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RESEARCH DETAILS

This research was commissioned by the Lowy Institute for International Policy as part of its study on the Australian diaspora.

The results shown in this document are based upon questions asked in the March 2004 UMR Research nation-wide political tracking monitor, the first UMR political monitor conducted since the leadership situation was resolved.

This is a telephone survey of a nationally representative sample of 1,000 Australians 18 years of age and over. The sample has been weighted so it exactly matches the age and sex distribution of the adult Australian population.

Fieldwork was conducted from 25th – 30th March 2004, from UMR Research's National interview facility.

The margin for error on a sample of 1,000 is around +/- 3%. However, when the sample is broken into subgroups, it increases. For instance, a sample of 100 carries an ME of around +/- 10%.

ATTITUDINAL STATEMENTS

Tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the almost one million Australians living overseas:

	Strongly agree %	Mildly agree %	Mildly disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Unsure %	TOTAL AGREE %	TOTAL DISAGREE %	NET AGREE %
They are adventurous people prepared to try their luck and have a go overseas	53	38	3	3	3	91	6	85
They are doing well for themselves away from home	33	42	5	1	19	75	6	69
They too often delight in running Australia down from offshore	5	9	28	43	15	14	71	-57
They have let us down by leaving Australia	3	7	30	56	4	10	86	-75

“THEY ARE ADVENTUROUS PEOPLE PREPARED TO TRY THEIR LUCK AND HAVE A GO OVERSEAS”

Tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the almost one million Australians living overseas:

	Strongly agree	Mildly agree	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
All Respondents	53	38	3	3	3	91	6
<u>Primary Vote</u>							
Coalition	54	38	3	3	2	92	7
Labor	53	38	4	2	3	91	6
Other	60	34	-	2	4	94	2
<u>State/Territory</u>							
NSW	53	39	2	3	3	92	5
Vic	51	37	6	3	3	88	9
Qld	61	34	3	1	1	95	4
WA/SA/Tas/NT/ACT	49	41	3	2	5	90	5
<u>Location</u>							
Metropolitan	53	38	3	2	4	91	6
Regional	54	38	3	3	2	91	6
<u>Gender</u>							
Male	54	36	4	2	4	90	6
Female	52	40	3	3	2	92	6
<u>Age</u>							
Under 30	57	38	2	2	1	95	5
30-39	61	34	2	1	2	94	4
40-49	44	46	4	3	3	90	7
50-64	57	34	3	2	4	91	5
65 & Over	44	40	6	4	6	84	10
<u>Household Income Before Tax</u>							
Under \$30,000	44	43	4	4	5	87	8
\$30,001 - \$50,000	61	32	3	3	1	93	6
\$50,001 - \$80,000	60	34	3	1	2	94	3
Over \$80,000	55	35	5	3	2	90	8

“THEY ARE DOING WELL FOR THEMSELVES AWAY FROM HOME”

Tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the almost one million Australians living overseas:

	Strongly agree	Mildly agree	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
All Respondents	33	42	5	1	19	75	6
<u>Primary Vote</u>							
Coalition	33	43	6	1	17	76	7
Labor	33	42	5	1	19	75	6
Other	37	39	5	1	18	76	6
<u>State/Territory</u>							
NSW	32	41	6	1	20	73	7
Vic	38	35	4	2	21	73	6
Qld	31	47	4	1	17	78	5
WA/SA/Tas/NT/ACT	29	48	5	-	18	77	5
<u>Location</u>							
Metropolitan	36	41	4	1	18	76	6
Regional	28	44	6	1	21	73	7
<u>Gender</u>							
Male	30	44	4	-	22	74	4
Female	35	40	6	2	17	75	8
<u>Age</u>							
Under 30	35	45	5	2	13	80	7
30-39	36	43	3	-	18	79	3
40-49	25	40	5	1	29	65	6
50-64	36	41	6	1	16	76	7
65 & Over	29	42	6	1	22	71	7
<u>Household Income Before Tax</u>							
Under \$30,000	24	46	6	2	22	70	7
\$30,001 - \$50,000	38	39	7	-	16	77	7
\$50,001 - \$80,000	32	46	5	-	17	78	5
Over \$80,000	36	42	5	1	16	78	6

“THEY TOO OFTEN DELIGHT IN RUNNING AUSTRALIA DOWN FROM OFFSHORE”

Tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the almost one million Australians living overseas:

	Strongly agree	Mildly agree	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
All Respondents	5	9	28	43	15	14	71
<u>Primary Vote</u>							
Coalition	4	9	29	45	13	13	74
Labor	6	8	30	43	13	14	73
Other	7	8	27	44	14	15	71
<u>State/Territory</u>							
NSW	7	7	28	42	16	14	70
Vic	6	13	29	39	13	19	68
Qld	7	5	26	48	14	12	74
WA/SA/Tas/NT/ACT	2	10	29	44	15	12	74
<u>Location</u>							
Metropolitan	5	8	30	44	13	13	73
Regional	6	9	26	42	17	15	68
<u>Gender</u>							
Male	6	9	28	43	14	16	70
Female	5	8	29	43	15	13	72
<u>Age</u>							
Under 30	4	5	37	41	13	10	77
30-39	6	9	36	42	7	14	78
40-49	6	10	22	42	20	16	64
50-64	7	7	24	47	15	13	72
65 & Over	5	14	21	41	19	19	63
<u>Household Income Before Tax</u>							
Under \$30,000	7	12	27	37	17	18	64
\$30,001 - \$50,000	6	12	32	40	10	19	71
\$50,001 - \$80,000	2	6	27	50	15	8	76
Over \$80,000	7	5	34	44	10	12	78

“THEY HAVE LET US DOWN BY LEAVING AUSTRALIA”

Tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the almost one million Australians living overseas:

	Strongly agree %	Mildly agree %	Mildly disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Unsure %	TOTAL AGREE %	TOTAL DISAGREE %
All Respondents	3	7	30	56	4	10	86
<u>Primary Vote</u>							
Coalition	3	6	29	59	3	9	88
Labor	4	7	32	53	4	11	85
Other	4	4	20	69	3	8	89
<u>State</u>							
NSW	4	8	28	56	4	12	84
Vic	5	7	29	56	3	12	85
Qld	-	6	28	63	3	6	91
WA/SA/Tas/NT/ACT	3	6	36	50	5	9	85
<u>Location</u>							
Metropolitan	3	6	31	56	4	9	87
Regional	4	9	28	56	3	13	84
<u>Gender</u>							
Male	4	6	29	57	4	10	85
Female	3	8	31	55	3	11	86
<u>Age</u>							
Under 30	-	7	28	64	1	7	91
30-39	2	7	23	65	3	9	89
40-49	5	8	31	52	4	13	83
50-64	4	3	32	56	5	6	88
65 & Over	7	12	36	38	7	19	74
<u>Income</u>							
Under \$30,000	4	13	35	43	5	17	78
\$30,001 - \$50,000	4	5	30	57	4	9	87
\$50,001 - \$80,000	2	4	28	64	2	6	92
Over \$80,000	3	5	26	64	2	8	90

“REAL” AUSTRALIANS?

A lot of Australians have been overseas for many years and have no plans to return home, do you still think of them as 'real' Australians?

	Yes %	No %	Unsure %
All Respondents	62	31	7
<u>Primary Vote</u>			
Coalition	64	30	6
Labor	62	32	6
Other	58	30	12
<u>State</u>			
NSW	62	30	8
Vic	59	34	7
Qld	68	26	6
WA/SA/Tas/NT/ACT	59	36	5
<u>Location</u>			
Metropolitan	64	29	7
Regional	59	34	7
<u>Gender</u>			
Male	62	32	6
Female	62	30	8
<u>Age</u>			
Under 30	73	21	6
30-39	69	26	5
40-49	61	32	7
50-64	62	29	9
65 & Over	38	53	9
<u>Household Income Before Tax</u>			
Under \$30,000	54	40	6
\$30,001 - \$50,000	59	32	9
\$50,001 - \$80,000	66	29	5
Over \$80,000	69	24	7