

**Monash University
Social Cohesion Research Program**

2017 NATIONAL SURVEY – NON-PROBABILITY ONLINE VERSION

SAMPLE VARIABLE

Boost 0=Main; 1=One Nation boost.

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: Please display all questions as one by one]

**Questionnaire Structure
Modules**

Screening

- A: Economic
- B: Political
- C: Socio-Cultural
- D: Discrimination
- E: Reflective
- F: Neighbourhood
- G: Demographics

Close

WELCOME SCREEN

Thank you for taking part in this survey. The survey is being conducted by the Social Research Centre on behalf of Monash University.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and there are no right or wrong answers. Participation in this survey is voluntary and you can withdraw at any point. The information collected will be treated in strict confidence.

Please click 'Next' to start the questionnaire.

*(PROGRAMMER NOTE: DISPLAY THROUGH OUT THE SURVEY IN GREY SCALE)

For any queries, please email support@theoru.com.au. You are able to stop the survey at any time by clicking save and return to complete it later. You can re-start the survey by clicking on the same link, it will take you to where you left.

SAVE SCREEN

Thanks for your time so far. Your answers have been saved. You can use your original survey link to return to the survey and continue from where you left off.

SCREENING

*(ALL)

DEM2. Firstly, just a few questions to confirm you are eligible to participate. Are you...?

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

- 4. Prefer not to say (GO TO TERM1)

*(ALL)

DEM1a. How old were you last birthday?

- 1 Age given (RECORD AGE IN YEARS (RANGE 15 TO 99)
[IF AGE=<18, GO TO TERM3]

2 Prefer not to say

*(REFUSED AGE DEM1a=2)

DEM1b. Which of the following age groups are you in?

1. Under 18 (GO TO TERM3)
2. 18 - 24 years
3. 25 - 29 years
4. 30 - 34 years
5. 35 - 39 years
6. 40 - 44 years
7. 45 - 49 years
8. 50 - 54 years
9. 55 - 59 years
10. 60 - 64 years
11. 65 - 69 years
12. 70 - 74 years
13. 75+ years

14. Prefer not to say (GO TO TERM1)

AGEDUM Create dummy variable for quotas here.

1. 18 - 24 years
2. 25 - 29 years
3. 30 - 34 years
4. 35 - 39 years
5. 40 - 44 years
6. 45 - 49 years
7. 50 - 54 years
8. 55 - 59 years
9. 60 - 64 years
10. 65 - 69 years
11. 70 - 74 years
12. 75+ years

*(ALL)

STATE. Which state or territory do you live in?

1. New South Wales
2. Victoria
3. Queensland
4. South Australia
5. Western Australia
6. Tasmania
7. Northern Territory
8. Australian Capital Territory
9. Prefer not to say (GO TO TERM1)

*(ALL)

POSTCODE. What is your postcode?

1. Enter postcode (#####) (ALLOWABLE RANGE = VALID POSTCODES, STANDARD CHECK WITH STATE PROVIDED AT STATE)
2. Prefer not to say (GO TO TERM1)

REGIONDUM. DUM variable for metro / regional split

1. Sydney
2. NSW Regional
3. Melbourne
4. VIC Regional
5. Brisbane
6. QLD Regional
7. Adelaide
8. SA Regional
9. Perth
10. WA Regional
11. Hobart
12. TAS Regional
13. Darwin
14. NT Regional
15. ACT

*(BOOST=1)

DEM6Q. Are you an Australian citizen?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (GO TO TERM2)

- 4 Prefer not to say (GO TO TERM1)

*(BOOST=1 AND DEM6Q=1, AUS CITIZEN)

DEM22Q. Just one question about voting. If there was a Federal election held today, for which party would you probably vote?

1. Labour Party (GO TO TERM2)
2. Liberal Party (GO TO TERM2)
3. National Party (GO TO TERM2)
4. Greens (GO TO TERM2)
5. One Nation / Pauline Hanson
6. Nick Xenophon Team (GO TO TERM2)
7. Liberal National Party / LNP (GO TO TERM2)
8. Family First (Australian Conservatives) (GO TO TERM2)
9. Independents (GO TO TERM2)
10. Other (GO TO TERM2)
11. Would not vote (GO TO TERM2)

12. Not sure (GO TO TERM1)
13. Prefer not to say (GO TO TERM1)

*(PROGRAMMER NOTE: CHECK QUOTAS – IF FULL GO TO TERM2)

MODULE A: ECONOMIC

*(ALL)

A1 Firstly, some questions on your views on various economic and social issues. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- a. People living on low incomes in Australia receive enough financial support from the government
- b. In Australia today, the gap between those with high incomes and those with low incomes is too large.
- c. Australia is a land of economic opportunity where in the long run, hard work brings a better life.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 None of the above / Not sure
- 7 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

A5. Now a question about your own financial circumstances. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your present financial situation?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 4 Dissatisfied
- 5 Very dissatisfied

- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 6 Not sure
- 7 Prefer not to say

MODULE B: POLITICAL

*(ALL)

B4. Now some questions about different forms of political action people can take. Which, if any, of the following you have done over the last three years or so?

(ACCEPT MULTIPLES)

- 1 Voted in an election
- 2 Signed a petition
- 3 Written or spoken to a Federal or State Member of Parliament
- 4 Joined a boycott of a product or company
- 5 Attended a protest, march or demonstration

- 6 None of the above [EXCLUSIVE]
- 7 Not sure [EXCLUSIVE]
- 8 Prefer not to say [EXCLUSIVE]

*(ALL)

B6a. How often do you think the government in Canberra can be trusted to do the right thing for the Australian people? Would you say...

- 1 Almost always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Only some of the time

- 4 Almost never
- 5 Not sure
- 6 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

B8. How interested are you in politics?

1. Very interested
2. Somewhat interested
3. Neither interested / disinterested
4. Not interested
5. Not interested at all

6. Not sure
7. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

B10. Would you say the system of government we have in Australia works fine as it is, needs minor change, needs major change, or should be replaced?

1. Works fine as it is
2. Needs minor change
3. Needs major change
4. Should be replaced

5. Not sure
6. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

B9. The next statement refers to a different type of political system. Would you say...

- a) Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections would be a very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad way to govern Australia?
 1. Very good
 2. Fairly good
 4. Fairly bad
 5. Very bad

 3. Neither good not bad
 6. Not sure
 7. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

B13 There are a number of social and environmental issues facing the federal and state parliaments. Do you support or oppose legislation for...

*PROGRAMMER NOTE: RANDOMISE STATEMENTS

- a) Reduced reliance on coal for electricity generation
- b) Marriage equality for same sex couples

1. Strongly support
2. Support
4. Oppose
5. Strongly oppose

3. Neither support nor oppose

6. Not sure
7. Prefer not to say

*(TIMESTAMP3)

MODULE C: SOCIO-CULTURAL

*(ALL)

C7. To what extent do you take pride in the Australian way of life and culture? Would you say ...

- 1 To a great extent
- 2 To a moderate extent
- 3 Only slightly
- 4 Not at all

- 5 Not sure
- 6 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

C8. And to what extent do you have a sense of belonging in Australia? Would you say ...

- 1 To a great extent
- 2 To a moderate extent
- 3 Only slightly
- 4 Not at all

- 5 Not sure
- 6 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

C9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
"In the modern world, maintaining the Australian way of life and culture is important".

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 Not sure
- 7 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

C1. Now some questions about immigration. What do you think of the number of immigrants accepted into Australia at present? Would you say it is...

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

- 4 Not sure / No opinion
- 5 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

C2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

- a) Accepting immigrants from many different countries makes Australia stronger
- b) Ethnic minorities in Australia **should** be given Australian government assistance to maintain their customs and traditions

c) Multiculturalism has been good for Australia

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

- 3 Neither agree or disagree
- 6 Not sure / None of the above
- 7 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

CN7. Next, I would like to ask you about your attitude towards different religious groups. Is your personal attitude positive, negative, or neutral towards...?

(STATEMENTS)

- a) Christians
- b) And, what about Buddhists
- c) And, what about Muslims

(RESPONSE FRAME)

- 1 Very positive
- 2 Somewhat positive
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat negative
- 5 Very negative

- 6 Not sure
- 7 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

C3. Do you agree or disagree that when a family or individual applies to migrate to Australia, that it should be possible for them to be rejected purely on the basis of...

- a) their race or ethnicity?
- b) their religion?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 6 Not sure
- 7 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

C10 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about ethnic and cultural groups in Australia?

- a) We should do more to learn about the customs and heritage of different ethnic and cultural groups in this country
- b) People who come to Australia should change their behavior to be more like Australians

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
4. Disagree

5. Strongly disagree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
6. Not sure
7. Prefer not to say

MODULE D: DISCRIMINATION

*(ALL)

D5. Now thinking about any discrimination you may have personally experienced. Have you experienced discrimination because of your skin colour, ethnic origin, or religion over the last 12 months?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Prefer not to say

MODULE E: REFLECTIVE

*(ALL)

E1. Next, some questions about your opinion on some more general issues. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

- 1 Can be trusted
- 2 Can't be too careful
- 3 Not sure / Can't choose
- 4 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

E2. Taking **all** things into consideration, would you say that over the last year **you** have been...?

- 1 Very happy
- 2 Happy
- 4 Unhappy
- 5 Very unhappy
- 3 Neither happy nor unhappy
- 6 Not sure
- 7 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

E3. In three or four years, do you think that your life in Australia will be...?

- 1 Much improved
- 2 A little improved
- 3 The same as now
- 4 A little worse
- 5 Much worse
- 6 Don't think I will be living in Australia
- 7 Cannot predict / Not sure
- 8 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

E10. Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile? Where zero means 'not at all worthwhile' and 10 is 'completely worthwhile'.

1 [RANGE WHOLE NUMBER; 0 – 10]

- 2 Not sure
- 3 Prefer not to say

MODULE F: NEIGHBOURHOOD

*(ALL)

F2. And now thinking about your local area, that is within 15 to 20 minutes walking distance of where you live. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement...

i. I am able to have a real say on issues that are important to me in my local area.

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 6. Not sure
- 7. Prefer not to say

(ALL)

F7. Would you say that living in your local area is becoming better or worse, or is it unchanged?

- 1. Much better
- 2. Better
- 3. Unchanged
- 4. Worse
- 5. Much worse

- 6. Not sure
- 7. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

F20. Thinking of cultures other than your own. Do you agree or disagree with the statements:

- a) I like meeting and getting to know people from ethnic and cultural groups other than my own
- b) I often spend time with people from ethnic or cultural groups other than my own.

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

- 6. Not sure
- 7. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

F9b. And now turning to another issue, your sense of personal safety. How safe do you feel walking alone at night in your local area? Would you say you feel ...

- 1. Very safe
- 2. Fairly safe
- 3. A bit unsafe
- 4. Very unsafe

5. Neither safe nor unsafe
6. Never walk alone at night
7. Not sure
8. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

F10. Thinking about all types of crime in general, how worried are you about becoming a victim of crime in your local area? Would you say you are...

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. Not sure
6. Prefer not to say

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

*(ALL)

DEM1 You're nearly finished now. Just a few final questions to make sure we've spoken to a good range of people. Including you, how many people aged 18 years and over live in this household?

1. RECORD WHOLE NUMBER (ALLOWABLE RANGE 1 TO 20)
2. Not sure
3. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

DEM15 In which countries were you and your family members born?

ONLY DISPLAY CODE 32 AND 33 FOR STATEMENTS B, C AND D

- a) Starting with yourself
 - b) Your spouse (if you have one)?
 - c) Your mother?
 - d) And, your father?
- 1 Australia
 - 2 Canada
 - 3 China (excluding Taiwan)
 - 4 Croatia
 - 5 Egypt
 - 6 Fiji
 - 7 Germany
 - 8 Greece
 - 9 Hong Kong
 - 10 Hungary
 - 11 India
 - 12 Indonesia
 - 13 Ireland
 - 14 Italy
 - 15 Lebanon
 - 16 Macedonia
 - 17 Malaysia
 - 18 Malta
 - 19 Netherlands (Holland)
 - 20 New Zealand
 - 21 Philippines

- 22 Poland
- 23 Serbia / Montenegro
- 24 Singapore
- 25 South Africa
- 26 Sri Lanka
- 27 Sudan
- 28 United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Nth Ireland)
- 29 USA
- 30 Vietnam
- 31 Other (Please specify) _____
- 32 Not applicable
- 33 Not sure
- 34 Prefer not to say

*(IF DEM 15a=1)

Q10B. Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- 1. No
- 2. Yes, Aboriginal
- 3. Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- 4. Prefer not to say
- 5. Not sure

*(IF DEM15a=2-33 NOT BORN IN AUSTRALIA)

DEM16 In what year did you arrive in Australia?

- 1. Year given (RECORD YEAR, RANGE 1915-2017)
- 2. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

DEM7. What is your first language?

- 1 English
- 2 Arabic
- 3 Lebanese
- 4 Australian Indigenous Languages
- 5 Cantonese
- 6 Mandarin
- 7 Croatian
- 8 Greek
- 9 Hindi
- 10 Italian
- 11 Macedonian
- 12 Spanish
- 13 Turkish
- 14 Vietnamese
- 15 Other (Please specify) _____
- 16 Not sure
- 17 Prefer not to say

*(BOOST=0) [IF BOOST=1, PRE-FILL DEM6=1]

DEM6. Are you an Australian citizen?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not sure

4 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

DEM10. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1 Primary school
- 2 Year 7 to Year 9
- 3 Year 10
- 4 Year 11
- 5 Year 12
- 6 Trade / apprenticeship
- 7 Other TAFE / Technical Certificate
- 8 Diploma
- 9 Bachelor Degree
- 10 Post-Graduate Degree
- 11 Other (Please specify) _____
- 12 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

DEM11 Which one of these BEST describes your employment situation? Are you...

- 1 Employed full-time
- 2 Employed part-time
- 3 Unemployed
- 4 Retired
- 5 Student
- 6 Home duties
- 7 Something else (Please specify) _____
- 8 Not sure
- 9 Prefer not to say

*(DEM11=1 OR 2, EMPLOYED)

A6. Are you worried that you will lose your job in the next year or so. Would you say...

1. Very worried
2. Worried
4. A little worried
5. Not worried at all
3. Neither worried nor not worried
6. Not sure
7. Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

DEM13b Which of the following terms best describes your financial circumstances today? Would you say you are...?

- 1 Prosperous
- 2 Living very comfortably
- 3 Living reasonably comfortably
- 4 Just getting along
- 5 Struggling to pay bills
- 6 Poor
- 7 Not sure
- 8 Prefer not to say

*(ALL)

DEM17N What is your religion, even if you are not currently practicing?

1. Catholic
2. Anglican (Church of England)
3. Uniting Church
4. Presbyterian
5. Greek Orthodox
6. Baptist
7. Lutheran
8. Islam
9. Buddhist
10. Judaism
11. Hinduism
12. Christian (no further information)
13. No religion
14. Other (Please specify) _____

15. Not sure
16. Prefer not to say

*(DEM17N=1 thru 12 OR 14, HAS RELIGION)

DEM24 Do you consider yourself to be...?

1. Very religious
2. Religious
3. Not so religious
4. Not religious at all

5. Not sure
6. Prefer not to say

*(BOOST=0 AND DEM6=1, AUS CITIZEN) [IF BOOST=1, PRE-FILL DEM22=5]

DEM22 Just one question about voting. If there was a Federal election held today, for which party would you probably vote?

1. Labour Party
2. Liberal Party
3. National Party
4. Greens
5. One Nation / Pauline Hanson
6. Nick Xenophon Team
7. Liberal National Party / LNP
8. Family First (Australian Conservatives)
9. Independents
10. Other (Please specify) _____
11. Would not vote

12. Not sure
13. Prefer not to say

CLOSE

Thank you for taking the time to participate. This survey was conducted by the Social Research Centre on behalf of Monash University researchers.

This research study has been carried out in compliance with the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles, and the information you have provided will only be used for research purposes. Our Privacy Policy is available via our website, www.srcentre.com.au, if you require further information please click on the Privacy Policy in the right hand menu.

If you have any queries or concerns about the survey here are some contact details:

- Concerns or complaints about how the study is being conducted – Monash University Ethics Project Number: (CF07/1240), ph: 03 9905 5490, Email: muhrec@monash.edu
- Questions about the purpose of the research and why it is being conducted – Dr Margaret Taft, Tel: 03 9903 5018 Email: margaret.taft@monash.edu

Please click 'CLOSE' to submit the survey.

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[PROGRAMMER NOTE: Close link:

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TERM SCRIPTS

TERM1. Thanks for your interest, but we need that information to make sure we're speaking to a good range of people. Please click the close button to submit the survey.

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TERM2. Thanks for your interest, but we are looking for a range of people to participate and your group has already been filled. Please click the close button to submit the survey.

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TERM3. Thanks for your interest, but this survey is only open to people aged 18 years and over. Please click the close button to submit the survey.

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