IPA POLL

KEEP POLITICS OUT OF SPORT

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This poll of 1,007 Australians in a nationally representative sample with a margin of error of 3.1 per cent was commissioned by the Institute of Public Affairs. Data for this poll was collected by independent marketing research firm, Dynata, on 13-14 September 2025.

QUESTION 1:

Sporting codes like the AFL, NRL, cricket, and netball have become too politically correct									
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE GROUPS					
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Strongly agree	24%	29%	19%	44%	18%	16%	23%	25%	24%
Agree	40%	42%	39%	34%	52%	40%	36%	36%	41%
Disagree	29%	23%	34%	17%	25%	33%	34%	31%	29%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%	8%	5%	5%	11%	7%	8%	6%
Total Agree	64%	71%	58%	78%	70%	56%	59%	61%	65%
Total Disagree	36%	29%	42%	22%	30%	44%	41%	39%	35%
Sporting codes like the AFL, NRL, cricket, and netball have become too politically correct (2022 result)									
Total Agree	61%	68%	54%	52%	51%	52%	57%	73%	74%
Total Disagree	39%	32%	46%	48%	49%	48%	43%	27%	26%

QUESTION 2:

It is wrong that professional athletes are using their positions to campaign for their own personal political causes									
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE GROUPS					
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Strongly agree	29%	33%	24%	43%	17%	19%	28%	42%	29%
Agree	48%	45%	50%	37%	55%	49%	48%	43%	49%
Disagree	18%	18%	20%	13%	23%	25%	20%	11%	19%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	7%	4%	4%	3%
Total Agree	77%	78%	74%	80%	72%	68%	76%	85%	78%
Total Disagree	23%	22%	26%	20%	28%	32%	24%	15%	22%

QUESTION 3:

Welcome to country ceremonies should no longer be performed at sporting matches in Australia									
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE GROUPS					
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Strongly agree	33%	40%	27%	37%	20%	27%	31%	41%	46%
Agree	30%	30%	31%	35%	43%	27%	25%	28%	26%
Disagree	23%	19%	25%	16%	26%	30%	28%	18%	16%
Strongly disagree	14%	11%	17%	12%	11%	16%	16%	13%	12%
Total Agree	63%	70%	58%	72%	63%	54%	56%	69%	72%
Total Disagree	37%	30%	42%	28%	37%	46%	44%	31%	28%

QUESTION 4:

Australian national sporting players who refuse to sing the Australian national anthem should not play in our national sporting team									
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE GROUPS					
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Strongly agree	29%	31%	26%	43%	21%	22%	28%	32%	31%
Agree	34%	33%	35%	38%	43%	33%	32%	28%	33%
Disagree	27%	25%	29%	13%	27%	31%	28%	30%	28%
Strongly disagree	10%	11%	10%	6%	9%	14%	12%	10%	8%
Total Agree	63%	64%	61%	81%	64%	55%	60%	60%	64%
Total Disagree	37%	36%	39%	19%	36%	45%	40%	40%	36%

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