

Community Attitudes to Discrimination Legislation Report

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1. Methodology



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- ▶ This study was conducted on the Galaxy Omnibus on the weekend of 12-14 June, 2009.
- ▶ The sample was 1,100 respondents aged 16 years and older distributed throughout Australia, as follows:
 - NSW/ACT 330
 - Victoria/Tasmania 310
 - Queensland 200
 - South Australia 130
 - Western Australia 130
- ▶ Interviews were conducted using CATI (computer assisted telephone interviewing) with telephone numbers randomly selected from electronic White Pages. All interviewers were personally trained and briefed on the requirements of the study.
- ▶ 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

- ▶ A strong majority (85%) of Australians support federal laws protecting Australians from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (42% strongly support, 43% support). In comparison, just 10% oppose such laws (4% strongly oppose, 6% oppose).
- ▶ Levels of support are strongest amongst those who intend to vote for the Greens (92% support) or the ALP (91% support), however the majority of coalition voters (83% support) also support federal laws protecting Australians from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.
- ▶ Levels of support are slightly higher amongst females (87% support) than males (84% support), amongst white collar households (88% support) than blue collar households (82% support) and slightly higher amongst those who live in capitals cities (87% support) than those who live in regional Australia (83% support).



3. Questionnaire

SECTION A – ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

ASK ALL AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER IE CODE 02-13 IN Q1. CODE 01 TO A4

A1. Can I just check, are you eligible to vote at elections?

Yes..... 1 * A2
No 2 # A3

ASK IF ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IE CODE 1 IN A1. CODE 2 GO TO A4

A2. If a federal election was held today, which one of the following would you vote for? **READ OUT 1-4 AND ROTATE 1-3**

SR
The ALP 1
The Liberal Party 2
The Nationals 3
Or, another party or candidate.... 4
Refused 5
Don't know / undecided 6

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

A3. Thinking now about discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Federal laws protect all Australians from discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, disability or age, but not on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity. Do you support or oppose federal laws protecting Australians from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity?

SR
Strongly support 1
Support 2
Oppose 3
Strongly oppose 4
Don't know 5

IF SUPPORT: Is that strongly support or just support?

IF OPPOSE: Is that strongly oppose or just oppose?



4. Detailed Tabular Findings



Tables

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

1 **BASE: Wght 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.



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

→ **SEX:**

- Male
- Female

→ **AGE:**

- 16-24 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)

→ **MAIN GROCERY BUYER:**

- Yes/Shared
- No

→ **CHILDREN AT HOME:**

- Children under 18 living in the household
- No children under 18 living in the household



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→ WORK STATUS:

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

→ SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:

- *Occupation of the main income earner of the household:*
 - White collar (professional/senior management, upper white collar, lower white collar)
 - Blue collar (upper blue collar, lower blue collar)

→ LOCATION:

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

→ CAPITAL CITY:

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



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→ **HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

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

→ **HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING:**

- Below Year 12
- Year 12

→ **FEDERAL VOTING INTENTION:**

- Intends to vote for the ALP
- Intends to vote for the Liberal / National Coalition
- Intends to vote for the Greens
- Intends to vote for another party or candidate

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Standard Banner 1 *BY* A4 Support federal laws protecting Australians from discrimination

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

	Sex		Age				Marital Status		Grocery Buyer		Children		Work Status			S.E.S.		
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-49	50+	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Yes /Shared	No	Yes	No	Full Time	Part Time	Not Working	White	Blue
RESPONDENTS	1100	550	550	153	122	377	448	661	439	716	384	404	696	486	245	369	596	504
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16817	8203	8614	2603	2838	4699	6677	9819	6998	10939	5878	6061	10756	7282	3824	5711	9147	7670
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A4 Support federal laws protecting Australians from discrimination																		
TOTAL SUPPORT																		
Strongly support	7062	2777	4286	1014	1240	2125	2683	4054	3009	4978	2084	2563	4499	3002	1778	2282	4189	2874
	42%	34%	50%	39%	44%	45%	40%	41%	43%	46%	35%	42%	42%	41%	46%	40%	46%	37%
Support	7306	4081	3225	1248	1196	1901	2960	4254	3052	4464	2842	2573	4733	3215	1559	2532	3861	3445
	43%	50%	37%	48%	42%	40%	44%	43%	44%	41%	48%	42%	44%	44%	41%	44%	42%	45%
**SUBTOTALS	14368	6858	7511	2262	2436	4026	5643	8308	6060	9442	4926	5137	9232	6217	3337	4814	8050	6319
	85%	84%	87%	87%	86%	86%	85%	85%	87%	86%	84%	85%	86%	85%	87%	84%	88%	82%
TOTAL OPPOSE																		
Oppose	972	513	458	138	197	225	412	570	402	629	342	353	619	414	202	356	492	479
	6%	6%	5%	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%
Strongly oppose	635	320	315	64	99	247	225	416	219	413	222	243	392	313	125	198	279	356
	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
**SUBTOTALS	1607	834	773	202	295	472	637	986	621	1043	564	596	1011	727	327	553	771	835
	10%	10%	9%	8%	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%	9%	10%	9%	10%	8%	11%
Don't know	842	512	330	139	106	200	397	525	317	454	388	328	514	338	161	343	326	516
	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	7%
TOTALS	16817	8203	8614	2603	2838	4699	6677	9819	6998	10939	5878	6061	10756	7282	3824	5711	9147	7670
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Standard Banner 2 *BY* A4 Support federal laws protecting Australians from discrimination

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

	Total	State				Capital City		Household Income			Schooling		Voting Intention				
		NSW Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12	Year 12	ALP	Coal -ition	Green	Other	
RESPONDENTS	1100	330	310	200	130	130	700	400	309	226	383	374	726	366	398	112	42
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	16817	5880	4654	3301	1317	1665	10360	6457	4668	3627	5749	5650	11167	5986	5789	1679	638
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Strongly support	7062	2588	2025	1193	540	716	4614	2448	1897	1488	2572	1925	5137	2773	1990	1228	139
	42%	44%	44%	36%	41%	43%	45%	38%	41%	41%	45%	34%	46%	46%	34%	73%	22%
Support	7306	2518	1872	1602	596	717	4395	2911	2030	1618	2468	2765	4541	2654	2825	316	240
	43%	43%	40%	49%	45%	43%	42%	45%	43%	45%	43%	49%	41%	44%	49%	19%	38%
**SUBTOTALS	14368	5107	3898	2795	1136	1433	9009	5360	3927	3107	5040	4690	9678	5427	4815	1544	379
	85%	87%	84%	85%	86%	86%	87%	83%	84%	86%	88%	83%	87%	91%	83%	92%	59%
TOTAL OPPOSE																	
Oppose	972	277	309	194	109	82	447	524	294	202	288	456	516	248	423	60	90
	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	5%	4%	8%	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%	4%	7%	4%	14%
Strongly oppose	635	232	207	125	17	54	389	247	113	186	237	178	458	119	238	42	75
	4%	4%	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	12%
**SUBTOTALS	1607	508	517	319	127	136	836	771	406	388	525	633	974	367	661	101	164
	10%	9%	11%	10%	10%	8%	8%	12%	9%	11%	9%	11%	9%	6%	11%	6%	26%
Don't know	842	265	240	187	54	96	515	326	335	132	184	327	515	192	313	34	95
	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%	5%	7%	4%	3%	6%	5%	3%	5%	2%	15%
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