

Survey results

Fieldwork dates: November 2013

The Australia Institute conducted an online survey in November 2013. Respondents were sourced from a reputable independent online panel who earn reward points to participate. Results were post weighted (n = 1404) by age and gender based on the profile of the adult Australian population. Small variations in sample size can occur from rounding errors as a result of the weighting process.

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Survey question

In general do you think:

- Australia should set its own standards for the quality of goods sold in Australia
- Australia should let the countries who produce the things we import set the standards for the quality of goods sold in Australia
- International bodies like the World Trade Organisation (WTO) should set the standards for the quality of goods sold in Australia

Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Australia should set its own standards	82%	87%	71%	84%	84%	83%	88%	94%	85%
Australia should let the countries who produce the things we import set standards	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%
International bodies like the WTO should set the standards	13%	9%	23%	11%	11%	12%	9%	4%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	692	713	178	261	254	244	208	257	1405

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Survey question

Do you think that Australia would benefit from:

- having less regulation on the quality of what can be imported into Australia
- having stronger regulation of the quality of what can be imported into Australia
- leaving things about the same as they currently are
- not sure

Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
less regulation on the quality of what can be imported into Australia	5%	2%	12%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0%	3%
stronger regulation of the quality of what can be imported into Australia	71%	74%	50%	60%	75%	74%	84%	88%	73%
leaving things about the same	14%	10%	20%	18%	9%	10%	9%	7%	12%
not sure	10%	14%	18%	18%	13%	13%	5%	4%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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****Only ask those who selected 'stronger regulation' or 'leave things the same'****

You said that you think Australia should maintain or strengthen its regulation of imports from other countries. Would you still feel that way if our restrictions were a barrier to our ability to export more to other countries?

- Yes
- Yes, if only a minor barrier
- No, if only a major barrier
- No

Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	26%	20%	26%	16%	22%	21%	31%	23%	23%
Yes, if only a minor barrier	49%	56%	41%	56%	49%	57%	50%	59%	53%
No, if only a major barrier	18%	18%	22%	21%	21%	17%	13%	14%	18%
No	8%	6%	11%	7%	9%	5%	6%	4%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	692	711	177	263	255	246	207	257	1188

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Survey question

In general do you think Free Trade Agreements between Australia and other countries are likely to:

- give consumers improved access to cheap imported products

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	56%	43%	46%	48%	51%	47%	52%	52%	49%
No	27%	24%	26%	23%	20%	27%	27%	29%	25%
Don't know	17%	33%	28%	29%	29%	27%	21%	19%	26%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	691	714	178	261	255	245	206	257	1405

- reduce choice of locally produced products

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	52%	49%	42%	44%	46%	49%	62%	58%	50%
No	35%	27%	34%	32%	33%	29%	28%	30%	31%
Don't know	13%	24%	24%	24%	21%	22%	11%	12%	19%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	691	714	178	262	256	245	208	258	1405

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- have a negative impact on jobs in Australia

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	57%	48%	52%	49%	48%	53%	61%	54%	52%
No	27%	26%	24%	26%	26%	24%	25%	32%	26%
Don't know	16%	26%	23%	25%	27%	24%	14%	14%	21%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	691	713	176	262	254	245	207	257	1404

- improve human rights, labour rights and environmental standards around the world

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	32%	26%	30%	33%	27%	24%	28%	29%	29%
No	43%	37%	35%	32%	40%	43%	44%	45%	40%
Don't know	26%	37%	35%	36%	33%	33%	28%	26%	32%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	692	712	178	261	255	244	208	257	1404

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- harm democratic decision making and the capacity of governments to regulate in the interests of citizens

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	36%	22%	31%	26%	27%	33%	32%	27%	29%
No	32%	27%	28%	27%	27%	27%	34%	36%	30%
Don't know	32%	50%	41%	48%	46%	41%	34%	37%	41%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	691	712	177	262	254	244	207	256	1403

- harm wages and conditions for workers in developing countries

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	32%	29%	29%	27%	30%	33%	31%	30%	30%
No	44%	31%	39%	37%	33%	34%	43%	41%	37%
Don't know	25%	40%	32%	36%	37%	33%	27%	29%	33%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	692	713	176	262	253	244	207	256	1403

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Survey question

Do you think the details of Free Trade Agreement should be made public before the Australian Government signs them?

Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	89%	85%	86%	82%	83%	88%	94%	91%	87%
No	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	6%	4%
Don't know	7%	11%	11%	13%	14%	10%	2%	4%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	692	712	178	262	255	245	208	257	1404

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Survey question

Do you think that governments should publish detailed research on the potential impact of Free Trade Agreements on different sectors and industries before any Agreements are signed?

Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	87%	83%	83%	82%	86%	85%	89%	88%	85%
No	6%	4%	5%	6%	4%	5%	6%	6%	5%
Don't know	7%	12%	13%	12%	9%	11%	5%	7%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
n	692	712	178	262	254	245	208	256	1404

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Survey question

Would you support a Free Trade Agreement which prevented the Australian government from requiring Genetically Modified foods from being clearly labeled?

Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	18%	11%	29%	16%	13%	11%	12%	8%	14%
No	73%	79%	58%	68%	76%	80%	83%	88%	76%
Don't know	9%	10%	13%	16%	11%	9%	5%	4%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Would you support Australia signing a Free Trade Agreement which allowed Australian television stations to show fewer Australian made programs?

Results tables

	Gender		Age					All	
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64		65+
Yes	26%	11%	34%	22%	20%	13%	10%	12%	18%
No	57%	70%	41%	53%	60%	69%	80%	78%	64%
Don't know	17%	19%	25%	25%	20%	18%	11%	10%	18%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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The government has promised that Free Trade Agreements will not increase the cost of specific goods such as prescription medicine. Do you trust them to keep this promise?

Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Yes	18%	13%	19%	17%	15%	15%	10%	15%	15%
No	67%	68%	58%	62%	67%	69%	77%	70%	67%
Don't know	16%	20%	23%	22%	19%	16%	13%	15%	18%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Have you heard of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)?

Results tables

	Gender		Age					All	
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64		65+
Yes	14%	8%	10%	9%	12%	12%	10%	12%	11%
No	52%	58%	52%	62%	55%	56%	51%	52%	55%
I think so	17%	15%	24%	12%	15%	16%	17%	14%	16%
I'm not sure	18%	19%	15%	17%	18%	16%	22%	22%	19%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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The United States is part of the TPP. One of their demands is that foreign companies be allowed to sue the Australian government if laws or regulations are passed that reduce the future profitability of foreign companies operating in Australia. Which of the following statements best describes your view:

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	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
I have never heard about this but think it seems acceptable	8%	7%	18%	7%	7%	7%	3%	5%	7%
I have never heard about this but think it seems like a bad idea	64%	65%	50%	62%	65%	62%	78%	71%	65%
I have heard about this and think it seems acceptable	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
I have heard about this and think it seems like a bad idea	13%	7%	9%	9%	13%	10%	7%	13%	10%
Don't know	12%	19%	20%	20%	13%	19%	10%	11%	16%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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