

# Polling - Young SA voters and climate change

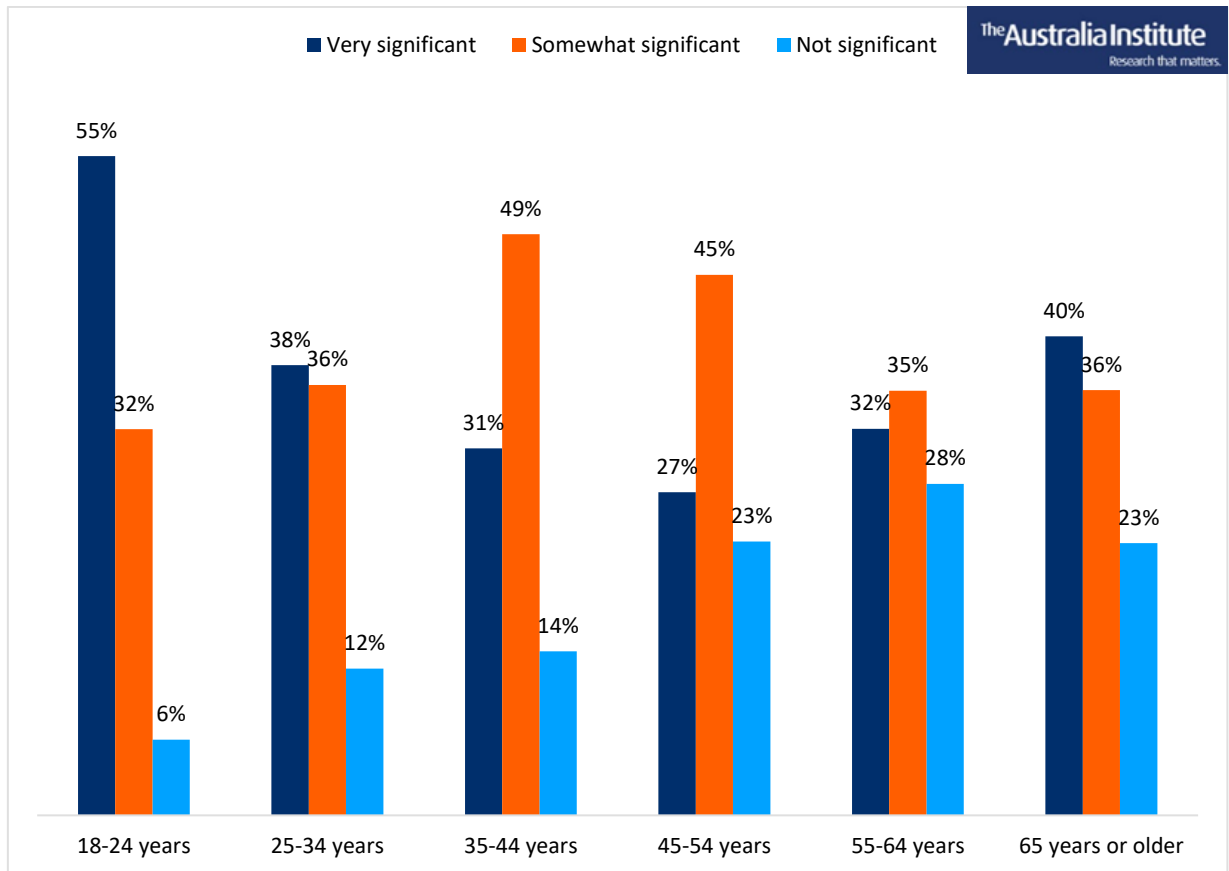
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## Key Results

The Australia Institute surveyed a state representative sample of 606 South Australians about which party they thought had the better plan for the future and their attitudes towards climate change.

First, respondents were asked how significant policy around tackling climate change would be to deciding their vote at the Federal Election. Figure 1 shows responses broken down by age bracket.

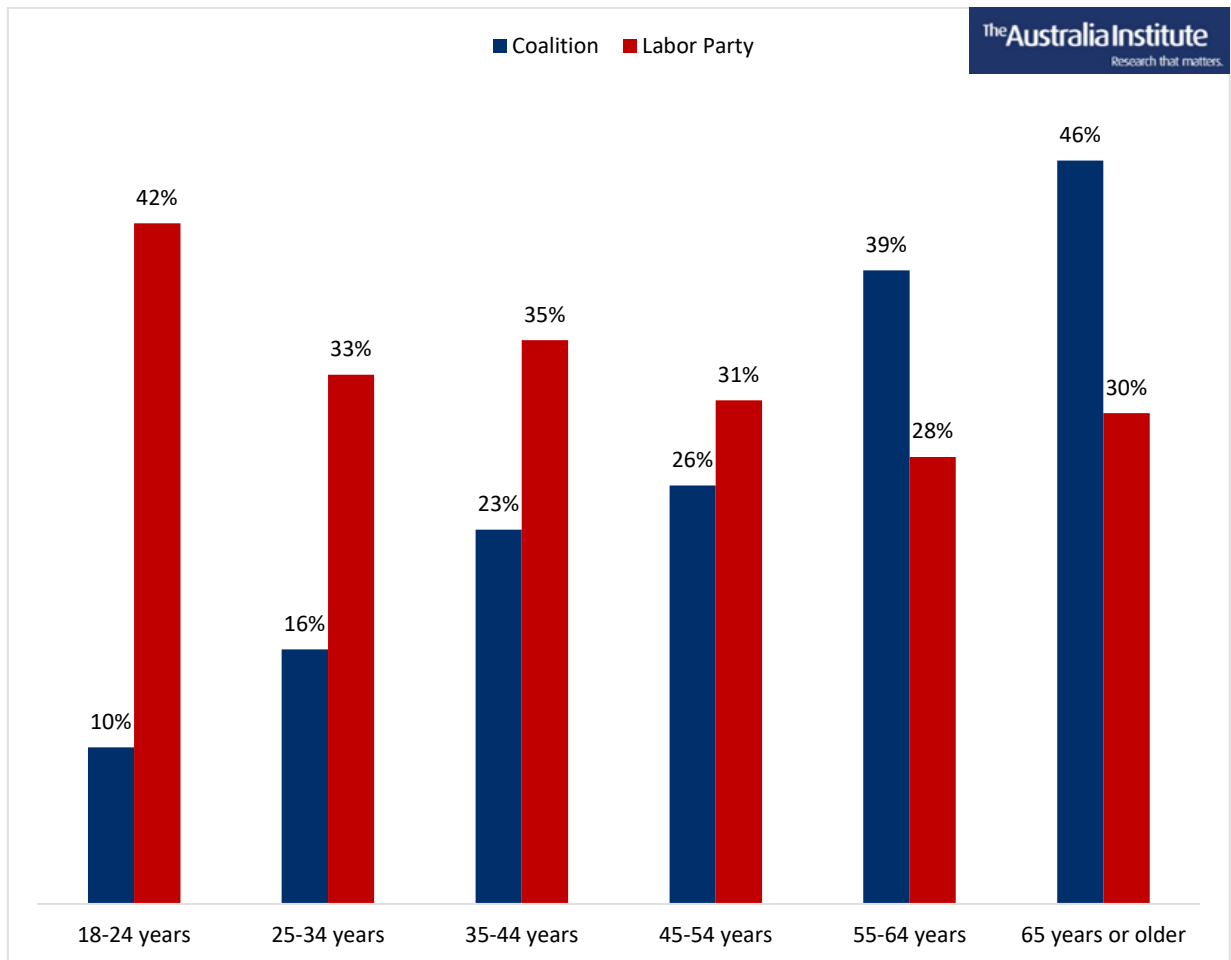
**Figure 1: How significant will tackling climate change be when deciding how you will vote? (by age groups)**



- **More than one in two 18-24 year olds (55%) considered climate change to be a very significant deciding factor for their vote at the Federal Election.**
  - In every age demographic more respondents considered climate change to be very significant than not significant.
- **Almost three in four respondents (74%) considered tackling climate change either very or somewhat significant in deciding their vote.**
  - A majority of every age group considered tackling climate change to be either very or somewhat significant.

Respondents were also asked which of the major parties they considered to have a better plan for the future. Figure 2 shows responses broken down by age bracket.

Figure 2: Which major party has a better plan for the future? (by age groups)



- **The ALP were considered to have a better plan for the future than the Coalition by respondents in the age groups 18–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years and 45–54 years old.**
  - Four times more respondents aged 18–24 and twice as many aged 25–34 considered the ALP to have a better plan than the Coalition.

## Method

The Australia Institute conducted a survey of 606 South Australians between 11 April 2019 and 18 April 2019, online through Dynata (formerly Research Now), post-weighted to reflect social demographics by age and gender in South Australia.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the lower house. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs, but results are also shown separately for undecideds. “LNP” includes separate responses for Liberal and National.

## Detailed results

Which of the following parties do you think has a better plan for the future?

	Total	Male	Female	LNP	Labor	Greens	PHON	CA	Other
Coalition	33%	38%	29%	78%	4%	6%	27%	33%	27%
Labor Party	31%	35%	29%	3%	66%	46%	9%	21%	20%
Don't know / Not sure	35%	28%	42%	19%	31%	48%	64%	45%	53%

	Total	18-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years or older
Coalition	33%	10%	16%	23%	26%	39%	46%
Labor Party	31%	42%	33%	35%	31%	28%	30%
Don't know / Not sure	35%	48%	51%	42%	43%	33%	23%

When deciding who you will vote for at the Federal Election, how significant will be policy around the following?

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	Total	Male	Female	LNP	Labor	Greens	PHON	CA	Other
<b>Very significant</b>	<b>35%</b>	30%	39%	25%	47%	63%	22%	36%	28%
<b>Somewhat significant</b>	<b>39%</b>	40%	38%	41%	38%	26%	37%	36%	42%
<b>Not significant</b>	<b>21%</b>	25%	17%	31%	11%	8%	32%	24%	22%
<b>Don't know / not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	9%	5%	9%

	Total	18-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years or older
<b>Very significant</b>	<b>35%</b>	55%	38%	31%	27%	32%	40%
<b>Somewhat significant</b>	<b>39%</b>	32%	36%	49%	45%	35%	36%
<b>Not significant</b>	<b>21%</b>	6%	12%	14%	23%	28%	23%
<b>Don't know / not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	6%	14%	7%	5%	5%	2%