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## MAJORITY OF AUSTRALIANS SUPPORT AUSTRALIA DAY ON 26 JANUARY

70% of Australians do not want the date of Australia Day changed, according to a new poll released today by the Institute of Public Affairs.

"It is abundantly clear that everyday Australians want to celebrate our great country on 26 January", said Dr Bella d'Abrera, Director of the Foundations of Western Civilisation Program with the free market tank the Institute of Public Affairs.

A poll of over 1,000 Australians conducted by *Research Now* commissioned by the IPA found that:

- 70% of Australians believe Australia Day should be celebrated on 26 January, only 11% believe the date should be moved.
- Only 23% of Australians think Councils should stop holding citizenship ceremonies on 26 January, 50% of Australians disagree with these Councils.
- 76% of Australians believe Australia has a history of which to be proud, only 9% disagree.
- 87% of Australians are proud to be an Australian, only 3% are not.

"The poll confirms that the left-leaning elements of our politics and media that are obsessed with identity politics are completely out of step with the majority of Australians when it comes to our national day. They want to divide, rather than unite Australians."

"26 January marks the foundation of modern Australia and it should to be celebrated by all Australians. Rather than being ashamed of it, we should be proud of it."

"76% of Australians believe we have a history to be proud of. It is encouraging that Australians overwhelmingly reject the negative rhetoric about our nation's history continually pushed by many on the left."

"This is evidence that Australians both value and understand British institutions such as liberal democracy and the rule of law which have made Australia the successful nation that it is today," said Dr d'Abrera.

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Attached are all questions, answers and data provided from Research Now.

Respondents were asked how much they would agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I am proud to be an Australian.	87%	3%	68%	19%	9%	2%	1%
Australia Day is a day for celebration.	81%	7%	58%	23%	12%	4%	3%
Australia has a history to be proud of.	76%	9%	49%	27%	14%	6%	3%
Do you believe the world would be a better place if other countries were more like Australia?	81%	3%	44%	37%	15%	3%	1%
Do you think Australia Day should be celebrated on 26 January?	70%	11%	52%	18%	18%	5%	6%
Do you think Councils should stop holding citizenship ceremonies on 26 January?	23%	50%	14%	9%	28%	14%	36%
Do you think it's important for all Australians to share the same values?	79%	7%	51%	28%	14%	5%	2%

Respondents were also asked:

	Total better than other countries	Total worse than other countries	Much better than other countries	Somewhat better than other countries	It is the same as other countries.	Somewhat worse than other countries	Much worse than other countries
Do you believe the world would be a better place if other countries were more like Australia?	81%	3%	50%	38%	9%	3%	0%

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1	Male[maleDefault_v2.png]	500	49 %
2	Female [femaleDefault_v2.png]	513	51 %

**How old are you? - How old are you?**

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**Age Groups**

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1	0-17	0	0 %
2	18-24	120	12 %
3	25-34	187	18 %
4	35-44	175	17 %
5	45-54	173	17 %
6	55-64	153	15 %
7	65+	205	20 %

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1	ACT Regional	0	0 %
2	Canberra	17	2 %
3	NSW Regional	150	15 %
4	Sydney	173	17 %
5	NT Regional	3	0 %
6	Darwin	7	1 %
7	QLD Regional	119	12 %
8	Brisbane	84	8 %
9	SA Regional	16	2 %
10	Adelaide	58	6 %
11	TAS Regional	11	1 %
12	Hobart	12	1 %
13	VIC Regional	74	7 %
14	Melbourne	183	18 %
15	WA Regional	20	2 %
16	Perth	86	8 %
17	Not in list	0	0 %

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dRegion (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Australian Capital Territory	17	2 %
2	New South Wales	323	32 %
3	Northern Territory	10	1 %
4	Queensland	203	20 %
5	South Australia	74	7 %
6	Tasmania	23	2 %
7	Victoria	257	25 %
8	Western Australia	106	10 %
9	Not in list	0	0 %

**What is your annual gross (i.e. before tax) household income range?**

D4 (type = single)	Counts	
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**What is your annual gross (i.e. before tax) household income range?**

1	Less than \$15,000 AUD	35	3 %
2	\$15,000 to \$29,999 AUD	117	12 %
3	\$30,000 to \$44,999 AUD	136	13 %
4	\$45,000 to \$59,999 AUD	122	12 %
5	\$60,000 to \$74,999 AUD	112	11 %
6	\$75,000 to \$99,999 AUD	137	14 %
7	\$100,000 to \$149,999 AUD	130	13 %
8	\$150,000 to \$199,999 AUD	54	5 %
9	\$200,000 to \$499,999 AUD	33	3 %
10	\$500,000 to \$999,999 AUD	2	0 %
11	\$1 million + AUD	2	0 %
12	Prefer not to answer	133	13 %

**What is your annual gross (i.e. before tax) personal income range?**

D5 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Less than \$15,000 AUD	135	13 %
2	\$15,000 to \$29,999 AUD	194	19 %
3	\$30,000 to \$44,999 AUD	132	13 %
4	\$45,000 to \$59,999 AUD	112	11 %
5	\$60,000 to \$74,999 AUD	114	11 %
6	\$75,000 to \$99,999 AUD	92	9 %
7	\$100,000 to \$149,999 AUD	61	6 %
8	\$150,000 to \$199,999 AUD	19	2 %
9	\$200,000 to \$499,999 AUD	4	0 %
10	\$500,000 to \$999,999 AUD	2	0 %
11	\$1 million + AUD	2	0 %
12	Prefer not to answer	146	14 %

**How would you describe your current living arrangements?**

D6 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Living with parents	91	9 %
2	Living on my own or with housemates/boarders	195	19 %
3	Living with a partner/spouse, never had kids	150	15 %
4	Parent/guardian, with eldest youngest child aged under 3 years living with me	82	8 %
5	Parent/guardian, with eldest youngest child aged 3-12 years living with me	116	11 %
6	Parent/guardian, with eldest youngest child aged 13-18 years living with me	97	10 %
7	Retirees	198	20 %
8	Other (please specify)	84	8 %

**How would you describe your current living arrangements? - Other (please specify)**

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**Which of the following best describes your employment status?**

D7 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Full-time (30 or more hours per week)	353	35 %
2	Part-time	133	13 %
3	Contract, Freelance or Temporary Employee	15	1 %
4	Full-time Student	44	4 %
5	Part-time Student (working MORE than 30 hours per week)	4	0 %
6	Part-time Student (working LESS than 30 hours per week)	12	1 %
7	Homemaker	72	7 %
8	Self-employed	33	3 %

**Which of the following best describes your employment status?**

9	Stay-at-Home Parent	31	3 %
10	Retired	242	24 %
11	Semi-retired	9	1 %
12	Unemployed	55	5 %
13	None of the above	10	1 %

**Which of the following ethnic groups do you most strongly identify with?**

Q1xCLIENT1 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Australian	795	78 %
2	Aboriginal	9	1 %
3	New Zealander	15	1 %
4	New Zealand Māori	5	0 %
5	Torres Strait Islander	0	0 %
6	Pacific Island Peoples	0	0 %
7	Other Oceanian	0	0 %
8	South East Asian (e.g. Vietnamese, Filipino, Indonesian)	21	2 %
9	North-East Asian (e.g. Chinese)	27	3 %
10	Southern and Central Asian (e.g. Indian)	38	4 %
11	North-West European	46	5 %
12	Southern and Eastern European	25	2 %
13	North African and Middle Eastern	3	0 %
14	African	2	0 %
15	South American	6	1 %
16	North American	6	1 %
17	Other	9	1 %
18	Prefer not to answer	6	1 %

**I am proud to be an Australian. - How much would you agree or disagree with the following statements. Kindly answer one for each row.**

Q2xCLIENT1r1 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Strongly agree	693	68 %
2	Somewhat agree	192	19 %
3	Neither agree nor disagree	90	9 %
4	Somewhat disagree	24	2 %
5	Strongly disagree	14	1 %

**Australia Day is a day for celebration. - How much would you agree or disagree with the following statements. Kindly answer one for each row.**

Q2xCLIENT1r2 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Strongly agree	589	58 %
2	Somewhat agree	234	23 %
3	Neither agree nor disagree	119	12 %
4	Somewhat disagree	43	4 %
5	Strongly disagree	28	3 %

**Australia has a history to be proud of. - How much would you agree or disagree with the following statements. Kindly answer one for each row.**

Q2xCLIENT1r3 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Strongly agree	501	49 %
2	Somewhat agree	270	27 %
3	Neither agree nor disagree	144	14 %
4	Somewhat disagree	65	6 %
5	Strongly disagree	33	3 %

**Do you think Australia is better or worse than most other countries?**

Q3xCLIENT1 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Much better than other countries	504	50 %
2	Somewhat better than other countries	388	38 %
3	It is the same as other countries.	88	9 %
4	Somewhat worse than other countries	28	3 %
5	Much worse than other countries	5	0 %

**Do you believe the world would be a better place if other countries were more like Australia?**

Q4xCLIENT1 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Strongly agree	445	44 %
2	Somewhat agree	379	37 %
3	Neither agree nor disagree	151	15 %
4	Somewhat disagree	27	3 %
5	Strongly disagree	11	1 %

**How important do you think it is for all Australians to share the same values?**

Q5xCLIENT1 (type = character)		Counts	
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**Do you think Australia Day should be celebrated on 26 January?**

Q6xCLIENT1 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Strongly agree	530	52 %
2	Somewhat agree	181	18 %
3	Neither agree nor disagree	185	18 %
4	Somewhat disagree	55	5 %
5	Strongly disagree	62	6 %

**Do you think Councils should stop holding citizenship ceremonies on 26 January?**

Q7xCLIENT1 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Strongly agree	137	14 %
2	Somewhat agree	94	9 %
3	Neither agree nor disagree	282	28 %
4	Somewhat disagree	137	14 %
5	Strongly disagree	363	36 %

**Do you think it's important for all Australians to share the same values?**

Q8xCLIENT1 (type = single)		Counts	
		1013	100 %
1	Strongly	516	51 %
2	Somewhat agree	287	28 %
3	Neither agree nor disagree	142	14 %
4	Somewhat disagree	49	5 %
5	Strongly disagree	19	2 %