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Government Confidence jumps after L-NP win Election

Roy Morgan's Government Confidence Rating has jumped by 11.5pts to 104.5 following the L-NP's victory at the Federal Election in mid-May. Now 43.5% of electors say the country is heading in the 'right direction' and 39% say the 'wrong direction'.

Interviewing conducted over the past fortnight of June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019 compared to the final pre-election Morgan Poll in early May shows 43.5% (up 6%) of electors saying Australia is now heading in the 'right direction' and 39% (down 5.5%) saying Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

The turnaround in Government Confidence since the Federal Election is driven by strong increases in Government Confidence amongst a number of key demographics including L-NP supporters and supporters of Independents/ Others, electors in Country Areas, electors in the States of Queensland and Western Australia, electors aged over 50 years old and electors of both genders.

Government Confidence jumps for L-NP supporters and supporters of Independent/Others

Since the Federal Election Government Confidence has increased for L-NP supporters by a huge 30pts to 140.5. More than half of L-NP supporters 62.5% (up 17%) now say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and only 22% (down 13%) now say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

However, Government Confidence amongst ALP supporters has dropped 14.5pts to 84 after the party lost an election [most Australians expected the ALP would win](#). Now just 33% (down 8.5%) of ALP supporters say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' while 49% (up 6%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Government Confidence has barely changed for supporters of the Greens although the rating remains well into negative territory at 72.5, a drop of 4pts since the election. Now 29.5% (up 3%) of Greens supporters say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 57% (up 7%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Although supporters of Independents/Others still have a low Government Confidence there has been a significant jump since the Federal Election up by 16pts to 74.5. Now 28.5% (up 8%) of supporters of Independents/Others (such as One Nation, Katter Party, Centre Alliance, United Australia Party and others) say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' while a slim majority of 54% (down 8%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Government Confidence up strongly in regional Australia and up slightly in metro areas

Australians in Country Areas are feeling more positive about the direction of the country than prior to the Federal Election with Government Confidence increasing 22.5pts to 104.5. Now 43.5% (up 12%) of electors in Country Areas say Australia is going in the 'right direction' compared to 39% (down 10.5%) that say Australia is going in the 'wrong direction'.

Government Confidence has also increased for Australians in Capital Cities and is now in positive territory at 105, up by 6.5pts from prior to the Federal Election. Now 44% (up 3.5%) of Australians in Capital Cities say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 39% (down 3%) now say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Government Confidence up strongly for both women and men

Government Confidence has increased strongly for both genders. Women's Government Confidence is up 10.5pts to 103 with 42.5% (up 6%) now saying Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 39.5% (down 4.5%) now saying Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

However, this is still behind Government Confidence for men which is now well into positive territory at 106.5, up 13.5pts since the Federal Election. Now 45% (up 7%) of men say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and only 38.5% (down 6.5%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Government Confidence up for all age groups and especially 50-64 and 65+ year olds

Government Confidence increased strongly for Australians aged 50-64 years old since the Federal Election up by 19.5pts to 113 and is now the higher for this age group than any other. Now 51.5% (up 12%) of 50-64 year olds say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 38.5% (down 7.5%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Australians aged 65+ years old are more positive than before the election and their Government Confidence is up 17pts to 107. Now 45.5% (up 10.5%) of Australians aged 65+ years old say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 38.5% (down 6.5%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Government Confidence has also increased strongly for younger Australians aged 18-34 year old at 105, up by 11.5pts since the Federal Election. Now 42% (up 5.5%) of 18-34 year olds say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 37% (down 6%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Australians aged 35-49 years old are now the only age group with a negative Government Confidence below 100 of 94, up by only 0.5pts from prior to the Federal Election. Now 36.5% (down 2%) of Australians aged 35-49 years old say Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 42.5% (down 2.5%) say Australia is heading in the 'wrong direction'.

Michele Levine, CEO, Roy Morgan says, the boost to Government Confidence since the Federal Election is driven by Coalition voters as Government Confidence has dropped for ALP & Greens supporters since mid-May:

"Roy Morgan Government Confidence has leapt 11.5pts into positive territory at 104.5 following the L-NP's victory at a close Federal Election in late May. The L-NP won a bare majority of 77 seats in the expanded Federal Parliament, an increase of 1 seat from the 2016 Federal Election.

"The increase in Government Confidence comes as Federal Parliament sits for the first time since the Federal Election this week and the L-NP Government seeks to legislate three tranches of income tax cuts to stimulate the economy over the next few years.

"Also doing its part to stimulate the economy is the RBA which cut interest rates in June by 0.25% and followed up this week with another cut in interest rates to a record low 1%. The RBA is expected to continue cutting interest rates during the remainder of 2019.

"The drivers of the increase in Government Confidence since the Federal Election were clearly Coalition voters for whom Government Confidence soared by 30pts to 140.5. Government Confidence was also up strongly for supporters of Independents/Others by 16pts to 74.5.

"However the unexpected ALP loss at the Federal Election has hit ALP supporters for whom Government Confidence fell 14.5pts to 84 and was also down for Greens supporters by 4pts to only 72.5.

"Government Confidence for Australians in Country Areas jumped 22.5pts to 104.5 to draw almost level with those in Capital Cities on 105, up 6.5pts and there were big increases in L-NP strongholds of Queensland, up 20pts to 104 and Western Australia, up 15pts to 110.5. The L-NP now holds 34 out of the 46 seats up for grabs in those two States."

Electors were asked: *"Generally speaking, do you feel that things in Australia are heading in the right direction or would you say things are seriously heading in the wrong direction?"*

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Finding No. 8041 – This Roy Morgan Poll on Roy Morgan Government Confidence was conducted via face-to-face interviewing during the last two weeks of June. Roy Morgan interviewed 1,499 Australian electors aged 18+ on the weekends of June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019. Visit the Roy Morgan Online Store to browse our range of [Voter Profiles](#) by electorate, detailed [Voting Intention Demographics Reports](#) and [Most important Political Issue Reports](#) (all 151 electorates ranked by an issue).

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Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating

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Electors	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Government Confidence Rating	Can't say	Total
	%	%	GCR	%	%
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	37.5	44.5	93	18	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	43.5	39	104.5	17.5	100
Change	+6	-5.5	+11.5pts	-0.5	

Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating – by Federal Voting Intention

Voting Intention	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Government Confidence Rating	Can't say	Total
	%	%	GCR	%	%
L-NP					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	45.5	35	110.5	19.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	62.5	22	140.5	15.5	100
Change	+17	-13	+30pts	-4	
ALP					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	41.5	43	98.5	15.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	33	49	84	18	100
Change	-8.5	+6	-14.5pts	+2.5	
Greens					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	26.5	50	76.5	23.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	29.5	57	72.5	13.5	100
Change	+3	+7	-4pts	-10	
Independents/Others					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	20.5	62	58.5	17.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	28.5	54	74.5	17.5	100
Change	+8	-8	+16pts	-	
Can't say*					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	20	64.5	55.5	15.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	36	32.5	103.5	31.5	100
Change	+16	-32	+48	+16	

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Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating – by Region

Region	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Government Confidence Rating	Can't say	Total
	%	%	GCR	%	%
Capital Cities					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	40.5	42	98.5	17.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	44	39	105	17	100
Change	+3.5	-3	+6.5pts	-0.5	
Country Areas					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	31.5	49.5	82	19	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	43.5	39	104.5	17.5	100
Change	+12	-10.5	+22.5pts	-1.5	

Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating – by State

State	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Government Confidence Rating	Can't say	Total
	%	%	GCR	%	%
NSW					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	34.5	44.5	90	21	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	38.5	39.5	99	22	100
Change	+4	-5	+9pts	+1	
Victoria					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	43.5	41.5	102	15	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	49	38	111	13	100
Change	+5.5	-3.5	+9pts	-2	
Queensland					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	32	48	84	20	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	42.5	38.5	104	19	100
Change	+10.5	-9.5	+20pts	-1	
WA					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	41.5	46	95.5	12.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	51	40.5	110.5	8.5	100
Change	+9.5	-5.5	+15pts	-4	
SA					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	34.5	41.5	93	24	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	41	41.5	99.5	17.5	100
Change	+6.5	-	+6.5pts	-6.5	
Tasmania					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	43	40	103	17	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	46	49	97	5	100
Change	+3	+9	-6pts	-12	

Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating – by Gender

Gender	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Government Confidence Rating	Can't say	Total
	%	%	GCR	%	%
Women					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	36.5	44	92.5	19.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	42.5	39.5	103	18	100
Change	+6	-4.5	+10.5pts	-1.5	
Men					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	38	45	93	17	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	45	38.5	106.5	16.5	100
Change	+7	-6.5	+13.5pts	-0.5	

Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating – by Age

Age	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Government Confidence Rating	Can't say	Total
	%	%	GCR	%	%
18-34					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	36.5	43	93.5	20.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	42	37	105	21	100
Change	+5.5	-6	+11.5pts	+0.5	
35-49					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	38.5	45	93.5	16.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	36.5	42.5	94	21	100
Change	-2	-2.5	+0.5pts	+4.5	
50-64					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	39.5	46	93.5	14.5	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	51.5	38.5	113	10	100
Change	+12	-7.5	+19.5pts	-4.5	
65+					
May 4/5 & 11/12, 2019	35	45	90	20	100
June 22/23 & 29/30, 2019	45.5	38.5	107	16	100
Change	+10.5	-6.5	+17pts	-4	

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%
1,000	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4
1,500	±2.6	±2.2	±1.5	±1.1
2,000	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0

Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2006 – 2015)

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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