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Short Methodology Statement

Research company	YouGov Galaxy Pty Ltd
Client commissioning the research	United States Study Centre University of Sydney
End client	United States Study Centre University of Sydney
Fieldwork dates	14 - 21 Dec 2021
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from research panel (100%)
Target population	Australian eligible voters 18+
Sample size	1211
Australian Polling Council compliant	Yes
URL of Long Methodology statement	NA
Is voting intention published?	No

Long Methodology Statement

Effective sample size after weighting applied	1115
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	±2.9
Variables used in weighting	Age x gender, gender x location
Weighting method used	Rim weighting
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	Codebook and questionnaire provided
Proportion of landline/mobile completed interviews	N/A
Source of online sample	YouGov Panel
Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire?	NA
How were undecided voter handled?	NA
2PP calculation method	NA

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Q1	Of the following list of issues, which is the most important facing Australia today? Please number three of options listed below, from 1 to 3, where 1 is the most important	
	Rank order 1-3 items; randomise order	
1.	Climate change	
2.	Immigration	
3.	Sexism	
4.	COVID-19	
5.	Cost of housing	
6.	The federal budget deficit	
7.	The affordability of healthcare	
8.	Economic inequality	
9.	Racism	
10	Crime	
Q2	Having free and fair elections are considered essential for a country to be a democracy. How often are elections in the following countries free and fair?	Ask all Record time taken to answer question
	Rows; randomise options	
a.	United States	
b.	Australia	
c.	United Kingdom	
d.	Japan	
e.	India	
f.	Russia	
	Columns; random reverse scale 1-4	
1.	Always	
2.	Very often	
3.	Sometimes	
4.	Rarely	
5.	Never	
6.	Don't know	fixed
Q3	How often can you trust the federal government in Canberra to do what is right?	Ask all
	Single select; random reverse scale 1-5	
1.	Always	
2.	Most of the time	
3.	About half the time	
4.	Some of the time	
5.	Never	

Q4	There are different types of political systems. What you think about each of the following political systems as a way of governing Australia.	Ask all
	Rows; randomise options	
a.	Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections.	
b.	Having experts, not government, make decisions according to what they think is best for the country.	
c.	Having a democratic political system.	
	Columns; Single select; random reverse	
1.	Very Good	
2.	Fairly Good	
3.	Fairly Bad	
4.	Very Bad	
Q5	You may have heard about the idea that the world's temperature may have been going up slowly over the past 100 years. What is your personal opinion on this? Do you think this has probably been happening, or do you think it probably hasn't been happening?	Ask all
	Rows; random reverse scale 1-2	
1.	Has probably been happening	
2.	Probably hasn't been happening	
3.	Don't know	fixed
Q6	Do you think a rise in the world's temperatures would be caused mostly by human activity, mostly by natural causes, or about equally by human activity and by natural causes?	This stem if answers 1 to Q5
	Assuming it's happening, do you think a rise in the world's temperatures would be caused mostly by human activity, mostly by natural causes, or about equally by human activity and by natural causes?	This stem if answers 2 or 3 to Q5
	Rows; random reverse scale 1-2	
	Mostly by human activity	
	Mostly by natural causes	
	About equally by human activity and natural causes	fixed
Q7	Would you support or oppose a plan to reduce fossil fuel use in Australia? The plan would be paid for by raising taxes, including a tax on carbon emissions.	Random 50% of sample receive this stem.
	Would you support or oppose a plan to reduce fossil fuel use in Australia?	Other half receive this stem
	Single select, random reverse scale 1-5	
1.	Strongly support	
2.	Support	
3.	Neither support not oppose	
4.	Oppose	
5.	Strongly oppose	

6.	Don't know	fixed
Q8	Do you favour, oppose, or neither favour nor oppose increasing taxes on the income and wealth of the rich?	Ask all
	Single select, random reverse scale 1-2	
1.	Favour	
2.	Oppose	
3.	Neither favour nor oppose	fixed
Q9	Who is currently president of the United States?	Random 50% of sample receive this stem.
	Here is a photo of the current president of the United States. Select his name from the following list. 	Other half receive this stem
	Single select, randomise options	Time responses and provide as separate column
1.	Joe Biden	
2.	Donald Trump	
3.	Ron DeSantis	
4.	Mike Pence	
5.	Chuck Schumer	
Q10	Who is currently prime minister of Australia?	
	Here is a photo of the current prime minister of Australia. Select his name from the following list. 	
	Single select, randomise options	Time responses and provide as separate column
1.	Scott Morrison	
2.	Malcolm Turnbull	
3.	Dan Andrews	

4.	Anthony Albanese	
5.	Angus Taylor	
Q11	In 2024, there will be a presidential election in the United States. If the Democratic candidate is current president Joe Biden and the Republican candidate is former president Donald Trump, who would you rather won the election? Please select one option.	**Ask all** **Do not allow respondents to go back to previous questions from this point**
	Single select; random reverse scale 1-2	
1.	The Republican candidate, Donald Trump	
2.	The Democratic candidate, Joe Biden	
3.	Another candidate	**fixed**
4.	Not sure	**fixed**
Q12	Some people say the use of violence is never justified in Australian politics. Others say that it is sometimes necessary to use violence in this country in support of a just cause. Where would you place yourself on the scale below?	**Ask all**
	Single select; random reverse scale 1-4	

	A. The use of violence is never justified in Australian politics		B. In this country, it is sometimes necessary to use violence in support of a just cause.		
	1. Agree very strongly with A	2. Agree with A	3. Agree with B	4. Agree very strongly with B.	

Q13	Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	**Ask all**
	Single select, randomise options	
a.	Hard work and ability determine how well off a person becomes	
b.	Luck is more important for financial success than hard work	
c.	The government should reduce the differences in income between the richest and poorest households?	
	Columns; random reverse scale 1-5	
1.	Strongly agree	
2.	Agree	
3.	Neither agree nor disagree	
4.	Disagree	
5.	Strongly disagree	

Q14	Thinking about the country today, how common is it for someone to start poor, work hard and become rich? Would you say it is very common, somewhat common, somewhat uncommon or very uncommon?		Ask all
	Single select; random reverse		
1.	Very common		
2.	Somewhat common		
3.	Somewhat uncommon		
4.	Very uncommon		
Q15	Do you agree or disagree with the following?		Ask all
	Single select, randomise options		
a.	The government should provide a free university education for anyone who wants to attend		
b.	The minimum wage should be high enough so that no family with a full-time worker falls below the official poverty line		
c.	The government should provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed		
d.	The government should provide funding for hospital visits for emergencies and operations to lower the cost for patients		
	Columns; random reverse scale 1-5		
1.	Strongly agree		
2.	Agree		
3.	Neither agree nor disagree		
4.	Disagree		
5.	Strongly disagree		
Q16	Do you favour or oppose employers requiring all workers (who do not have a medical exemption) receive a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccination?		Ask all
	Single select; random reverse scale 1-5		
1.	Strongly favour		
2.	Favour		
3.	Neither favour nor oppose		
4.	Oppose		
5.	Strongly oppose		

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Qtn #	Question Text	Logic
NEW Q1	How important do you think each of the following foreign policy goals should be to Australia?	Ask all
	Rows; randomise options	
a.	Promoting democracy in other nations	
b.	Dealing with global climate change	
c.	Working with allies to stand up to China	
	Columns; Single select; random reverse	
1.	Very important	
2.	Fairly important	
3.	Not very important	
4.	Not important at all	
Q1	Have you read about or heard of the ANZUS Treaty?	Ask all
	Single select; random reverse	
1	Yes	
2	No	
Q2	How important is Australia's alliance with the US under ANZUS for protecting Australia's security?	If response to Q1 = 1 yes, provide this stem
	ANZUS is a defence alliance between Australia, New Zealand and the United States. How important is Australia's alliance with the US under ANZUS for protecting Australia's security?	If response to Q1 = 2 No, provide this stem
	Single select; random reverse	
1.	Very important	
2.	Fairly important	
3.	Not important	
4.	Not at all important	
Q3	In general, the best years of the United States…	Ask all
	Single select; random reverse	
1.	Are in the future	
2.	Were in the past	
Q4	Do you approve or disapprove of the way **the Australian government** is handling relations between the Australia and China?	50% of sample receives this stem
	Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Australian government** are handling relations between Australia and China?	Other 50% receives this stem
	Single select; random reverse	
1.	Approve	
2.	Disapprove	
Q5	Do you approve or disapprove of the way **the United States government** is handling relations between the United States and China?	50% of sample receives this stem

		Do you approve or disapprove of the way **President Biden and his administration** are handling relations between the United States and China?	Other 50% receives this stem
		Single select; random reverse	
		Approve	
		Disapprove	
Q6		Have you heard about the agreement between Australia, the United States and United Kingdom called AUKUS?	Ask all
		Single select; random reverse	
	1.	Yes	
	2.	No	
Q7		In your own words, how would you describe the agreement between Australia, the United States and United Kingdom called AUKUS?	Ask respondents who answered 1 to Q6 = 1 'Yes'
		Free text response	
Q8		Do you consider the countries listed below to be an ally of Australia, friendly or unfriendly with Australia, or an enemy of Australia	Ask all

Do not allow respondents to go back to previous questions |
		Rows; randomise order of options	
	a.	United States	Always selected
	b.	The People's Republic of China	Always selected
	c.	France	Always selected
	d.	The United Kingdom	Select 3 at random from d thru n
	e.	Canada	
	f.	Germany	
	g.	Israel	
	h.	India	
	i.	New Zealand	
	j.	Japan	
	k.	South Korea	
	l.	Turkey	
	m.	Iran	
	n.	Russia	
		Columns; random reverse scale 1-4	
	1.	Ally	
	2.	Friendly	
	3.	Unfriendly	
	4.	Enemy	
	5.	Don't know	fixed
Q9		During the next ten years, how likely is it that the United States will be in military conflict with…	Ask all
		Rows; randomise options	
	a.	China	Always selected

b.	Russia		Select 2 at random from b thru d.
c.	North Korea		
d.	Iran		
	Columns; Single select; random reverse		
1.	Extremely likely		
2.	Very likely		
3.	Somewhat likely		
4.	Slightly likely		
5.	Not at all likely		
Q10	Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?		Ask all
	Rows; randomise options		
a.	**Australia** would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world.		
b.	**The world** would be better off if **America** stayed home and did not concern itself with the problems of other countries		
c.	**The world** would be better off if **China** stayed home and did not concern itself with the problems of other countries		
	Columns; single select; random reverse scale 1-5		
1.	Strongly agree		
2.	Agree		
3.	Neither agree nor disagree		
4.	Disagree		
5.	Strongly disagree		
Q11	Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?		Ask all
	Rows; randomise options		
a.	Australia is too economically dependent on China		
b.	The United State and China are in a 'Cold War'		
c.	China has overtaken the United States as the world's technological leader		
	Columns; Single select; random reverse scale 1-5		
1.	Strongly agree		
2.	Agree		
3.	Neither agree nor disagree		
4.	Disagree		
5.	Strongly disagree		
Q12	An agreement was recently announced for closer defence and technological cooperation between Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. Do you approve or disapprove of this agreement?		Random 50% of sample receive this stem
	An agreement was recently announced for closer defence and technological cooperation between Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. This included a plan for Australia to access nuclear-powered submarine technology. Do you approve or disapprove of this agreement?		Other 50% of sample receive this stem

	Single select; random reverse scale 1-5		
1.	Strongly approve		
2.	Approve		
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove		
4.	Disapprove		
5.	Strongly disapprove		
6.	Don't know		
Q13-a	Some people say Australia is too reliant on products made in China. If it cost the same, would you favour a smart phone made in a country other than China to reduce our reliance on Chinese made products?	20% of sample receive 13-a. Rest receive 13-b instead
	Single select; random reverse	
1.	Would favour phone made in China	
2.	Would favour phone made in other country	
Q13-b	Some people say Australia is too reliant on products made in China. If it cost <random price increase $100, $250, $500, $1000> more than a smart phone made in China, would you favour buying a smart phone made in a country other than China to reduce our reliance on Chinese made products?	Ask all respondents who DID NOT receive 13-a
	Single select; random reverse	
1.	Would favour phone made in China	
2.	Would favour phone made in other country	

Qtn #	Question Text		Logic
Q1	Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?		If recorded on file as Religion = any Christian denomination
	Single select; random reverse scale 1-2		
1.	Yes		
2.	No		
3.	Don't know		Fixed
Q2	Although there are a number of qualities that people feel that children should have, every person thinks that some are more important than others. For each row, which of these pairs do you believe is more important for a child to have?		
	Single select within each row; randomise rows		
1.	Independence	Respect for elders	
2.	Obedience	Self-reliance	
3.	Curiosity	Good manners	
4.	Be considerate	Well-behaved	
5.	Orderly	Imaginative	

6.	Free-spirited	Polite	
Q3	To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements?		Ask all
	Rows; randomise options		
a.	Politicians need to follow the will of the people.		
b.	The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions.		
c.	The political differences between the elite and the people are larger than differences among the people.		
d.	I would rather be represented by an ordinary citizen than by a specialized politician.		
e.	Elected officials talk too much and take too little action.		
f.	What people call 'compromise' in politics is really just selling out on one's principles.		
	Columns; random reverse scale 1-5		
1.	Strongly Agree		
2.	Agree		
3.	Neither Agree nor Disagree		
4.	Disagree		
5.	Strongly Disagree		
Q4	Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?		Ask all
	Rows; randomise options		
a.	It is great that many young people today are prepared to defy authority.		
b.	What our country needs most is discipline, with everyone following our leaders in unity.		
c.	God's laws about abortion, pornography, and marriage must be strictly followed before it is too late.		
d.	There is nothing wrong with premarital Sexual intercourse.		
e.	Our society needs more lenient government and fewer strict laws.		
f.	The facts on crime and the recent public disorders show we have to crack down harder on troublemakers, if we are going to preserve law and order		
1.	*Columns; random reverse scale 1-5*		
2.	Strongly Agree		
3.	Agree		
4.	Neither Agree nor Disagree		
5.	Disagree		
6.	Strongly Disagree		
Q5	Now, we have a short question on marriage and family. How do you think you would react if a member of your immediate family told you they were going to someone in each of these groups?		Ask all

		Would you be generally happy about this, generally unhappy, or wouldn't it matter to you at all?	
		Rows; randomise order of options	
a(1).		A Labor voter	If 2019 vote = Liberal Party, Liberal-National Party, Country Liberal Party, The National Party
a(2).		A Liberal voter	If 2019 vote = The Australian Labor Party
a(3).		<randomly apply a(1) or a(2) here>	All other respondents not covered in a(1) and a(2)
b.		A transgender person	
c.		A "born again" Christian	
		Columns; Single select; random reverse	
	1.	Happy	
	2.	Unhappy	
	3.	Wouldn't matter	