

Polling - President Trump

March 2017

Key Results

From 17 March to 24 March 2017 The Australia Institute surveyed 1420 Australians about Donald Trump's election as President of United States of America.

- **60% feel Donald Trump becoming US President is a negative outcome for the world overall, while 19% said it is a positive outcome.**
 - Women were more likely to say it is a negative outcome (65%) than men (55%).
 - A majority of voters for most political parties said Trump's Presidency was a negative outcome, except for One Nation (Negative - LNP 52%; ALP 66%; Greens 85%; PHON 33%; Ind/Other 66% Undec. 63%).
- **Around half of respondents said Donald Trump as US President would be negative for Australia's national security (48% negative), economy (50% negative) and political debate (49% negative).**
- **Half (48%) said that, following Trump's election, Australia should be more independent from the USA on military and security matters (30% no change, 15% more closely aligned).**
 - Women (51%) were more likely than men (44%) to say Australia should be more independent.
 - Men (18%) were more likely to say there should closer alignment (women 12%)
 - More voters for every party said Australia should be more independent from the USA (more independent - LNP 38%, Labor 52%, Greens 75%, One Nation 34%, Ind/Other 50%, Undec 46%)
- **70% disagreed that Australian "politicians should be more like Donald Trump" (agreed 21%, don't know 9%).**

- **54% disagreed that “Trump will fight for the interests of ordinary Americans over big business”** (agree 30%, don’t know 16%)
- **43% agree that “Trump wants to weaken the rule of law and democracy in the USA.”** (disagree 35%, don’t know 23%).
- **54% said the Australian Parliament should not invite Trump to address Parliament** (should be invited 32%, don’t know 14%).
- Women were more likely to say Trump should not be invited (59%) than men (49%).
- Voters for nearly all parties were more likely to say Trump should not be invited than say he should be invited, with the exception of One Nation voters (should not be invited - LNP 46%, Labor 62%, Greens 80%, One Nation 29%, Other 55%, Undec. 55%).
- One Nation voters (53%) were the only group where most said Trump should be invited.

Respondents were informed: *Donald Trump has signaled he wants to get rid of American policies on climate change.*

- **52% said this makes it more important for Australia to take action on climate change and reduce emissions in Australia** (less important 11%, no change 25%, don’t know 12%).

Method

From 17 March to 24 March 2017, The Australia Institute conducted a national poll of 1420 people through *Research Now* using representative samples by gender, age and state or territory.

Results are presented in detail below with crosstabs by gender, larger states and voting intention in the House of Representatives.

Undecided voters were asked which way they were ‘leaning’, and these leanings are included in the party voting intention crosstabs. Results for undecided voters are also shown separately as ‘Undec’. ‘LNP’ combines separate responses for Liberals and Nationals. ‘Other’ combines responses for Independents / Other and the Nick Xenophon Team.

Detailed Results

Do you feel Donald Trump becoming US President is a positive or a negative outcome for the world overall?

	Total	Gender		Age					
		M	F	18-24ys	25-34ys	35-44ys	45-54ys	55-64y	65+
Total positive	19%	24%	14%	17%	20%	19%	18%	19%	21%
Total negative	60%	55%	65%	60%	62%	60%	57%	61%	59%
Very positive	6%	8%	5%	8%	9%	5%	5%	7%	5%
Positive	13%	16%	10%	9%	11%	14%	13%	12%	15%
Neutral	16%	16%	16%	17%	14%	17%	19%	16%	14%
Negative	22%	20%	24%	21%	21%	23%	20%	22%	25%
Very negative	38%	35%	41%	39%	41%	38%	37%	39%	35%
Don't know / not sure	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	6%

	Total	Voting intention					
		LNP	Labor	GRN	PHON	Ind/Other	Undec
Total positive	19%	26%	13%	6%	39%	12%	9%
Total negative	60%	52%	66%	85%	33%	66%	63%
Very positive	6%	8%	3%	4%	15%	5%	2%
Positive	13%	17%	10%	2%	24%	7%	7%
Neutral	16%	17%	17%	6%	22%	13%	17%
Negative	22%	25%	23%	15%	17%	25%	28%
Very negative	38%	28%	44%	70%	17%	41%	35%
Don't know/ not sure	5%	5%	4%	4%	6%	9%	11%

Do you think Donald Trump's Presidency is likely to be generally good or bad for Australia's...?

	Total positive	Total negative	Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Don't know / not sure
national security	19%	48%	5%	15%	25%	29%	19%	8%
economy	18%	50%	4%	14%	23%	32%	18%	8%
political debate	20%	49%	5%	15%	22%	26%	23%	9%

Following the election of Donald Trump as President, do you think Australia should now be more independent or more closely aligned with the United States on military and security matters?

	Total	Gender		Age					
		M	F	18-24ys	25-34ys	35-44ys	45-54ys	55-64y	65+
More closely aligned with USA	15%	18%	12%	25%	18%	12%	11%	14%	13%
More independent from USA	48%	44%	51%	45%	49%	51%	52%	43%	43%
No change	30%	33%	26%	17%	22%	26%	30%	36%	42%
Don't know	8%	5%	10%	13%	10%	11%	7%	6%	2%

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		LNP	Labor	GRN	PHON	Ind/Other	Undec
More closely aligned with USA	15%	20%	12%	4%	27%	8%	6%
More independent from USA	48%	38%	52%	75%	34%	50%	46%
No change	30%	36%	27%	16%	32%	29%	30%
Don't know	8%	6%	9%	6%	7%	13%	18%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following? (Statements presented in randomised order)

	Total agree	Total disagree
Trump will fight for the interests of ordinary Americans over big business	30%	54%
Australian politicians should be more like Donald Trump	21%	70%
Trump wants to weaken the rule of law and democracy in the USA	43%	35%

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Trump will fight for the interests of ordinary Americans over big business	8%	23%	26%	28%	16%
Australian politicians should be more like Donald Trump	5%	16%	26%	44%	9%
Trump wants to weaken the rule of law and democracy in the USA	16%	26%	23%	12%	23%

The UK is currently debating whether or not to invite US President Donald Trump for a state visit. The Speaker of the UK House of Commons has announced they do not think Trump should be invited to address UK Parliament.

Do you think the Australian Parliament...?

	Total	Gender		Age					
		M	F	18-24ys	25-34ys	35-44ys	45-54ys	55-64ys	65 +
Should invite Trump to address Parliament	32%	39%	24%	27%	29%	31%	30%	34%	37%
Should not invite Trump to address Parliament	54%	49%	59%	55%	55%	54%	54%	53%	52%
Don't know/Not sure	14%	12%	17%	17%	15%	15%	15%	13%	11%

	Total	Voting intention					
		LNP	Labor	GRN	PHON	Ind/Other	Undec
Should invite Trump to address Parliament	32%	43%	23%	14%	53%	21%	20%
Should not invite Trump to address Parliament	54%	46%	62%	80%	29%	55%	55%
Don't know/Not sure	14%	12%	15%	6%	18%	24%	25%

Donald Trump has signaled he wants to get rid of American policies on climate change.

Do you think this makes it more important or less important for Australia to take action on climate change and reduce emissions in Australia?

	Total	Gender		Age					
		M	F	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-64 yrs	65 +
More important	52%	49%	55%	62%	57%	53%	48%	50%	45%
Less important	11%	15%	8%	11%	11%	13%	9%	10%	15%
No change	25%	27%	23%	14%	19%	21%	32%	27%	33%
Don't know / not sure	12%	8%	15%	12%	13%	13%	12%	13%	8%

	Total	Voting intention					
		LNP	Labor	GRN	PHON	Ind/Other	Undec
More important	52%	42%	60%	82%	32%	50%	47%
Less important	11%	15%	8%	6%	19%	9%	7%
No change	25%	34%	21%	5%	35%	21%	18%
Don't know / not sure	12%	9%	11%	7%	14%	20%	27%