Australia’s Constitutional Future: Challenges for the Monarchy in a Global World

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Australian Attitudes to the Monarchy & Republic (1953 - 2011)

"In your opinion should Australia remain a Monarchy - or become a Republic with an elected President."

Support the Monarchy
77% (June 1953)

Support the Republic
15% (June 1953)

Support the Republic
54% (November 1999)

Support the Monarchy
38% (November 1999)

Support the Monarchy
34% (October 2011)

Support the Republic
55% (October 2011)

Royal Wedding of Prince William & Catherine Middleton - April 29, 2011
Visit of the Queen to Australia for CHOGM - October 19-29, 2011
MORGAN POLL on AFGHANISTAN

There are two questions

“Do you think it is now time for Australian troops to be withdrawn from Afghanistan?”

72% said “Yes, withdraw”

21% said, “No, don’t withdraw”

“Is it now time for US troops to be withdrawn from Afghanistan?”

63% said “Yes, withdraw”

23% said “No, don’t withdraw”
MORGAN POLL on QANTAS

“Who DO YOU personally blame for the grounding of Qantas planes last weekend? Qantas Management or the Unions?”

56% said “Qantas Management”
42% said “Unions”

“Do you believe the Federal Government should have acted sooner to resolve the dispute between Qantas Management and the Unions?”

64% said “Should have acted sooner”
32% said “Should not have acted sooner”
ROY MORGAN UNEMPLOYMENT
Level of Workforce Unemployment – Roy Morgan/ABS Monthly Figures


Roy Morgan Research 8.6%
Roy Morgan Research 7.7% (Sept-11)

ABS Seasonally Adjusted 5.2% (Sept-11)
ABS Original 5.2% (Sept-11)
Roy Morgan Weekly Consumer Confidence – Short Term Trend

3rd Feb, 2009 $42b stimulus package introduced; 4th Feb RBA cut OCR to 3.25%, lowest since 1964

11th May 2010: 2010 Federal Budget delivered


October 29/30 2011 RMCC - 116.8

Base Aust Population aged 14+; Source: Roy Morgan Research;
MORGAN POLL
Federal: Two-Party Preferred

Base: Electors; Source: Roy Morgan Research
Most Important Issues Facing the World

Source: Roy Morgan Research

*Roy Morgan Nationwide telephone poll (n=638) October 25/26, 2011; Aust. Population 14+
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EDUCATION Have a Degree

Base: Aus Population aged 14+; Source: Roy Morgan Research; 12 month moving average.

All Australians 14+ with Degree 26.0%
Progressive Attitudes

- Homosexual couples should be allowed to adopt children: 50.0%
- Computers and technology give me more control over my life: 37.1%

Base Aust Population aged 14+; Source: Roy Morgan Research; 12 month moving average.
TECHNOLOGY
Telecommunications

Base Aust Population aged 14+; Source: Roy Morgan Research; 12 month moving average.

- Have Internet connection at home: 1.4% in Jun 98, 40.3% in Jun 00, 79.1% in Jun 11
- Have home phone connected: 96.0% in Jun 98, 87.2% in Jun 11
- Own or use a mobile phone: 19.2% in Jun 98, 69.0% in Jun 11
- Subscribe to Pay TV at home: 1.4% in Jun 98, 25.1% in Jun 11
- Have Broadband service at home: 0% in Jun 98, 81.6% in Jun 11
TECHNOLOGY
Online Community or Messaging Website Visited in Last 4 weeks

Base Aust Population aged 14+; Source: Roy Morgan Research; 12 month moving average.
Unemployment
Australia’s Position in the Asian Region
Australia’s Position in the Global Economy
Global Competitiveness Vs Australian Jobs
Asylum Seekers & Border Control
Corporate Greed & Growing Public Service

Any of these could cause a Constitutional Crisis!