

## Assignment of Questions to smartspider Axes

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### smartspider Methodology:

The smartspider graph consists of six axes each representing a specific policy or a political goal. Questions can be assigned to none, one or several axes. The code “1” indicates that answering a question with “yes” will move the answering voter, candidate or party towards the goal on the specific axis (moving towards the edge) – a “no” answer will subsequently move the position in these cases in the opposite direction (towards the centre).

The code “-1” indicates a situation vice versa: The “no” answer will stand for a movement towards the specific political goal (moving outwards) and the “yes” answer will lead to a movement towards the centre on the axis.

The code “0” indicates that the specific question is not assigned to an axis.

*smartvote Australia* fulfills the transparency and quality criteria of the "Lausanne Declaration on Online Electoral Assistance". All the methodological information is available on [www.smartvote.org.au](http://www.smartvote.org.au).

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Question Assignments:

Categories and Questions		smartspider Axes					
	Society	Inclusivity	Economic Liberalism	Law & Order	Traditionalism	Welfare State	Environmental Protection
1	Do you think that women should readily be able to obtain an abortion if they request one?	0	0	0	-1	0	0
2	Should the recreational use of marijuana by adults remain a criminal offence?	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	Should governments allow pill testing at music festivals?	0	0	-1	0	0	0
4	Do you oppose same sex couples being given the same rights to marry as couples consisting of a man and a woman?	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	Do you think that terminally ill patients should be able to end their lives with medical assistance?	0	0	0	-1	0	0
	Social Policy	Inclusivity	Economic Liberalism	Law & Order	Traditionalism	Welfare State	Environmental Protection
6	Should people who break the law be given stiffer sentences?	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	Should aged care be mainly the responsibility of the government rather than the pensioners (and their families) themselves?	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Should welfare recipients who fail to comply with reporting obligations have their payments stopped?	0	0	0	0	-1	0

Political System		Inclusivity	Economic Liberalism	Law & Order	Traditionalism	Welfare State	Environmental Protection
9	Should the Constitution be changed to recognise Indigenous Australians?	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Should the voting age be lowered to 16 years?	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	Should Australia remain a constitutional monarchy with the Queen as head of state?	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	Should the Constitution be changed so that dual citizens can sit in and run for Parliament?	1	0	0	0	0	0
13	Should political parties introduce gender quotas in order to increase the number of women in Parliament?	1	0	0	0	0	0

Taxation and the Economy		Inclusivity	Economic Liberalism	Law & Order	Traditionalism	Welfare State	Environmental Protection
14	Should the current minimum wage be substantially increased?	0	-1	0	0	1	0
15	Is reducing government debt currently the most important economic issue facing the country?	0	1	0	0	0	0
16	Do you support policies to limit shareholders receiving a cash rebate on dividends (i.e. franking credits)?	0	-1	0	0	0	0
17	Should the government continue to allow property investors to claim tax deductions (i.e. negative gearing)?	0	1	0	0	0	0

18	Do you think that the implementation of all the recommendations of the Banking royal commission would damage the economy?	0	1	0	0	0	0
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<b>Immigration</b>		<b>Inclusivity</b>	<b>Economic Liberalism</b>	<b>Law &amp; Order</b>	<b>Traditionalism</b>	<b>Welfare State</b>	<b>Environmental Protection</b>
19	Should asylum seekers who come by boat always be resettled offshore?	-1	0	1	0	0	0
20	Should the English language test for migrants applying for citizenship be made easier?	1	0	0	0	0	0
21	Should the government reduce the number of migrants coming to Australia under family reunion visas?	-1	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Energy and the Environment</b>		<b>Inclusivity</b>	<b>Economic Liberalism</b>	<b>Law &amp; Order</b>	<b>Traditionalism</b>	<b>Welfare State</b>	<b>Environmental Protection</b>
22	Should the government allow the opening of new coal mines?	0	1	0	0	0	-1
23	Do you think government should provide more subsidies to solar and wind power generation?	0	-1	0	0	0	1
24	Do you think the government should introduce a price on carbon emissions?	0	-1	0	0	0	1

	Foreign Affairs, Security and Trade	Inclusivity	Economic Liberalism	Law & Order	Traditionalism	Welfare State	Environmental Protection
25	Should privacy and civil liberties be protected at all costs, despite the threat of terrorism?	0	0	-1	0	0	0
26	Do you think the government should remove Australian citizenship from dual nationals returning from foreign civil wars?	-1	0	1	0	0	0
27	Should Chinese investment in Australia be more highly regulated?	0	-1	0	0	0	0
28	Should the government do more to prevent foreign countries from interfering with Australia's political processes?	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Do you think Australia's alliance relationship with the United States of America is important for Australia's security?	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Do you think Australia should enter more free trade agreements?	0	1	0	0	0	0

Budget*	Inclusivity	Economic Liberalism	Law & Order	Traditionalism	Welfare State	Environmental Protection
For the next five questions, please say whether there should be more or less public expenditure than now in each of the following areas. Remember if you say 'more' it could require a tax increase, and if you say 'less' it could require a reduction in those services.						
31 Health	0	0	0	0	1	0
32 Defence	0	0	0	0	0	0
33 Education	0	0	0	0	1	0
34 Old-age pensions	0	0	0	0	1	0
35 Border protection	0	0	1	0	0	0

\* For budget questions the answer categories are ordered from spending “Much less” to “Much more”. The code “1” indicates for these questions that spending “Much more” moves one’s score towards the specific policy goal (outwards).