



Public Polling Methodology Statement: Covid Restrictions

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Short Methodology Statement	
Research company	YouGov Galaxy Pty Ltd
Client commissioning the research	Centre for Independent Studies
End client	Centre for Independent Studies
Fieldwork dates	2-5 August 2021
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from research panel (100%)
Target population	Australians who are eligible to vote
Sample size	1029
Australian Polling Council compliant	Yes
URL of Long Methodology statement	https://au.yougov.com/results/apc
Is voting intention published?	No

Long Methodology Statement	
Effective sample size after weighting applied	622
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	±3.9
Variables used in weighting	Age x gender x location, Age x education, AEC region x household income
Weighting method used	Rim weighting
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	See below
Proportion of landline/mobile completed interviews	N/A
Source of online sample	Selected from previously recruited online panels of research participants to fill quotas loosely based on weighting frame and past vote
Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire?	N/A
How were undecided voters handled?	N/A
2PP calculation method	N/A



Full Question Text of Published Questions

Q1. In the name of combatting the pandemic, Australia has targeted elimination of COVID, through a mixture of lockdowns, compulsory QR check-ins, venue capacity restrictions, testing and tracing strategies, state border restrictions; international border closures and quarantine requirements. When should these restrictions be lifted?

- 1 As soon as practicable
- 2 Only when a vaccine threshold has been met
- 3 Not until COVID has been completely eliminated from Australia
- 4 Some restrictions should continue even when the pandemic is over
- 5 Don't know

If Q1 = 4, ask Q2

Q2. What restrictions should be kept in place after the pandemic is over? (Please tick all that apply)
Randomise codes 1 to 9

- 1 Masks on public transport and most enclosed places
- 2 Closure of nightclubs, clubs, casinos and other industries
- 3 Limits on attendees at major events
- 4 Capacity limits in retail stores
- 5 Restrictions on how many people can be in your home
- 6 Use of QR codes to record attendance at selected places
- 7 Night-time curfews
- 8 State border entry restrictions
- 9 14 days quarantine on overseas arrivals
- 10 None of above (exclusive, fixed)

Q3. What should the vaccination target for lifting restrictions be?

- 1 Once the majority of those most at risk have been vaccinated
- 2 When 80% or more of the adult population has been vaccinated
- 3 When everyone – adults and children – have been vaccinated
- 4 When all adults have been offered access to two doses of a vaccine, regardless of whether they have chosen to get vaccinated
- 5 Don't know

Q4. How likely or unlikely do you believe it is that COVID-19 can be permanently eradicated in Australia?

Flip codes 1 to 7

- 1 Almost certain
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Fairly likely
- 4 Don't know
- 5 Fairly unlikely
- 6 Very unlikely
- 7 Almost certainly not

Q5. During the pandemic police issued fines and warnings to those who have breached public health orders. Do you think penalties for those who breached public health orders are?

- 1 Too low
- 2 Too high
- 3 About right



Q6. Do you think enforcement against those who breached public health orders has been?

- 1 Too lax
- 2 Too strict
- 3 About right

Q7. Australia is also undertaking a mass vaccine roll-out, currently centred on the Oxford-Astra Zeneca and the Pfizer vaccines. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:
Randomise A to D

- A. Except for those with medical conditions that prevent them from taking the vaccine, the federal and state governments should pass laws to make vaccination mandatory
- B. State governments should have the right to refuse to allow unvaccinated people to enter the state
- C. Businesses should be able to require people to disclose whether they have been vaccinated and refuse them service or entry to venues if they have not
- D. More than 800 people died from the flu in both 2017 and 2019. For future flu seasons, the government should implement similar restrictions to those in the COVID pandemic

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 No opinion
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree

If Q7D = 1 or 2, ask Q8

Q8. What restrictions would be appropriate for future flu outbreaks? (Tick all that apply)

Randomise codes 1 to 10

- 1 Masks on public transport and most enclosed places
- 2 Closure of nightclubs, clubs, casinos and other industries
- 3 Limits on attendees at major events
- 4 Capacity limits in retail stores
- 5 Restrictions on how many people can be in your home
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- 7 Night-time curfews
- 8 State border entry restrictions
- 9 14 days quarantine on overseas arrivals
- 10 Mandatory vaccination
- 11 None of above (exclusive, fixed)

Q9a. Which of these is closer to your view?

Randomise codes 1 and 2

- 1 I have greater trust in governments to make decisions in the best interests of Australians as a result of the pandemic
- 2 My trust in government has gone down as a result of how they have handled the pandemic
- 3 Neither (fixed)

Q9b. Which of these is closer to your view?

Randomise codes 1 and 2

- 1 I am more supportive of government restrictions on civil liberties because of the pandemic
- 2 The pandemic has shown me how important civil liberties really are
- 3 Neither (fixed)



Q9c. Which of these is closer to your view?

Randomise codes 1 and 2

- 1 After the pandemic is over we should continue to encourage more interactions to move online (e.g. schooling and university, working from home, online shopping)
- 2 After the pandemic is over we should return as close as possible to how life was before the pandemic
- 3 Neither (fixed)

Q9d. Which of these is closer to your view?

Randomise codes 1 and 2

- 1 Free markets have responded well to meeting customers' needs in challenging circumstances
- 2 COVID shows governments should have greater control over the economy
- 3 Neither (fixed)

Q10. Do you think of yourself, first and foremost as...

- 1 An Australian
- 2 A New South Welshman (if in NSW)
- 3 A Victorian (if in VIC)
- 4 A Queenslander (if in QLD)
- 5 A South Australian (if in SA)
- 6 A West Australian (if in WA)
- 7 A Tasmanian (if in TAS)
- 8 A Canberran (if in ACT)
- 9 A Territorian (if in NT)

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