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Treasurer Josh Frydenberg emerges as preferred Liberal Leader ahead of Scott Morrison & Peter Dutton

Now 38.5% of Australians prefer Treasurer Josh Frydenberg to lead the L-NP Government, clearly ahead of current Prime Minister Scott Morrison (31%) and Defence Minister Peter Dutton (12.5%) while 2% named someone else and 16% had no preference.

Importantly for Prime Minister Morrison, he is still preferred by L-NP supporters: Morrison (40%) cf. Frydenberg (32.5%), according to a special Roy Morgan SMS Poll of 1,080 Australian electors conducted yesterday and Monday, February 14-15, 2022.

An analysis by gender shows Frydenberg leads Morrison amongst men by 3% points (Frydenberg: 36% cf. Morrison: 33.5%), and by 12% points amongst women (Frydenberg 41% cf. Morrison 29%).

An analysis by age shows Frydenberg with the advantage amongst younger age groups while Morrison leads only amongst those aged 65+ years old:

- 18-34 year olds: Frydenberg 46.5% cf. Morrison 22%;
- 35-49 year olds: Frydenberg 36.5% cf. Morrison 30%;
- 50-64 year olds: Frydenberg 37% cf. Morrison 29.5%;
- 65+ year olds: Morrison 46% cf. Frydenberg 33%.

On a State-by-State basis Frydenberg leads in five States, NSW, Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania while Morrison leads only in Queensland.

- NSW: Frydenberg 38% cf. Morrison 35.5%;
- Victoria: Frydenberg 43.5% cf. Morrison 26%;
- Queensland: Morrison 37.5% cf. Frydenberg 32%;
- WA: Frydenberg 38.5% cf. Morrison 25.5%;
- SA: Frydenberg 37% cf. Morrison 30.5%;
- Tasmania: Frydenberg 43.5% cf. Morrison 33%.

A look at who supporters of different parties prefer as Leader shows Prime Minister Morrison retains the support of L-NP voters while Frydenberg is preferred by ALP supporters, Greens supporters and supporters of Independents/Others.

- L-NP supporters: Morrison 47% cf. Frydenberg 38.5%;
- ALP supporters: Frydenberg 50% cf. Morrison 34%;
- Greens supporters: Frydenberg 65% cf. Morrison 27.5%;
- Independents/ Others supporters: Frydenberg 38.5% cf. Morrison 33.5%.

Electors were then asked: *"And what would you say your biggest concerns are about Scott Morrison?"*

There were several key themes that emerged including Morrison's poor leadership including lack of empathy, compassion or honesty, his religiosity – including using his religion in a fake way, no real commitment to addressing climate change and global warming and his poor attitude and understanding and handling of women's issues.

More details on these key themes are available to subscribers.

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Michele Levine, CEO Roy Morgan, says:

"Treasurer Josh Frydenberg has emerged as the favoured leader of the Liberal Party according to Australians with 38.5% preferring the Deputy Liberal Leader compared to 31% that prefer his boss, Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and 12.5% that prefer Defence Minister Peter Dutton.

"Frydenberg is preferred across nearly all key demographic groups including by both genders, by all age groups under the age of 65, in five out of six states and by supporters of the ALP, Greens, Independents and Others.

"However, there is still a solid base of support for Prime Minister Scott Morrison. Most importantly for Morrison he is clearly favoured by L-NP supporters over Frydenberg (47% cf. 38.5%). Morrison is also preferred by people in the key State of Queensland (37.5% cf. 32%) and with people aged 65+ years old (46% cf. 33%).

"Defence Minister Peter Dutton trails well behind both Morrison and Frydenberg. The highest support for Dutton comes from supporters of Independents/ Other (minor) Parties from which he attracts 22% support, but this is still well behind both Frydenberg (31%) and Morrison (27%)."

This special telephone Roy Morgan SMS Poll was conducted on February 14-15, 2022, with an Australia-wide cross section of 1,080 electors.

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Preferred Coalition Leader (Scott Morrison vs. Peter Dutton vs. Josh Frydenberg)

Electors were asked: *"If you were a Liberal or National Party voter and helping to choose the Coalition Leader for the next Federal Election, who would you prefer: Scott Morrison, Peter Dutton or Josh Frydenberg?*

Analysis by Federal Voting intention

	Feb 14-15, 2022	L-NP	ALP	Greens	Ind/ Other#	Can't say#
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Frydenberg	38.5	32.5	40.5	51	31	53.5
Morrison	31	40	27.5	21.5	27	24
Dutton	12.5	12.5	13	6	22	13
Someone else	2	2.5	1.5	3	1	1
None/ Can't say	16	12.5	17.5	18.5	19	8.5
TOTAL	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**

Analysis by Gender & Age

		Gender		Age			
	Feb 14-15, 2022	Men	Women	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Frydenberg	38.5	36	41	46.5	36.5	37	33
Morrison	31	33.5	29	22	30	29.5	46
Dutton	12.5	16.5	9	9.5	15.5	14	12
Someone else	2	1.5	2	3	1	1.5	1
None/ Can't say	16	12.5	19	19	17	18	8
TOTAL	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**

Analysis by State & Region

		Region		State					
	Feb 14-15, 2022	Capital Cities	Country Areas	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS#
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Frydenberg	38.5	41	35	38	43.5	32	38.5	37	43.5
Morrison	31	31	31.5	35.5	26	37.5	25.5	30.5	33
Dutton	12.5	11	15	12	14.5	14	9	11	15.5
Someone else	2	1	2.5	0.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	2.5
None/ Can't say	16	16	16	14	14	15	26	21	5.5
TOTAL	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**

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Analysis by Federal Voting intention (Someone else and None/Can't say removed)

	Feb 14-15, 2022	L-NP	ALP	Greens	Ind/ Other#	Can't say#
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Frydenberg	47	38.5	50	65	38.5	59
Morrison	38	47	34	27.5	33.5	26.5
Dutton	15	14.5	16	7.5	28	14.5
TOTAL	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**

Analysis by Gender & Age (Someone else and None/Can't say removed)

		Gender		Age			
	Feb 14-15, 2022	Men	Women	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Frydenberg	47	42	52	59.5	44.5	46	36.5
Morrison	38	39	37	28.5	37	36.5	50.5
Dutton	15	19	11	12	18.5	17.5	13
TOTAL	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**

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Frydenberg	47	49	43	44.5	51.5	38.5	52.5	47	47.5
Morrison	38	37.5	39	41	31.5	45	35.5	39	35.5
Dutton	15	13.5	18	14.5	17	16.5	12	14	17
TOTAL	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**

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No other public opinion poll taken in Australia has this qualification.

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Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2007-16)

The Morgan Poll has proven to be consistently the most accurate regular poll in recent Australian Elections — including the 2013 Federal Election, 2010 Federal Election, 2007 Federal Election, 2010 Victorian State Election & 2012 Queensland State Election.

The **Morgan Poll** was the most accurate of all polling companies at the 2013 Federal Election for the two-party preferred vote (L-NP: 53.5% cf. ALP 46.5%) (sample 4,937 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** was the most accurate of all polling companies at the 2007 Federal Election for both primary vote and two-party preferred predictions (sample 2,115 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** accurately predicted that the ALP would win the 2006 Queensland Election with a reduced majority (sample 604 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** accurately predicted that the ALP would win the 2006 Victorian Election with a reduced majority (sample 956 electors). The **Morgan Poll** was also the most accurate on the primary vote of the major parties for the Victorian election.

Note: The discussion on Possum Pollytics regarding Morgan and Newspoll is well worth reading.

The following included comment says it all: "I find it interesting that for the only poll in the last five years for which there is any 'real' figure with which to compare, i.e. the polls immediately before the 2004 election, Morgan (45.5%) was closer to the actual Coalition Primary (46.7%) than Newspoll (45%) or Nielsen (49%), and Morgan (38.5%) was also closer to the ALP actual primary (37.6%) than Newspoll (39%), and only marginally further away than Nielsen (37%). Since we have no idea of how far away the ongoing polls are from 'reality' (whatever that means), surely we should just go with what we know, that in the most recent testable case, Morgan was better at forecasting the actual primary vote than Newspoll. On what possible basis should we decide that the Newspoll or Nielsen primary vote estimate is 'better' than Morgan's."

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. The following table gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. The figures are approximate and for general guidance only, and assume a simple random sample. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
500	±4.3	±3.8	±2.6	±1.9
1,000	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4

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