

# Key groups shift from Coalition to Hanson

## EXCLUSIVE

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Queenslanders, older voters and those without university education are abandoning the Coalition and swinging in behind One Nation, according to a Newspoll analysis that shows young Australians continue to shun the conservative parties.

An exclusive state-by-state and demographic Newspoll quarterly analysis for The Australian, which compiles the results of polls conducted from September 29 to November 20, has revealed the extent of Sussan Ley's battle to claw back electoral ground from Anthony Albanese.

While the Newspoll snapshot covers two months before the Bondi Beach terrorist attack and Labor's expenses scandal, it identifies key electoral pressure points the Opposition Leader must focus on over the summer break.

The election battleground state of Queensland has emerged as a focal point for the Coalition's loss of support, with One Nation's primary vote in Senator Hanson's home state soaring to 18 per cent across the final three Newspolls of the year and core support for Labor climbing to 33 per cent.

The Coalition's primary vote has plunged to 27 per cent in Queensland, a state previously dominated at a federal level by the Liberals and Nationals.

Compared with the previous analysis of Newspolls from July to September, the Coalition's primary vote in Queensland fell six percentage points, while One Nation gained eight points.

The latest quarterly analysis captures the period when core support for the Coalition sank to 24 per cent in October, the lowest level for the Liberals and Nationals since Newspoll first counted primary voters in November 1985.

The final Newspoll of the year published in late November showed the Coalition remained stuck at 24 per cent, which helped Labor claim its equal biggest two-party-preferred margin of 58 to 42 per cent since its May 3 election victory.

The Newspoll demographics analysis shows the Coalition losing ground mainly among older voters and Australians without a university education, who are moving to One Nation.

This shift is compounded by the loss of younger voters and those with university degrees during Peter Dutton's disastrous election campaign.

In the final months of the year to December, Labor's two-party preferred vote lead over the Coalition among Australians aged between 18-34 was 67 to 33 per cent. The ALP also holds double-digit gaps across all age groups, except those over 65.

Core support for the Greens across voters aged under 34 was 26 per cent, which is seven points ahead of the Coalition.

Another warning sign for the Coalition in the quarterly analysis, which includes a combined sample size of 3774 voters, is the ongoing slide in support from Australians with no tertiary education. Compared with the previous three-month snapshot, support for the Coalition from voters without a tertiary education fell six points to 26 per cent support, while Labor dropped two points to 30 per cent. Those voters have shifted to One Nation. A similar trend was re-

corded among Australians aged over 65, with the Coalition and Labor losing support to Senator Hanson's party, which this month recruited former Nationals leader and New England MP Barnaby Joyce to its ranks.

Support from both female and male voters continued to slide for the Coalition in the final quarterly analysis of the year, with many shifting to One Nation.

Ms Ley has struggled to win support from both men and women, with 27 per cent of male voters and 28 per cent of female voters satisfied with her performance compared with 60 per cent and 49 per cent respectively dissatisfied. A majority of male and female voters believe that Mr Albanese is the better prime minister. There were also falls in support for Ms Ley's performance among voters with no tertiary education or with TAFE and technical qualifications.

Mr Albanese is most unpopular in Queensland, where voters marked down his performance compared with polling results in other states.

In the sunshine state, where Labor picked up a swath of seats at the May election, 53 per cent of voters were dissatisfied with the Prime Minister compared with 44 per cent satisfied.

While Labor holds a 52 to 48

per cent two-party preferred vote lead over the Coalition parties in Queensland, the ALP dominates the Coalition in Victoria (60 to 40 per cent), NSW (58 to 42 per cent), Western Australia (56 to 44 per cent) and South Australia (58 to 42 per cent).

With the Albanese government under pressure over its response to the Bondi terrorist attack and the rise of anti-Semitism, Coalition strategists are hopeful of an electoral revival over summer. But there are some in Liberal ranks who still believe Ms Ley's leadership will remain under pressure unless the first Newspoll next year shows significant improvement for the Coalition.

MPs are preparing to return to Canberra in January after Mr Albanese revealed he would recall parliament earlier than the scheduled February 3 return to push through the government's tougher anti-vilification and hate speech laws.

Since the Bondi massacre, Ms Ley has spent most of her time in Sydney supporting the Jewish-Australian community and leading the push for the Albanese government to call a royal commission into the rise of anti-Semitism and the commonwealth response to the terror attack.

In the wake of Australia's worst ever terrorist attack at Bondi – perpetrated by Islamic State-inspired extremist who murdered and injured Jewish-Australians, beachgoers and police officers – the Coalition delayed the release of its updated migration policy settings.

As Ms Ley seeks to woo back grumpy conservative voters who have shifted to One Nation, senior Liberal and Nationals figures told The Australian that the circumstances surrounding the terror attack and concerns about Islamic extremism would allow them to further strengthen the Coalition's migration policy principles.

The Liberal Party federal executive on Monday also met to delay the release of the party's election review led by Nick Minchin and Peta Goward. The federal election review, which was due to be released this week, is expected to be unveiled in the new year.

## PRIMARY VOTE

%	State						Gender			Age			Education			Household income			Working status			Language at home			Religion			
	ALL	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	No tertiary	TAFE/Technical	University	<\$50k	\$50k - \$99k	\$100k - \$149k	\$150k+	Full time	Part time	Retired	Other	English only	Other language	Christian	No religion	
Labor	36	37	35	33	38	37	38	35	36	37	39	33	30	35	41	35	38	39	38	35	36	30	36	40	32	40		
Coalition	25	24	26	27	25	28	26	24	19	25	27	33	26	24	26	23	25	24	28	26	20	32	19	26	23	34	18	
Greens	12	12	16	10	10	12	10	15	26	13	6	2	14	9	13	11	11	15	11	11	20	2	24	12	14	4	18	
One Nation	14	14	11	18	15	14	14	13	8	13	15	18	20	19	17	6	17	17	12	10	13	12	17	13	14	9	16	12
Others	13	13	12	12	9	12	13	11	12	13	14	10	13	14	14	12	11	12	12	13	13	14	12	14	14	12	12	

5 per cent 'uncommitted' excluded

Question: If a federal election for the House of Representatives were held today, which one of the following would you vote for? If 'uncommitted', to which one of these do you have a leaning?

## TWO-PARTY PREFERRED

%	State						Gender			Age			Education			Household income			Working status			Language at home			Religion		
	ALL	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	No tertiary	TAFE/Technical	University	<\$50k	\$50k - \$99k	\$100k - \$149k	\$150k+	Full time	Part time	Retired	Other	English only	Other language	Christian	No religion
Labor	57	58	60	52	58	56	57	58	67	58	55	48	53	54	62	57	56	60	58	58	63	49	62	57	62	47	66
Coalition	43	42	40	48	42	44	43	42	33	42	45	52	47	46	38	43	44	40	42	42	37	51	38	43	38	53	34

Preference flows based on recent federal and state elections. Note, national preference flows are used to calculate 2PP for each demographic

## ALBANESE'S PERFORMANCE

%	State						Gender			Age			Education			Household income			Working status			Language at home			Religion			
	ALL	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	No tertiary	TAFE/Technical	University	<\$50k	\$50k - \$99k	\$100k - \$149k	\$150k+	Full time	Part time	Retired	Other	English only	Other language	Christian	No religion	
Satisfied	46	46	47	44	52	45	47	46	51	46	47	42	39	42	54	43	45	50	50	50	46	42	41	46	48	41	50	
Dissatisfied	49	49	47	53	45	50	50	48	42	49	48	55	56	53	53	41	51	50	46	46	46	47	54	51	49	55	45	
Uncommitted	5	5	6	3	3	5	3	6	7	5	5	3	5	5	5	6	5	5	4	4	4	7	4	8	5	6	4	5

Question: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Anthony Albanese is doing his job as Prime Minister?

## LEY'S PERFORMANCE

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