

Polling - Attitudes towards mandatory COVID-19 vaccination

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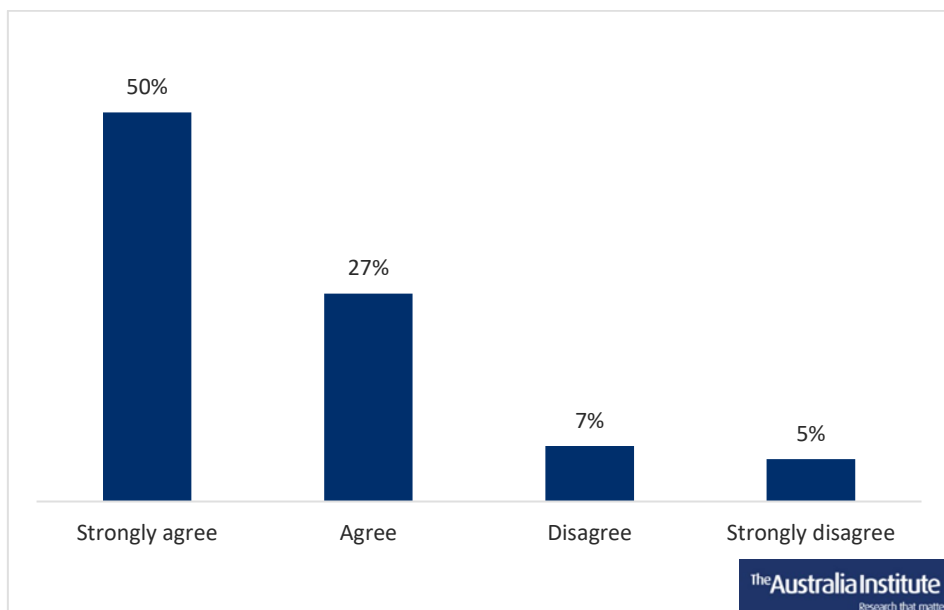
Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,001 Australians about their attitudes towards making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for workers in contact with vulnerable demographics.

The results show that

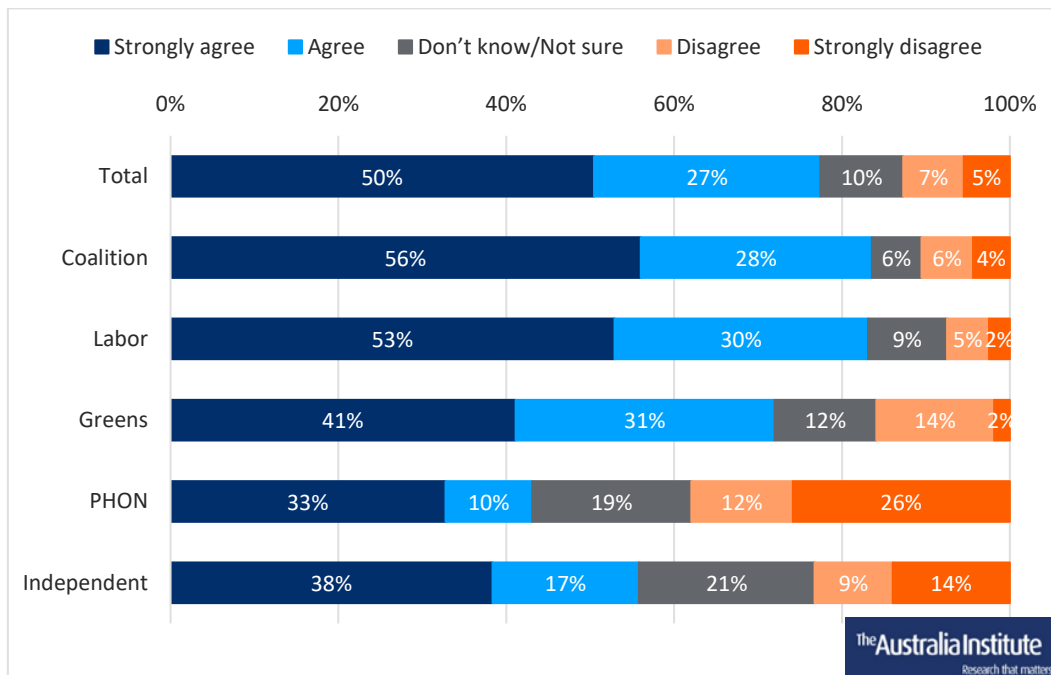
- Four in five (77%) Australians agree with making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for workers in contact with vulnerable demographics, such as aged care workers.
 - Half (50%) of Australians strongly agree with making the vaccine mandatory for certain workers.
- One in ten (13%) Australians disagree with making the vaccine mandatory for certain workers.

Figure 1: Attitudes towards mandatory vaccines for certain workers



- Coalition (84%) and Labor (83%) voters are the most likely to agree with making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for workers in contact with vulnerable demographics.
 - A majority of Coalition (56%) and Labor (53%) voters strongly agree with making the vaccine mandatory for certain workers.
- Seven in ten (72%) Greens voters agree with making the vaccine mandatory for workers in contact with vulnerable demographics.
- One Nation voters are the most likely to disagree with making the vaccine mandatory for certain workers (38%), followed by Independent/Other voters (23%).
 - However, in both cases more agree than disagree with mandatory vaccinations (43% and 56%, respectively).
- 89% of Australians aged 60 and over agree with making the vaccine mandatory for certain workers, higher than other age groups. Those aged 60 and over are particularly likely to strongly agree (71% strongly agree, 18% agree).

Figure 2: Attitudes towards mandatory vaccinations, by voting intention



Method

The Australia Institute surveyed 1,001 people on 2-4 June 2021, online through Dynata's Rapid Results polling, with nationally representative samples by gender, age and region.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 3%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. "Coalition" includes separate responses for Liberal and National. "Other" refers to Independent/Other.

Detailed results

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“The COVID-19 vaccine should be mandatory for workers in contact with vulnerable demographics, such as aged care workers.”

	<i>Total</i>	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly agree	50%	53%	49%	49%	52%	54%	51%
Agree	27%	28%	26%	30%	24%	24%	30%
Disagree	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%	8%	6%
Strongly disagree	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%	6%	4%
Don't know/Not sure	10%	8%	11%	9%	11%	7%	9%

	<i>Total</i>	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
Strongly agree	50%	36%	36%	53%	56%	71%
Agree	27%	35%	36%	26%	21%	18%
Disagree	7%	12%	10%	8%	3%	3%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%	7%	5%	6%	5%
Don't know/Not sure	10%	13%	11%	9%	13%	3%

	<i>Total</i>	Coalition	Labor	Greens	PHON	Other
Strongly agree	50%	56%	53%	41%	33%	38%
Agree	27%	28%	30%	31%	10%	17%
Disagree	7%	6%	5%	14%	12%	9%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	2%	2%	26%	14%
Don't know/Not sure	10%	6%	9%	12%	19%	21%