

# Polling - Right to protest

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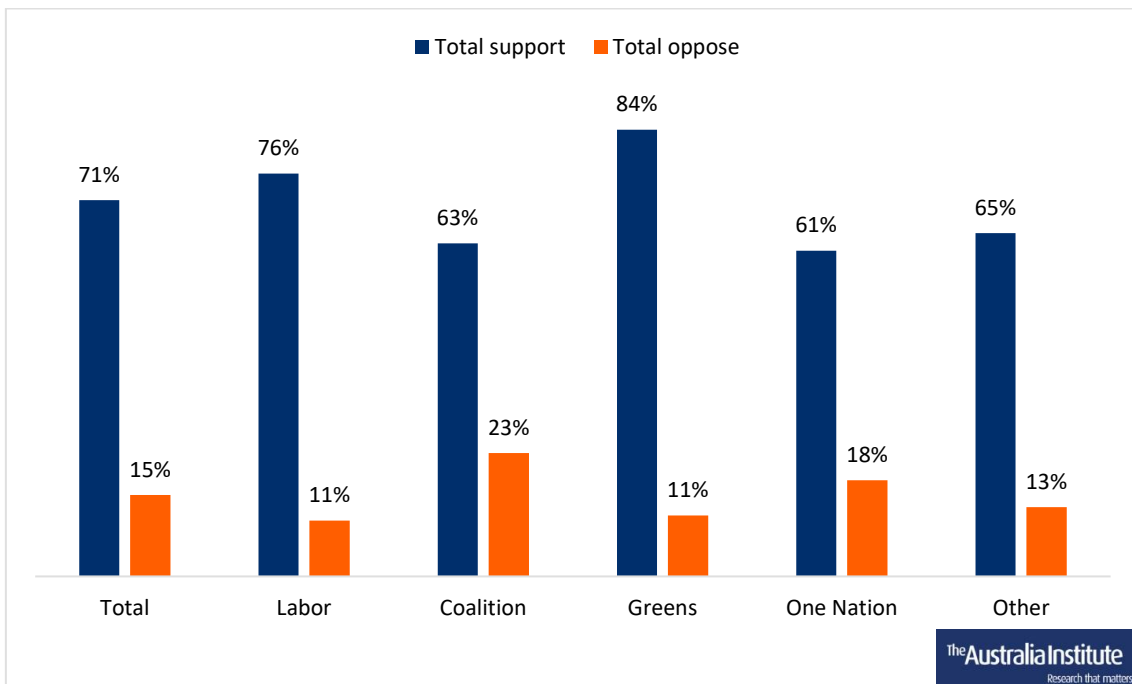
## Key results

In May, the Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,005 Australians about the role of protest and protest protection in Australia.

Respondents were asked if they would support or oppose federal legislation to protect the right to peaceful protest. The results show that:

- Most Australians (71%) support federal legislation to protect the right to peaceful protest.
- Federal legislation to protect the right to peaceful protest has majority support across all voting intentions including 76% of Labor votes, 63% of Coalition voters and 84% of Greens voters.
- Federal legislation to protect the right to peaceful protest has majority support across age groups with support ranging from 80% amongst voters 18-29 years and 67% amongst voters 60 and over.

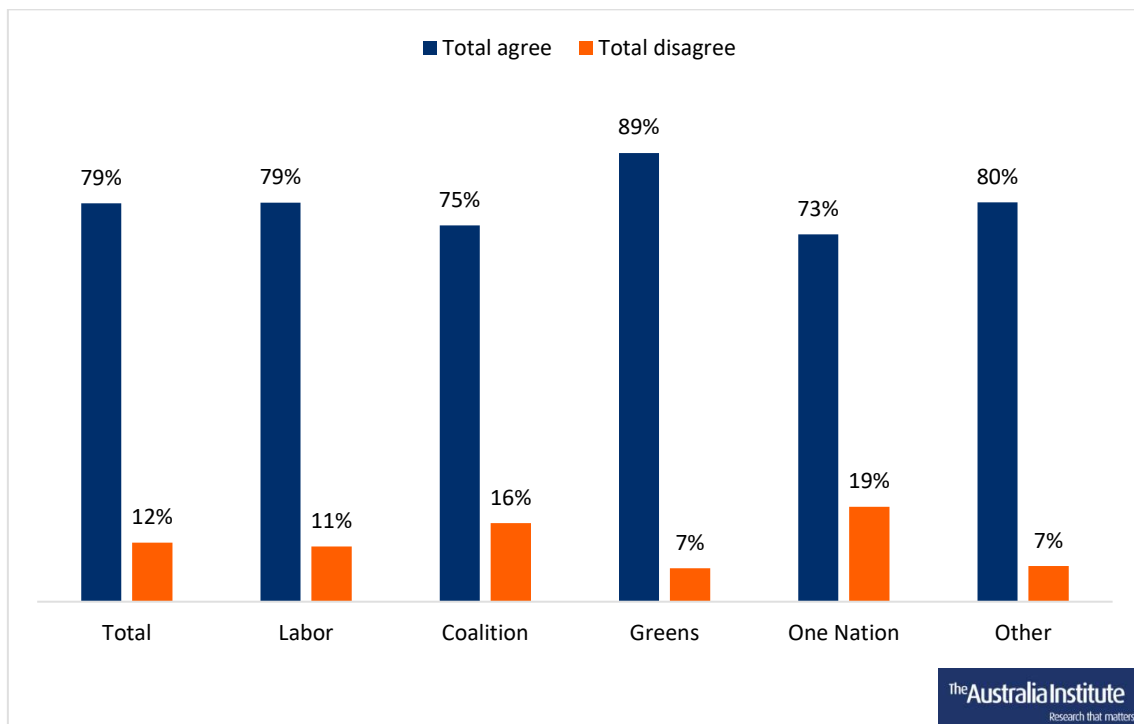
**Figure 1: Legislation to protect the right to peaceful protest, by voting intention**



Respondents were then asked to what extent do they agree or disagree with the statement "Peaceful protest has a role to play in Australian democracy." The results show that:

- Most Australians (79%) agree with that peaceful protest has a role to play in Australian democracy.
- Across all age groups, the majority of Australians agree that peaceful protest has a role to play in Australian democracy.
- The vast majority of Labor voters (79%) and Coalition voters (75%) agree that peaceful protest has a role to play in Australian democracy.
- The vast majority of One Nation voters (73%) agree that peaceful protest has a role to play in Australian democracy.

**Figure 2: Peaceful protest has a role to play in democracy, by voting intention**



## Method

### Short disclosure statement

Panel provider	Dynata
Research company	The Australia Institute
Client commissioning the research	NA
Fieldwork dates	21 May 2024 to 23 May 2024
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from research panel
Target population	Australian adults aged 18+
Sample size	1,005
Australian Polling Council compliant	Yes
Voting intention published	No
Long disclosure statement	See below

### Long disclosure statement

Effective sample size after weighting applied	935
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	±3%
Variables used in weighting	Age, gender, state/territory based on Australian Bureau of Statistics <a href="#">“National, state and territory population”</a> data
Gender identity categorisation	Those who answered the gender identity question as “Non-binary”, “I use a different term”, or “Prefer not to answer” had their responses included with females for the purpose of reporting, due to constraints from weighting data availability
Weighting method used	Raking method
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	See below
Source of online sample	Dynata’s online panel
Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire	Immediately after demographics, before policy questions
How were undecided voters handled?	Respondents who answered “Don’t know / Not sure” for voting intention were then asked a leaning question; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs
Method of calculating 2PP	NA
Voting intention categorisation	Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” refers to Independent/Other, and minor parties in cases where they were included in the voting intention but represent too small a sample to be reported separately in the crosstabs
Location results	Results are shown only for larger states



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## Detailed results

No preceding questions in the poll are expected to have influenced the results of the questions published here.

**Would you support or oppose federal legislation to protect the right to peaceful protest?**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<b>Strongly support</b>	27%	33%	22%	27%	25%	31%	18%
<b>Support</b>	44%	43%	45%	47%	42%	39%	53%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	12%	11%	10%	12%	12%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	1%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	14%	8%	19%	12%	15%	13%	17%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Strongly support</b>	27%	25%	16%	53%	28%	26%
<b>Support</b>	44%	51%	47%	32%	34%	39%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	7%	18%	10%	8%	10%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	4%	3%	6%	2%	10%	3%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	14%	14%	14%	4%	20%	22%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
<b>Strongly support</b>	27%	35%	31%	28%	27%	19%
<b>Support</b>	44%	46%	39%	43%	41%	48%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	10%	10%	13%	11%	12%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	4%	1%	4%	3%	4%	7%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	14%	8%	17%	12%	17%	15%

**To what extent do you agree or disagree? "Peaceful protest has a role to play in Australian democracy."**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	33%	36%	30%	33%	31%	34%	28%
<b>Agree</b>	46%	46%	46%	48%	45%	49%	48%
<b>Disagree</b>	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	6%	7%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	9%	6%	12%	5%	11%	8%	14%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	33%	29%	22%	55%	32%	41%
<b>Agree</b>	46%	50%	53%	35%	41%	39%
<b>Disagree</b>	8%	8%	11%	5%	13%	5%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	4%	4%	5%	2%	6%	2%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	9%	10%	9%	4%	8%	13%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	33%	39%	38%	33%	35%	25%
<b>Agree</b>	46%	42%	43%	48%	46%	51%
<b>Disagree</b>	8%	6%	10%	6%	8%	9%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%	6%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	9%	11%	6%	10%	10%	9%