.....	1	2	3	4	5	
There should be stricter laws to regulate the activities of trade unions.	1	2	3	4	5	
The trade unions in this country have too much power.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Big business in this country has too much power.....	1	2	3	4	5	
Income and wealth should be redistributed towards ordinary working people.....	1	2	3	4	5	

D.10. On the whole, would you like to see more or less employee control of industry, or about the same amount as now?

- More employee control 1
 About the same as now 2
 Less employee control 3

D.3. Still thinking about the same 14 issues, which of these issues has worried you and your family **most** in the last 12 months? And which next? PLEASE PUT THE NUMBER OF THE ISSUES IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW.

>> Issue of most concern Second issue of concern

>> And thinking ahead to **10 years from now**, which of these issues do you think will worry you and your family **most**? PLEASE PUT THE NUMBER OF THE ISSUES IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW.

>> Issue of most concern Second issue of concern

D.4. Which party do you think would do a better job overall of handling problems in the following broad areas of government policy, or wouldn't there be any difference between them?

Policy area	Labor (ALP)	Liberal-National Coalition	No difference	Don't know	
1. The nation's economy.....	1	2	3	4	[257]
2. Law and order.....	1	2	3	4	
3. Foreign affairs.....	1	2	3	4	
4. Social services.....	1	2	3	4	
5. Industrial relations.....	1	2	3	4	
6. International trade.....	1	2	3	4	

D.5. How does the **financial situation of your household** now compare with what it was 12 months ago? And how do you think the **general economic situation in Australia** now compares with what it was a year ago?

	Financial situation of your household	Economic situation in the country	
A lot better	1	1	[263-4]
A little better	2	2	
About the same	3	3	
A little worse	4	4	
A lot worse	5	5	

D.6. Compared with a year ago, would you say that the Federal government's policies have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really have not made much difference to the financial situation of your household?

And what effect do you think they have had on the general economic situation in the country as a whole?

	Financial situation of your household	Economic situation in the country
A good effect	1	1
Not much difference	2	2
A bad effect.....	3	3

Section D: Election Issues

- D.1. Here is a list of important issues that were discussed during the election campaign. Who's policies—the Labor Party's or the Liberal–National Coalition's—would you say **come closest** to your own views on each of these issues?

Issues	Labor (ALP)	Liberal–National Coalition	No difference	Don't know	
1. Business taxes.....	1	2	3	4	[221]
2. Child care.....	1	2	3	4	
3. Education.....	1	2	3	4	
4. The environment.....	1	2	3	4	
5. Enterprise bargaining.....	1	2	3	4	
6. Goods and services tax (GST).....	1	2	3	4	
7. Health.....	1	2	3	4	
8. Individual employment contracts	1	2	3	4	
9. Inflation.....	1	2	3	4	
10. Interest rates.....	1	2	3	4	
11. Medicare.....	1	2	3	4	
12. Social security benefits.....	1	2	3	4	
13. Tariffs on imported goods.....	1	2	3	4	
14. Unemployment.....	1	2	3	4	

- D.2. Still thinking about these same issues, **when you were deciding about how to vote**, how important was each of these issues **to you personally**?

Issues	Extremely important	Quite important	Not very important	
1. Business taxes.....	1	2	3	
2. Child care.....	1	2	3	
3. Education.....	1	2	3	
4. The environment.....	1	2	3	
5. Enterprise bargaining.....	1	2	3	
6. Goods and services tax (GST).....	1	2	3	
7. Health.....	1	2	3	
8. Individual employment contracts	1	2	3	
9. Inflation.....	1	2	3	
10. Interest rates.....	1	2	3	
11. Medicare.....	1	2	3	
12. Social security benefits.....	1	2	3	
13. Tariffs on imported goods.....	1	2	3	
14. Unemployment.....	1	2	3	[248]

- C.5. Now a few questions about your local electorate. Before the election, did you know the name of your local Federal MP in the House of Representatives, and his or her party affiliation? (Write in name and party if you recall them, otherwise circle 9).

Name _____ Don't recall name 9 [206]

Party _____ Don't recall party 9

- C.6. Before the election, did you have contact with your local Federal MP or learn anything about him or her through any of the following? (Circle as many as apply.)

Meeting the MP personally 1 [208]

Attending a meeting where the MP spoke 2

Receiving something in the mail from the MP 3

Reading about the MP in a newspaper or magazine 4

Hearing the MP on radio 5

Seeing the MP on TV 6

No, none of these/no contact 7 [214]

- C.6. Have you or anyone in your family living here ever contacted your local Federal MP or anyone in his or her office?

Yes 1

No 2 [GO TO C.8.]

- a. Was it... (circle as many as apply)

...to express an opinion? 1 [216-8]

...to seek information? 2

...to seek help on a problem you had? 3

- b. How satisfied were you with the response from the MP's office?

Very satisfied 1

Somewhat satisfied 2

Not very satisfied 3

Not at all satisfied 4

- C.8. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way in which your local Federal MP has been handling his or her job over the last three years?

Strongly approve 1

Approve 2

Neither approve nor disapprove 3

Disapprove 4

Strongly disapprove 5

- C.4. Here are a list of words and phrases people use to describe party leaders. For each word or phrase, please say how well you feel it describes the leader.

Thinking first about **Paul Keating**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him—extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

	Extremely well	Quite well	Not too well	Not well at all	
Moral.....	1	2	3	4	[162]
Intelligent.....	1	2	3	4	
Compassionate.....	1	2	3	4	
Sensible.....	1	2	3	4	
Provides strong leadership.....	1	2	3	4	
Decent.....	1	2	3	4	
Reliable.....	1	2	3	4	
Knowledgeable.....	1	2	3	4	
Inspiring.....	1	2	3	4	
Dependable.....	1	2	3	4	

Now thinking about **John Hewson**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him—extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

	Extremely well	Quite well	Not too well	Not well at all	
Moral.....	1	2	3	4	[172]
Intelligent.....	1	2	3	4	
Compassionate.....	1	2	3	4	
Sensible.....	1	2	3	4	
Provides strong leadership.....	1	2	3	4	
Decent.....	1	2	3	4	
Reliable.....	1	2	3	4	
Knowledgeable.....	1	2	3	4	
Inspiring.....	1	2	3	4	
Dependable.....	1	2	3	4	[181]

- B.12. Finally in this section, we would like to know your feelings about the political parties. Please show how you feel about them by circling a number from 0 to 10.

10 is the highest rating, if you feel **very favourable** about a party, and 0 is the lowest rating, for parties you feel **very unfavourable** about. If you are neutral about a particular party or don't know much about them, you should give them a rating of 5.

	Very Unfavourable			Neutral				Very Favourable				
How do you feel about:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Liberal Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	[142-3]
Labor Party (ALP)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
National Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Australian Democrats	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Greens	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Section C: The Candidates

- C.1. Again using the 0 to 10 scale, please show how **favourable** or **unfavourable** you feel about the party leaders.

	Very Unfavourable			Neutral				Very Favourable				
How do you feel about:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Paul Keating	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
John Hewson	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Tim Fischer	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
John Coulter	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	[158-9]

- C.2. Is there anything in particular you **like** about Paul Keating?

Yes	1	[160]
No	2	
Not sure/don't know	3	

If Yes: What is it in particular that you **like** about Paul Keating?

- C.3. Is there anything in particular you **like** about John Hewson?

Yes	1	[161]
No	2	
Not sure/don't know	3	

If Yes: What is it in particular that you **like** about John Hewson?

- B.7. In the House of Representatives, which of these reasons comes closest to why you decided to vote for that party?
- I always vote that way 1
- I thought it was the best party 2
- I preferred another party, but it had no chance of winning in this electorate 3
- B.8. Was there any time during the election campaign when you **seriously** thought you might vote for another party in the House of Representatives? (Circle one number only)
- No 1
- Yes, Liberal Party 2
- Yes, Labor Party (ALP) 3
- Yes, National (Country) Party 4
- Yes, Australian Democrats 5
- Yes, other (please specify) 6
- B.9. Thinking back to the previous Federal election in March 1990, when Labor was led by Bob Hawke and the Liberals by Andrew Peacock, which party did you vote for then in the House of Representatives? And in the Senate?
- | | House of
Representatives | Senate | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Liberal Party | 1 | 1 | [132-3] |
| Labor Party (ALP) | 2 | 2 | |
| National (Country) Party | 3 | 3 | |
| Australian Democrats | 4 | 4 | |
| Other (please specify party below) | 5 | 5 | |
| ----- | | | |
| Did not vote | 9 | 9 | |
- B.10. In previous Federal elections for the House of Representatives, had you always voted for the same party, or had you sometimes voted for different parties? (Circle as many as apply)
- Always voted for the same party 1 [134]
- Sometimes voted Liberal 2
- Sometimes voted Labor (ALP) 3
- Sometimes voted National (Country) 4
- Sometimes voted Australian Democrats 5
- Sometimes voted for other parties 6
- Did not vote before this election 7 [140]
- B.11. Considering everything the Labor Party and the Liberal Party stand for, would you say there is....
- A good deal of difference between the parties 1
- Some difference between the parties 2
- Not much difference between the parties 3
- No difference between the parties 4

Section B: Party Preference and Voting

- B.1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National, or what?
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|------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Liberal | 1 | |
| Labor | 2 | |
| National (Country) Party | 3 | |
| Australian Democrats | 4 | |
| Other party (please specify) _____ | 5 | |
| No party | 6 | [GO TO B.3] |
- B.2. Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, or not very strong supporter of that party?
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|---------------------------------|---|
| Very strong supporter | 1 |
| Fairly strong supporter | 2 |
| Not very strong supporter | 3 |
- B.3. In politics, people talk about the 'left' and the 'right'. Generally speaking, where would you place your views on this left-right scale?
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|------|---|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|----|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | [124-5] |
| Left | | | | | Right | | | | | |
- B.4. When did you decide how you would **definitely** vote in this election?
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|--|---|
| A long time ago | 1 |
| A few months ago, <u>before</u> election day was announced | 2 |
| About the time the election was announced, on 7 February | 3 |
| In the first few weeks of the campaign | 4 |
| A few days before election day | 5 |
| On election day | 6 |
- B.5. Thinking back to election day on Saturday 13 March, who did you think would win the election, the Liberal-National Coalition or the Labor Party?
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|----------------------------------|---|
| Liberal-National Coalition | 1 |
| Labor Party (ALP) | 2 |
- B.6. Which party did you vote for first in the House of Representatives? And in the Senate?
- | | House of
Representatives | Senate | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Liberal Party | 1 | 1 | [128-9] |
| Labor Party (ALP) | 2 | 2 | |
| National (Country) Party | 3 | 3 | |
| Australian Democrats | 4 | 4 | |
| Other (please specify party below) | 5 | 5 | |

- A.6. From what you saw or what you heard or read about them, who do you think performed better in the debates—Keating or Hewson?
- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Keating did much better..... | 1 |
| Keating did somewhat better..... | 2 |
| About equal..... | 3 |
| Hewson did somewhat better..... | 4 |
| Hewson did much better..... | 5 |
- A.7. In deciding how you would vote in the election, which was more important to you?
- | | |
|--|---|
| The party leaders..... | 1 |
| The candidates in your electorate..... | 2 |
| The parties taken as a whole..... | 3 |
- A.8. During the election campaign, did you do any of the following things? (Circle as many as apply).
- | | | |
|--|---|-------|
| Discuss politics with others..... | 1 | [114] |
| Talk to any people about why they should vote
for or against one of the parties or candidates?..... | 2 | |
| Go to any political meetings or rallies..... | 3 | |
| Contribute money to a political party
or election candidate..... | 4 | |
| Do any work for a political party or
election candidate..... | 5 | [118] |
- A.9. Would you say you cared a good deal which party won the Federal election or that you did not care very much which party won?
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|----------------------------|---|
| Cared a good deal..... | 1 |
| Didn't care very much..... | 2 |
| Didn't care at all..... | 3 |
- A.10. Which do you think is better—when the Federal Government has a majority in **both** the House of Representatives **and** the Senate, OR when the Federal Government in the House of Representatives **does not** control the Senate?
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|---|---|
| Much better when Government controls both | 1 |
| Better when Government controls both | 2 |
| Neither/doesn't matter..... | 3 |
| Better when Government does not control the Senate..... | 4 |
| Much better when Government does not control the Senate..... | 5 |
- A.11. Do you think that voting at Federal and State elections should be compulsory, or do you think that people should only have to vote if they want to?
- | | |
|---|---|
| Strongly favour compulsory voting..... | 1 |
| Favour compulsory voting..... | 2 |
| Favour people voting only if they want to..... | 3 |
| Strongly favour people voting only if they want to..... | 4 |

- J.20. Generally speaking, does your partner usually think of himself or herself as Liberal, Labor, or what?
- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| Liberal | 1 | |
| Labor | 2 | |
| National (Country) Party | 3 | |
| Australian Democrats | 4 | |
| Other (please specify) _____ | 5 | [543] |

That is the end of the questionnaire.
Please put the questionnaire in the pre-paid reply envelope and post it back to us.
Thank you again for your co-operation.