

New Galaxy Poll: Coalition Ahead of Labor in the Senate

Despite Labor's continued strong showing in the lower house, Getup.org.au has released new Galaxy polling showing that the Coalition has gained significant ground in the Senate since the election was called, and Labor faces the likelihood of a hostile Senate.

The poll shows the Coalition on 38%, Labor on 33%, the Greens on 11% and the Democrats and Family First on 2% each -- indicating that preference flows and the performance of the minor parties will have a significant impact on who controls the Senate.

Since the last poll released by GetUp, Labor's support in the Senate has dropped a full 6 points with the Coalition increasing its share by 3 points.

"This upward trend in the Coalition's Senate vote, if continued, suggests that a Labor Government might face a hostile Senate making it difficult to effectively govern," said Brett Solomon, Executive Director of GetUp.

National Galaxy Survey

Conducted for GetUp! 19-21 October, 2007n=1003 voters

Senate Voting Intention	October 2007 Galaxy Survey	September 2007 Galaxy Survey	2004 Election Results ¹	2001 Election Results ²
ALP	33	39	35	34
Liberal / National Party	38	35	45	42
The Greens	11	10	8	5
The Democrats	2	2	2	7
Family First	2	3	2	-
Other/Don't Know	13	12	10	12

Question: Thinking about the federal election to be held later this year. In this election you will be asked to vote for the House of Representatives and for the Senate. Thinking just about how you will vote in the Senate, which one of the following are you most likely to vote for? – the ALP, the Liberal Party, the Nationals, the Greens, the Australian Democrats, Family First, another party or candidate?

Interviews were conducted using CATI (computer assisted telephone interviewing) with telephone numbers randomly selected from electronic White Pages. Age, gender and region quotas were applied to the sample. Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics population estimates.

The survey of 1003 Australian voters has a 3.1% margin of error nationally.

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¹ Source: <http://www.aph.gov.au/library/handbook/elections/senate/summary.htm>

² Source: <http://www.electionresources.org/au/senate.php?election=2001>