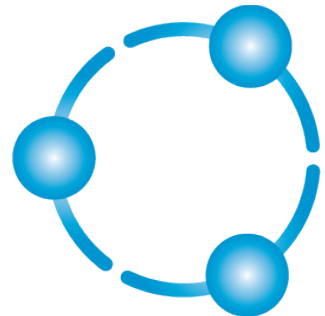


Support For A Coalition Conscience Vote On Same-Sex Marriage

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1. Methodology



Methodology

- ▶ This study was conducted on the Galaxy Online Omnibus on the weekend of 25-27 November 2011.
- ▶ The sample was 1,051 Australians aged 18 years and over, distributed throughout Australia, as follows:
 - NSW/ACT 313
 - Victoria/Tasmania 300
 - Queensland 194
 - South Australia 121
 - Western Australia 123
- ▶ Age, gender and region quotas were applied to the sample.
- ▶ Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest ABS population estimates.



2. Main Findings



Main Findings

- ▶ Four in five (80%) of Australians believe that The Coalition should have a conscience vote on a bill to allow same-sex couples to marry.
- ▶ Importantly, three quarters (76%) of Australians who support The Coalition say that The Coalition should have a conscience vote on the matter.
- ▶ Support for a conscience vote among the Coalition is strongest among supporters of The Greens (91%) and supporters of The Australian Labor Party (89%).
- ▶ Support for the conscience vote is also higher among 18-24 year olds (87%), and females (85% compared to 74% of men).



3. Questionnaire

SECTION D – ASK IF AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER

- D1. Thinking about politics generally. Which political party do you tend to support or feel comes closest to representing your opinions?
READ OUT 1-5 AND ROTATE 1-4
- SR
Labor 1
Liberal 2
The Nationals 3
The Greens 4
Or, some other party 5
None/ Don't know 6
Refused 7
- D2. A conscience vote is where politicians do not have to vote according to the official line of their party. Some senior members of the Labor Party, including the Prime Minister, believe the Labor Party should have a conscience vote on a bill to allow same-sex couples to marry. Do you believe that the Coalition should also have a conscience vote on this issue?
- Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3



4. Detailed Tabular Findings



Tables

▶ **The tables of findings are set out such that they include the following details:**

1 BASE: Weight Sample (000's):

The number of completed interviews has been weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates. These estimates are shown in thousands (000's). The percentages in the table are based on these weighted figures.

2 WEIGHTS:

This indicates that in order to reflect the latest ABS population estimates the data has been weighted by age, gender and area.

3 FILTERS (Where applicable):

If the table is based on a subset of respondents then this will be titled as a Filter and accompanied by a description of the sample upon which the table is based.

4 RESPONDENTS:

These figures show the actual sample size, indicating the total number of respondents who were asked the relevant question.



Tables ... continued

▶ Each question has been analysed by a series of demographic variables as follows:

→ **SEX:**

- Male
- Female

→ **AGE:**

- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-49 years
- 50 years or older

→ **MARITAL STATUS:**

- Married (married/de facto/living together)
- Not married (never married/separated/divorced/widowed)

→ **GROCERY BUYER:**

- Yes
- No



Tables ... continued

→ **CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME AGED LESS THAN EIGHTEEN:**

- Yes
- No

→ **WORK STATUS:**

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Not working

→ **SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:**

- White Collar
- Blue collar

→ **LOCATION:**

- NSW / ACT
- Victoria / Tasmania
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia



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→ **CAPITAL CITY:**

- Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Rest of Australia

→ **HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

- Under \$40,000
- \$40,000 - \$69,999
- \$70,000 plus

→ **HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING:**

- Below Year 12
- Year 12.

→ **POLITICAL PARTY SUPPORT:**

- Labor
- Coalition (Liberal/National)
- The Greens
- Another party

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TABLE 1 Standard Banner 1 *BY* D1. Political party best represents own views

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age				Marital Status		Grocery Buyer		Children		Work Status			S.E.S.		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full Time	Part Time	Not Working	White	Blue
RESPONDENTS	1051	526	525	87	109	393	462	697	354	716	335	376	675	467	237	347	601	450
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16970	8265	8705	2046	2812	5173	6939	10728	6242	11414	5556	5823	11147	7481	4109	5380	9905	7065
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D1. Political party best represents own views																		
Labor	4192 25%	1886 23%	2306 26%	552 27%	527 19%	1147 22%	1967 28%	2447 23%	1745 28%	3074 27%	1119 20%	1358 23%	2835 25%	1463 20%	1321 32%	1409 26%	2534 26%	1658 23%
Liberal	5505 32%	2999 36%	2507 29%	536 26%	895 32%	1503 29%	2571 37%	3891 36%	1615 26%	3657 32%	1848 33%	1783 31%	3722 33%	2706 36%	941 23%	1858 35%	3240 33%	2266 32%
The Nationals	593 3%	323 4%	270 3%		18 1%	233 5%	342 5%	466 4%	127 2%	369 3%	224 4%	221 4%	372 3%	302 4%	117 3%	174 3%	235 2%	358 5%
The Greens	2203 13%	1014 12%	1190 14%	445 22%	544 19%	755 15%	460 7%	1159 11%	1044 17%	1417 12%	786 14%	820 14%	1384 12%	1036 14%	656 16%	511 10%	1651 17%	552 8%
Another party	1123 7%	635 8%	488 6%	93 5%	209 7%	463 9%	358 5%	776 7%	347 6%	740 6%	383 7%	506 9%	617 6%	636 9%	232 6%	254 5%	574 6%	548 8%
None/ Don't know	2923 17%	1247 15%	1676 19%	420 21%	600 21%	939 18%	963 14%	1675 16%	1248 20%	1866 16%	1058 19%	1012 17%	1911 17%	1190 16%	788 19%	945 18%	1466 15%	1457 21%
Refused	430 3%	161 2%	268 3%		20 1%	132 3%	278 4%	313 3%	116 2%	291 3%	139 3%	123 2%	306 3%	148 2%	54 1%	228 4%	205 2%	225 3%
TOTALS	16970 100%	8265 100%	8705 100%	2046 100%	2812 100%	5173 100%	6939 100%	10728 100%	6242 100%	11414 100%	5556 100%	5823 100%	11147 100%	7481 100%	4109 100%	5380 100%	9905 100%	7065 100%

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TABLE 2 Standard Banner 2 *BY* D1. Political party best represents own views

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	State					Capital City		Household Income			Schooling		Political party best represent own opinions			
		NSW Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12		ALP	Coal -ition	Greens	Other	
											Year 12	Year 12					
RESPONDENTS	1051	313	300	194	121	123	670	381	244	207	487	356	695	261	380	130	73
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16970	5934	4701	3326	1332	1677	10459	6511	3878	3469	7803	5327	11643	4192	6098	2203	1123
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D1. Political party best represents own views																	
Labor	4192 25%	1601 27%	1113 24%	762 23%	360 27%	356 21%	2655 25%	1537 24%	1130 29%	805 23%	1929 25%	1291 24%	2902 25%	4192 100%			
Liberal	5505 32%	2121 36%	1527 32%	915 28%	394 30%	548 33%	3556 34%	1949 30%	1204 31%	1005 29%	2888 37%	1782 33%	3723 32%		5505 90%		
The Nationals	593 3%	192 3%	128 3%	212 6%		60 4%	56 1%	537 8%	85 2%	184 5%	299 4%	295 6%	299 3%		593 10%		
The Greens	2203 13%	691 12%	838 18%	207 6%	226 17%	241 14%	1538 15%	666 10%	309 8%	494 14%	1044 13%	389 7%	1815 16%			2203 100%	
Another party	1123 7%	269 5%	324 7%	317 10%	106 8%	107 6%	604 6%	519 8%	223 6%	284 8%	488 6%	398 7%	724 6%				1123 100%
None/ Don't know	2923 17%	950 16%	605 13%	873 26%	171 13%	325 19%	1751 17%	1172 18%	818 21%	650 19%	1070 14%	1019 19%	1904 16%				
Refused	430 3%	109 2%	165 4%	41 1%	75 6%	40 2%	299 3%	131 2%	111 3%	47 1%	84 1%	152 3%	277 2%				
TOTALS	16970 100%	5934 100%	4701 100%	3326 100%	1332 100%	1677 100%	10459 100%	6511 100%	3878 100%	3469 100%	7803 100%	5327 100%	11643 100%	4192 100%	6098 100%	2203 100%	1123 100%

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TABLE 3 Standard Banner 1 *BY* D2. Believe Coalition should have a conscience vote on same-sex marriage

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age				Marital Status		Grocery Buyer		Children		Work Status			S.E.S.		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full Time	Part Time	Not Working	White	Blue
RESPONDENTS	1051	526	525	87	109	393	462	697	354	716	335	376	675	467	237	347	601	450
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16970	8265	8705	2046	2812	5173	6939	10728	6242	11414	5556	5823	11147	7481	4109	5380	9905	7065
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D2. Believe Coalition should have a conscience vote on same-sex marriage																		
Yes	13538	6156	7382	1785	2219	4160	5374	8529	5009	9102	4436	4789	8749	6040	3551	3946	8263	5275
	80%	74%	85%	87%	79%	80%	77%	80%	80%	80%	80%	82%	78%	81%	86%	73%	83%	75%
No	2447	1563	884	209	499	742	997	1513	934	1629	818	751	1696	1101	373	974	1205	1242
	14%	19%	10%	10%	18%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%	15%	13%	15%	15%	9%	18%	12%	18%
Don't know	985	546	439	52	94	271	568	685	300	683	302	283	702	340	185	460	437	548
	6%	7%	5%	3%	3%	5%	8%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	9%	4%	8%
TOTALS	16970	8265	8705	2046	2812	5173	6939	10728	6242	11414	5556	5823	11147	7481	4109	5380	9905	7065
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 4 Standard Banner 2 *BY* D2. Believe Coalition should have a conscience vote on same-sex marriage

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	State					Capital City		Household Income			Schooling		Political party best represent own opinions			
		NSW	Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12	Year 12	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Other
RESPONDENTS	1051	313	300	194	121	123	670	381	244	207	487	356	695	261	380	130	73
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16970	5934	4701	3326	1332	1677	10459	6511	3878	3469	7803	5327	11643	4192	6098	2203	1123
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D2. Believe Coalition should have a conscience vote on same-sex marriage																	
Yes	13538 80%	4565 77%	3877 82%	2728 82%	1056 79%	1312 78%	8579 82%	4959 76%	2882 74%	2804 81%	6492 83%	3958 74%	9580 82%	3717 89%	4631 76%	2000 91%	844 75%
No	2447 14%	1058 18%	494 10%	409 12%	195 15%	292 17%	1465 14%	982 15%	661 17%	454 13%	1037 13%	815 15%	1632 14%	331 8%	1151 19%	128 6%	246 22%
Don't know	985 6%	311 5%	330 7%	189 6%	81 6%	73 4%	415 4%	570 9%	335 9%	211 6%	274 4%	553 10%	432 4%	145 3%	317 5%	75 3%	33 3%
TOTALS	16970 100%	5934 100%	4701 100%	3326 100%	1332 100%	1677 100%	10459 100%	6511 100%	3878 100%	3469 100%	7803 100%	5327 100%	11643 100%	4192 100%	6098 100%	2203 100%	1123 100%



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